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25 June 2025, 05:38 AM ISTPM Modi's new book, 'The Emergency Diaries', details his experiences during India's 1975-77 Emergency. PM Modi's book- 'The Emergency Diaries - Years that Forged a Leader' New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said he was glad that his experiences during the anti-Emergency movement have been compiled into a new book titled 'The Emergency Diaries – Years that Forged a Leader', which will be released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency's imposition. The book, published by BlueKraft Digital Foundation, explores Narendra Modi's journey as a young Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) pracharak during one of India's most turbulent political periods. It sheds light on how he evaded the police, worked underground, and took part in the covert resistance to what has been described as a draconian crackdown on civil liberties and democratic institutions under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's rule from 1975 to 1977. 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The publishers announced that the book offers a deep dive into the "compelling role that Narendra Modi, then a young RSS Pracharak, played in the fight against Emergency." Drawing on first-person accounts from his close associates, archival material, and PM Modi's own memoir 'Sangharsh Ma Gujarat', the narrative seeks to bring forth a rare window into how India's future leader was shaped by those dark days of state repression. Bluekraft shared on X, "The book delves into the compelling role that Narendra Modi played in the fight against Emergency. Based on first-person anecdotes from associates who worked with young Modi, and using other archival material, the book is a first of its kind that creates new scholarship on the formative years of a young man who would give it his all in the fight against tyranny." "The Emergency Diaries paints a vivid picture of Narendra Modi fighting for the ideals of democracy and how he has worked all his life to preserve and promote it. This book is a tribute to the grit and resolve of those who refused to be silenced, and it offers a rare glimpse into the early trials that forged one of the most transformative leaders of our time," it added. The book's introduction paints the backdrop of the Emergency years in stark terms. "In the mid-1970s, as India was caught in the iron shackles of the Emergency, democracy was in captivity," it reads. It presents Narendra Modi as part of a covert network resisting the regime, working to distribute banned literature, organise underground meetings, and sustain public morale amidst widespread censorship and fear. According to the publishers, The Emergency Diaries highlights PM Modi's "clandestine operations, his narrow escapes, and his unwavering commitment to restoring democracy as he navigates through a landscape of fear and repression". The book is described as a "tale of resilience, ingenuity, and relentless dedication to preserving democratic ideals and institutions enshrined in our Constitution". It underscores how, according to the narrative, "the resolve of the masses, led by diligent young karyakartas like Modi, shaped one of the most important movements that reshaped a nation's destiny." IANS Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday tore into the Congress Party on the 50th year of the Emergency, which was imposed by Indira Gandhi in 1975. Calling it one of the darkest chapters of India's history, PM Modi said the Congress placed democracy under 'arrest' by unleashing the emergency. "Today marks fifty years since one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic history, the imposition of the Emergency. The people of India mark this day as Samvidhan Hatya Diwas. On this day, the values enshrined in the Indian Constitution were set aside, fundamental rights were suspended, press freedom was extinguished and several political leaders, social workers, students and ordinary citizens were jailed. It was as if the Congress Government in power at that time placed democracy under arrest," PM Modi posted on X. ALSO READ: Who Is Zohran Mamdani, Indian-Origin Democrat Candidate Become New York City's First Muslim Mayor? PM Modi congratulated people who fought against the Emergency, asserting that their joint efforts compelled the Congress to restore democracy and call for fresh polls. "We salute every person who stood firm in the fight against the Emergency! These were the people from all over India, from all walks of life, from diverse ideologies who worked closely with each other with one aim: to protect India's democratic fabric and to preserve the ideals for which our freedom fighters devoted their lives. It was their collective struggle that ensured that the then Congress Government had to restore democracy and call for fresh elections, which they badly lost," he said. Recalling his experience, PM Modi said he was an RSS Pracharak when the Emergency was imposed in India. He also hailed BlueKraft Digital Foundation, which released a book compiling anecdotes of PM Modi's role in fighting against the Emergency. "When the Emergency was imposed, I was a young RSS Pracharak. The anti-Emergency movement was a learning experience for me. It reaffirmed the vitality of preserving our democratic framework. At the same time, I got to learn so much from people across the political spectrum. I am glad that BlueKraft Digital Foundation has compiled some of those experiences in the form of a book, whose foreword has been penned by Shri HD Deve Gowda Ji, himself a stalwart of the anti-Emergency movement," PM Modi said. 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Wednesday 25 June, 2025 | 11:40 AM READ MALAYALAM VERSION NEW DELHI: Today marks the 50th anniversary of the Emergency in India, a time widely regarded as a dark period in the nation's democratic journey. Emphasising the Emergency imposed under Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as a blow to democratic values, the Central Government is set to launch a year-long awareness campaign starting today. