

India's share of river water will no more go to Pakistan: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said India would put to use its share of water from the rivers flowing to Pakistan and ensure that every single drop is used for the country's farmers. The work on this had started, he added.

Mr. Modi, who was addressing an election rally at Charkhi Dadri in Haryana, said the river waters that rightfully belonged to India had been flowing to Pakistan for the last 70 years. It would not happen any more.

'Gone for 70 years'

"For the last 70 years, the waters that belonged to India and farmers of Haryana were going to Pakistan. Modi will stop it and bring it to your households," he said.

"This water belongs to farmers of Haryana, Rajasthan and the country and we will get it.. Work towards realisation of this has been started and I am committed towards it. Modi will fight your battle," he asserted.

Attacking the Congress's



Confident of victory: Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaking at a rally at Thanesar in Haryana on Tuesday. ■ AKHILESH KUMAR

stand on the abrogation of Article 370, Mr. Modi said a few Congress leaders were spreading rumours across the globe. "I want to tell them that they are free to abuse me... they can import abuses from Bangkok, Thailand or Vietnam and hurl at me, but they should stop backstabbing Hindustan," he stated.

Reiterating his remarks made at an election rally in Maharashtra, Mr. Modi again dared the Congress and other Opposition parties, which

were against the abrogation of Article 370 and 35A, to announce that if they assumed power, the provisions granting special status to Jammu & Kashmir would be restored.

'Double Deepavali'

The writing was clear on the wall that the BJP would form the next government in Haryana. "It will be a dual Deepavali this time. One, a *diya* [earthen lamp] Deepavali and the other a *kamal* [lotus] Deepavali. I would urge everyone that let this Deepavali

be dedicated to our daughters," he said.

If the villages of Haryana had not come forward, the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign would not have progressed the way it had, he noted.

Chinese President Xi Jinping told him at the recent informal summit in Mamallapuram, near Chennai, that he had watched the movie *Dangal*. "When he told me that he had watched *Dangal*, which exhibited excellent performance of daughters of India, I felt proud of Haryana," he said.

Addressing another rally in Kurukshetra, Mr. Modi said that the Kartarpur corridor project, which will connect the religious shrine of Sikhs, was about to be completed in Punjab.

"I am fortunate to get an opportunity to rectify the political and strategic failure that occurred seven decades ago," he observed.

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