

Namaskar, Good Morning, Jai Shri Krishna,
Narendrabhai, Guests and my respected elder brother Mukeshbhai.

Its my privilege, and honour,
to be with you here today.

2 October 1869. Porbandar, Gujarat.
The birth of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi,
The father of the nation.

31 October 1875. Nadiad, Gujarat.
The birth of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel,
India's man of steel.

28 December 1932. Chorwad, Gujarat.
The birth of Dhirubhai Ambani,
India's greatest entrepreneur.

17 September 1950. Vadnagar, Gujarat.
The birth of Narendra Modi.
Three-time Chief Minister of India's most dynamic and enterprising state –
Gujarat!

In the past few years, Narendrabhai has been described in many different
ways.

My own personal favorite comes from what his name literally means in
Sanskrit -- a conjunction of *'Nara'* and *'Indra'*

'Nara' in Sanskrit means man and *'Indra'* of course means king or leader.

Narendrabhai,
literally,
is a lord of men,
a leader among leaders,
a king among kings.

Gujarat has been the birthplace of India's greatest leaders.

What all these great men had to say about leadership and vision, has
been practiced by Narendrabhai, as Chief Minister of Gujarat in the last
over 10 years.

Gandhiji, the father of our nation, spoke of leadership as bridging the gap between theory and practice.

“Be the change you want to see”, he said.

Narendrabhai, has followed that teaching.

Sardar Patel, emphasized the need for personal sacrifice in the larger national good.

Narendrabhai, has followed that teaching.

Dhirubhai Ambani, my father embodied vision and leadership.

Dhirubhai described his visionary powers as a gift of god which made him “dream with his eyes open”.

Narendrabhai, also dreams with his eyes open.

The dream of infinitely bigger, better and a brighter tomorrow for the people of Gujarat and the people of India.

Narendrabhai, has not only been dreaming with his eyes open but also with his heart and mind open – ready to accept new ideas, embrace new ways of thinking in his own unique flavour.

Narendrabhai, has the Arjuna-like clarity of vision and purpose.

It is this overall combination of Narendrabhai that has acted as a huge magnet for investors and entrepreneurs from India and across the world in the past decade.

In a meaningful way, the Reliance Group is a large investor in the State of Gujarat and I am enthused to proactively pursue growth opportunities in the State in the coming years.

Friends, as this is the first occasion, on which all of us are here to celebrate Narendrabhai’s leadership, may I take this opportunity of requesting each one of you to give a standing ovation to him

Thank you !!