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## Prime Minister Addresses Panchayats Across The Country

### National Panchayati Raj Day

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**USPA NEWS** - The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi conferring the Annual Devolution Index, PESA and e-Panchayati Awards, at the Panchayati Raj Sammelan marking Panchayati Raj Day and concluding session of Gram Uday se Bharat Uday programme, in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand on April 24, 2016.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi addressed all Panchayats across the country, from Jamshedpur, on the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day on April 24.

The event also marked the culmination of the Gramoday Se Bharat Uday Abhiyan, which began on the 125th birth anniversary of Babasaheb Ambedkar, at Mhow, on April 14th.

Mr. Narendra Modi emphasized that facilities and services in rural areas, should be at par with the cities.

The Prime Minister exhorted the Panchayat Representatives to use their tenure to work towards serving the people by aiming to bring about transformative change in the villages.

In particular, he said women members can play a leadership role in areas such as toilet construction.

He urged the Panchayats to pay special attention to children's education, and said if children stop attending schools, it should worry the Panchayat members.

The Prime Minister encouraged Panchayats to think beyond budgets, and focus on Jan Suvidha.

After the event, the Prime Minister came down from the stage and met some of the Panchayat Representatives from across the country who had gathered in Jamshedpur. He also met the wife and daughter of one of the victims of the Patna bomb blasts, which had occurred during his rally there in 2013.

The Governor of Jharkhand, Mrs. Draupadi Murmu and the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Mr. Raghubar Das are also present on the occasion.

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