

FULL RECORD • 2019A circular portrait of Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, with a white beard and glasses, wearing a white shirt and a dark vest. The portrait is set against a light orange background and is framed by a thick orange circular border.

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2019

INDIA
SECURITY

26 February — Balakot

In response to the Pulwama attack, an air strike was carried out across the border at Balakot.

SCHEMES

24 February — PM-KISAN · 15 February — First Vande Bharat

- Under the PM-KISAN Yojana, farmers began receiving annual assistance of ₹6,000 directly in their accounts.
- The first service of the indigenous semi-high-speed Vande Bharat train began on the Delhi–Varanasi route.

ELECTIONS · OFFICES

23 May — Second Mandate

- In the Lok Sabha election, the BJP won 303 seats and the NDA 353; this was the highest vote share of any party since 1989.
- He won from Varanasi by a margin of 4.79 lakh votes.

SECURITY

5 August — Article 370 Abrogated

- The seven-decade-old special arrangement and Article 35A were abrogated.
- Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh became two Union Territories — one country, one Constitution, one flag.
- On 11 December 2023, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court upheld the validity of this decision.

SCHEMES

30 July — Triple Talaq Law · 10% EWS Reservation

- Under the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, instant triple talaq became a punishable offence.
- In January, a constitutional amendment gave 10% reservation to the economically weaker sections.

SECURITY

National War Memorial · Chief of Defence Staff · CAA

- On 25 February, the National War Memorial near India Gate was dedicated to the nation.
- On 15 August, the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was announced.
- In December, the Citizenship Amendment Act was passed; its rules were notified in March 2024.

SCHEMES

Fit India · Kisan Maan-Dhan

- On 29 August, the Fit India Movement was launched.
- On 12 September, the Kisan Maan-Dhan Pension Yojana for small farmers was launched.

SCHEMES

15 August — Jal Jeevan Mission · 2 October — India Open Defecation Free

- From the Red Fort, the Jal Jeevan Mission, to deliver tap water to every home, was announced.
- On Gandhi Jayanti, within five years, the country was declared free from open defecation.

HONOURS

United Arab Emirates · Maldives · Bahrain

- The United Arab Emirates conferred the Order of Zayed, the Maldives the Nishan Izzuddeen, and Bahrain the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance.
- In a single year, he received the highest state honours of three countries; Russia announced the Order of St Andrew, which was conferred on 9 July 2024.

HONOURS

Global Goalkeeper · Philip Kotler Award

- The Gates Foundation presented the Global Goalkeeper Award for the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
- The first Philip Kotler Presidential Award was conferred on him.



WORLD STAGE

22 September — Howdy Modi · CDRI

- More than 50,000 people assembled at the ‘Howdy Modi’ gathering in Houston with President Trump.
- The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) was launched at the United Nations.

HONOURS

22 September — Key to the City of Houston

At the ‘Howdy Modi’ event, Mayor Sylvester Turner presented him with the key to the city of Houston.