



*Book Review*

## *The Man of the Moment : Narendra Modi*

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**Title and key features :** The title of the book is interesting. The Man of the Moment : Narendra Modi is a perfect read to know more about the politician. His speeches are captivating and grip everybody’s attention. The Man of the Moment : Narendra Modi is about the man himself, his style of governance and consecutive victories in the elections.

**Organization of the book :** The book has been divided into two major sections-

**Section I :** From Grass Roots to Gujarat’s Helmsman

- ❖ Beginnings of a Quest
- ❖ Rites of Passage
- ❖ The Threshold and Beyond
- ❖ The Interregnum
- ❖ The Power of Retreat
- ❖ The Man and His Mission
- ❖ History and Hysteria
- ❖ The Secular Gossamer
- ❖ Of Commissions and Reality

- ❖ Test of Faith
- ❖ Renaissance Outside the Labyrinth
- ❖ The General in Command
- ❖ The View Beyond the Prism
- ❖ No Full Stop; Not Yet,

**Section II : From Government to Governance**

- ❖ Focus on Governance
- ❖ Women, Tribal Welfare and Skill Development
- ❖ Novel Developments
- ❖ Economic and Industrial Growth
- ❖ Beyond the Shores of Gujarat
- ❖ Spreading Sadbhavana
- ❖ Modi and the Media
- ❖ Vibrant Gujarat 2013
- ❖ Pinpricks
- ❖ The Elections of 2012
- ❖ The Press Post-Mortem after Election 2012
- ❖ Will He or Won't He?
- ❖ At Close Quarters: The Man and His Persona

The Man of the Moment is the book written by Kamath & Randeri. It gives a perfect look in the life of Narendra Modi as a politician. Narendra Modi is the face of India's new and revived politics. The man is known for his amazing stamina and his disposition even when he is being criticised. Modi has been able to attract both foreign and Indian investments through his model of governance. The book *The Man of the Moment : Narendra Modi is a perfect read to know more about the politician. His speeches are captivating and grip everybody's attention. The Man of the Moment : Narendra Modi is about the man himself, his style of governance and consecutive victories in the elections.*

Narendra Modi unfolds the rollercoaster life and the evolution of a consummate politician who has enlarged the contours of politics in India. Narendra Modi is poised to evolve as the ultimate 'game-changer' of Indian politics. His mesmeric hold over Gujarat's masses has translated into three consecutive victories in the state assembly elections. Unravel the enigma of Modi – his convictions and motivations, the secret of his amazing stamina, and his propensity to remain unfazed in the face of criticism. Accused of being communal, castigated for 'engineering' the 2002 Gujarat riots and maligned for being a 'polarizing' figure; Modi counterbalances these negatives with his Gujarat model of governance, ability to attract both foreign and Indian investment, and his personal integrity. Indeed, his connect with the youth makes him the strongest challenger to the Congress monopoly in India. Savour the fascinating journey of Modi from an ordinary RSS pracharak to Gujarat's longest serving chief minister and now, to a larger role on the national stage as chairman of BJP's Election Committee for the 2014 general elections... And if several opinion polls and Modi's popularity in the social media are anything to go by, as the future prime minister of India!

Strong Man of Gujarat' to 'Game-Changer' of the Indian political scene – June 2013 has seen the catapulting rise of the man who started out as a humble pracharak of the BJP and a foot soldier of the RSS. While the public at large was still debating whether to join the camp of Modi-takers or Modi-haters, and the BJP itself was arguably acting out the theatre of the absurd, the Gujarati colossus has seized the moment and positioned himself as the dynamo who the youth see as a possible messiah – someone who can deliver the country from the deep rot of stagnation and corruption and give the nation governance and not just political government.

