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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday again pitched for 'One Nation, One Election', saying it is the need of the country as elections taking place every few months hamper development works.

Mr. Modi was addressing the concluding session of the 80th All India Presiding Officers Conference via videoconference.

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He also said there should be a single voter list for all polls in the country.

The Prime Minister asked the presiding officers attending the meet to apply their mind to simplify the language of statute books and allow for an easier process to weed out redundant laws.

"One Nation, One Election' isn't just an issue of de-liberation but also a need of the country. Elections are held at different places every few months and it hampers the developmental work and all of you know about it. Therefore, it's a must to have a deep study and deliberation on 'One Nation, One Election'," he said.

On one voter list, he observed: "Only one voter list

should be used for Lok Sabha, Vidhan Sabha and other elections. Why are we wasting time and money?"

Emphasising the need for coordination between all three wings of the state - legislature, executive and judiciary - he said that everything, from their role to their decorum, was described in the Constitution itself.

"In the 1970s, we saw how there was an attempt to breach the dignity of separation of power, but the country got the answer only from the Constitution. After that period of Emergency, the system of checks and balances became stronger and stronger. The legislature, the executive and the judiciary, all three, learned a lot from that period and moved forward," he said.

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