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# President appoints Modi as PM

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**NEW DELHI: President Ram Nath Kovind on Saturday appointed Narendra Modi as Prime Minister for a second term, soon after he staked claim for forming the government.**

The President advised him about the names of others to be appointed as members of the Union Council of Ministers and indicate the date and time of the swearing-in-ceremony to be held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"Exercising powers vested in him under Article 75 (1) of the Constitution of India, the President, Ram Nath Kovind, today appointed Narendra Modi to the office of Prime Minister of India," a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said.

Modi was formally intimated when he called on the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan in his capacity as leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party, which has majority support in the House of the People following the general elec-

tion to the 17th Lok Sabha.

Earlier in the day, a delegation of the National Democratic Alliance led by BJP president Amit Shah, and comprising Prakash Singh Badal, Rajnath Singh, Nitish Kumar, Ram Vilas Paswan, Sushma Swaraj, Uddhav Thackeray, Nitin Gadkari, E Palaniswami, Conrad Sangma and Neiphu Rio called on the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

"A letter stating that Narendra Modi has been elected leader of the BJP Parliamentary Party was handed over to the President. Letters of support from NDA constituent parties were also handed over to the President," the communique said.

## 'Avoid media'

Earlier in the day Modi advised the first-time MPs from his party to shun media.

"A B Vajpayee used to say one must be away from two things. One is the urge to get their names published (in newspapers). The other is the urge to be seen. TV reporters will come after

you asking questions one after another. You will first feel good. Don't fall into this deception. It is essential to avoid this," he said.

"There are some people who want to address the nation every morning. Media also knows some are foolish. They know there are people who shoot their mouth when they stand at their gates," he warned.

Taking a dig at media, he said media's speculation about some names in the ministry were aimed at creating confusion and often put out with "bad intentions".

Earlier in the day, in a tongue-and-cheek comment, this was how Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the 2019 election results on Saturday.

Addressing NDA MPs after he was elected the coalition leader, he said people used to ask him who is the challenger of Modi. "I used to tell them Modi is Modi's challenger. Modi challenged Modi and broke all records," he said.

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**Prime Minister-elect Narendra Modi bows in front of the Constitution during the NDA parliamentary board meeting at the Parliament House, in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI**