

A LITTLE TWIST No direct mention of land acquisition or the new bill that Cong & farmers are opposing, in Modi's speech

Farmer is my Strength, says Prime Minister

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Bengaluru: Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought to counter the opposition's charges of being anti-farmer and anti-poor by listing out schemes that his government had introduced to help both sectors and contending that his "neeyat" (commitment) would ensure that earnings would go into the hands of the common man and not the coffers of the rich.

"The farmer is my strength," he told a cheering crowd in the saffron stronghold of Basavanagudi here on Friday after a brain-storming session of the BJP's national executive, which discussed the land acquisition bill and how to "correct" the perception of rural India about the party's pro-poor intentions. Modi told the rally that no urbanite

would want the farmer not to have water and 24x7 power supply. Modi said the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana was a trend-setter for irrigating farm land. The Centre, he said, also introduced soil health cards and a scheme for tree-plantation as boundaries between fields rather than fences. There was no direct mention of land acquisition or the new bill that Congress and farmer organisations are opposing. Instead, Modi was bitter that the opposition was making political fodder out of farmers' issues.

Party president Amit Shah, in the inaugural address to the national executive, is said to have pointed to the direction BJP would take by attacking Congress on its 'anti-farmer' policies over the past 60 years.



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"It is we who have taken up farmer-friendly measures. There are several of them in our bill. Congress is spreading misinformation on the issue," Union minister Prakash Javadekar quoted Shah as saying.

Shah also referred to Congress veep Rahul Gandhi's absence. He said: "There are no issues for Congress to raise. Instead of raising fictional and non-issues, the party should look out for their missing leader." Shah also unveiled BJP's strategy for Bihar assembly polls, which are likely in October. He called JD(U) government in Bihar, led by former BJP ally Nitish Kumar, "jungle raj-2".



UNDER ATTACK

Stop Politics of Jumlas: Cong to Shah



COME TO POINT



It would be better if Shah leaves politics of 'jumlas' & tell the nation where has black money gone, when will 'achhhe din' come

Do we ask them where has PM's wife gone? Why can't BJP leaders discuss national issues?

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TALK ON ISSUES



When will Shah learn to be graceful!

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