

PM: Shouldn't we stop using foreign goods in our homes?

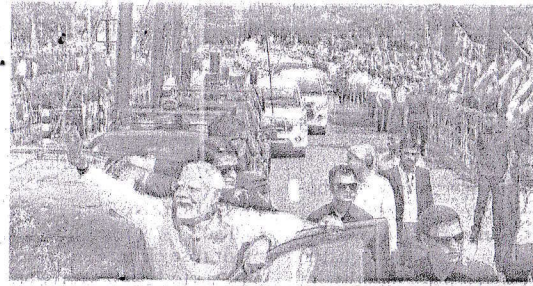
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Encouraging people to buy 'Made-in-India' products, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Dahod in Gujarat on Monday, wondered if we should not stop using foreign-made goods in our homes.

"My brothers and sisters in Dahod, please tell me, should we not stop using foreign goods in our homes, when the products being manufactured in India have made a mark globally?" he asked during an event to launch India's first 9000 HP locomotive engine, among other projects worth ₹24,000 crore.

"Please answer me loudly if we should stop (using foreign goods) or not. Wave the tricolour and tell me if we should do so or not," Modi added.

The audience present at this predominantly tribal district of Dahod responded to the PM by waving the tricolour. "Why shouldn't we use the goods made in our own country? When Ganesh Chaturthi comes, we buy Ganesh idols with small eyes (indicative of Made in China products). It is not our Ganapati but a foreign one. When Holi and Diwali come, we purchase firecrackers and water-guns that are made outside the country. Should we not buy goods that are made in India? Should we not act in a way to



WARM RECEPTION. Prime Minister Narendra Modi waving to the crowd during a roadshow in Vadodara on Monday. ANI

contribute to the earnings of Indians?" he continued.

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Pointing out how India continued to export metro rail coaches, passenger coaches and other items to various countries across the world,

PM Modi said, "Having made several items connected with railways, India is becoming a big exporter. The coaches made in metro rail systems in Australia have been manufactured in Gujarat. If you go to England, Saudi Arabia or France,

the coaches of modern systems plying in these countries are manufactured in India. Mexico, Spain, Germany and Italy have also been supplied with small and large equipment related to railways. Our passenger coaches are being used in Mozambique, Sri Lanka and other countries," PM Modi said, adding that the 'Made-in-India' engine being built at Dahod will also be exported.

Modi said that the locomotive manufacturing unit at Dahod will help build a local ecosystem of MSME units that will engage in manufacturing locomotive spare parts and will provide jobs to the local population.

"A day will come in the future when one locomotive

will be built in just two days (at the Dahod unit)... I can foresee the time when the youth in Gujarat will manufacture cycles, motorcycles, railway engines and aircraft on this land. A high-tech engineering manufacturing corridor stretching from Vadodara to Dahod is underway," he remarked.

Modi, in his speech, said that 100 per cent electrification of the railway network in Gujarat had been completed.

Speaking about Operation Sindoor, Modi said, "It is not just a military operation, it is an expression of our Indian tradition and emotions. Those engaging in terrorist activities will not have dreamt how difficult it is to face Modi."