

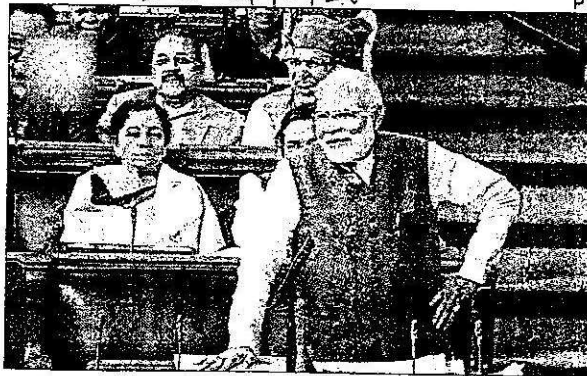
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Modi invokes Nehru for CAA

PM says Oppn leading country on dangerous path of anarchy over law

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday invoked Jawaharlal Nehru to mount a vigorous defence of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), as he tore into the Opposition for taking the country on the path of anarchy by instigating protests against the law.

Modi also hit out at the Opposition for misleading people over "routine administrative exercise" such as updating the National Population Register (NPR) to pursue vote bank politics and dismissed the revision of the questionnaire as "minor changes" to keep in step with changing times.

Replying to debates in the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, Modi quoted Nehru, Lal Bahadur

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PM's day out

PM quotes Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri and resolutions of the CWC to make his point on religious minorities

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Takes potshots at Rahul Gandhi by referring to him as "tubelight" for interrupting him 40 minutes into his speech

Shastri and resolutions of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) that favoured grant of Indian citizenship for religious minorities from Pakistan.

Quoting Nehru, Modi said the country's first prime min-

ister had categorically stated that India will have to differentiate between Hindu refugees and immigrants, and that the country has the responsibility of supporting Hindu refugees.

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"I would like to ask the Congress, was Pandit Nehru communal? Was he trying to create differences between Hindus and Muslims? Did he want to create a Hindu Rashtra by making these statements," Modi asked.

The Prime Minister lashed out at the Opposition, accusing it setting off on a dangerous path by misleading and instigating people on the CAA. "Just imagine, if the Rajasthan Assembly passes a law and nobody is ready to ac-

cept it and resort to protests. What situation it would lead to? ... Can you run a country like this? This will be the road to anarchy," the PM said.

Modi also asserted in the Lok Sabha that the CAA will not affect any citizen of India, particularly minorities.

Opposition members also heckled Modi throughout his 100-minute speech in the Lok Sabha, constantly reminding him to speak on unemployment and the National Register of Citizens.

The Prime Minister accused the Congress and its

"ecosystem" of creating turmoil in the country by instilling an imaginary fear in the minds of the people against the CAA. "Pakistan also speaks the same language. Pakistan played every game to mislead Indian Muslims. That country's attempts have failed. But, what is surprising is that those rejected by the voters have resorted to misleading the nation," Modi said.

Modi also hit out at the Congress for reminding the BJP that key slogans during the freedom struggle were coined by prominent Muslim leaders.