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released a new book recounting his personal experiences during the Emergency. The book, titled The Emergency Diaries, has been published by the BlueKraft Digital Foundation. Modi has shared details about the release of the book on his X account. "The Emergency Diaries' chronicles my journey during the Emergency years. It brought back many memories from that time. I call upon all those who remember those dark days of the Emergency or those whose families suffered during that time to share their experiences on social media. 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The yatra will travel across the country with the aim to spread awareness about constitutional values, democratic rights, and the lessons learned from the Emergency. Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Shah highlighted the atrocities faced by the people during the emergency. He pointed out that all must keep the memories of the emergency alive so that it is never being repeated. Referring to Mr. Modi's fight against emergency, Mr. Shah said, a 25-year-old boy opposed Indira Gandhi's dictatorship at that time and today the same person, in 2014, uprooted the reason for which the emergency was imposed. He said the reason was dynasty politics. He said, the youth who struggled against the dictatorship is now strengthening the roots of democracy in this country. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashvini Vaishnav said that the Samvidhan Hatya Diwas serves as an opportunity to remember the courageous warriors who fought back against dictatorship and censorship during the Emergency in 1975. Mr Vaishnav noted, the emergency will always remain the darkest chapter in Indian democracy where citizens' fundamental rights were trampled and all the four pillars of Indian democracy were attacked. Pointing towards the press censorship during the period, the union Minister said that the then Congress government did everything in its power to silence criticism and hide news and information. Earlier, in a social media post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the book 'The Emergency Diaries' chronicles his journey during the Emergency years. The Prime Minister said that he was the young RSS Pracharak when the Emergency was imposed. Mr. Modi noted that the anti-Emergency movement was a learning experience for him. He said that it reaffirmed the vitality of preserving India's democratic framework and at the same time, he got to learn a lot from people across the political spectrum. He urged all those who remember the dark days of the Emergency and those whose families suffered during that time to share their experiences on social media. Mr. Modi further said that it will create awareness among the youth of the shameful time from 1975 to 1977. The Emergency, PM Modi said, was one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic history. (File photo)Photo : ANINew Delhi: No Indian will ever forget the manner in which the spirit of the Constitution was violated during the Emergency, Prime Minister said on Wednesday, as he shared a series of posts on X on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency. PM Modi, who is currently in his third term as Prime Minister, affirmed his government's commitment to strengthening constitutional principles.He said he was glad that his experiences during the anti-Emergency movement have been compiled into a new book titled 'The Emergency Diaries -- Years that Forged a Leader', which will be released by Union Home Minister Amit Shah today.The book, published by Bluekraft Digital Foundation, explores Narendra Modi's journey as a young Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) pracharak during one of India's most turbulent political periods.The Emergency, PM Modi said, was one of the darkest chapters in India's democratic history."When the Emergency was imposed, I was a young RSS Pracharak. The anti-Emergency movement was a learning experience for me. It reaffirmed the vitality of preserving our democratic framework. At the same time, I got to learn so much from people across the political spectrum. 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May we scale new heights of progress and fulfil the dreams of the poor and downtrodden," PM Modi said.PM Modi saluting every person who stood firm in the fight against the Emergency. These were the people from all over India, from all walks of life, from diverse ideologies who worked closely with each other with one aim: to protect India's democratic fabric and to preserve the ideals for which freedom fighters devoted their lives, he said."It was their collective struggle that ensured that the then Congress Government had to restore democracy and call for fresh elections, which they badly lost," he said.'Undeclared Emergency@11'The Congress, meanwhile, launched a scathing attack on the Modi government, alleging that over the past eleven years, Indian democracy has been under a "systematic and dangerous five-fold assault" that can be best described as "Undeclared Emergency@11".The opposition party also claimed that there has been "unbridled hate speech and crackdown on civil liberties".In a statement, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh alleged that government critics have been routinely vilified, hate and bigotry is deliberately spread by the ruling establishment, protesting farmers were labelled 'Khalistanis', and advocates of caste census were dismissed as "urban Naxals."Pragya Kaushtika authorPragya Kaushtika, News Editor with Times Now, reports on the BJP and RSS. She has covered politics and policy, government and Parliament for nearly 18...View More Prime Minister Narendra Modi reflects on the Emergency period, highlighted in 'The Emergency Diaries,' strengthening his democratic values. The book, published by BlueKraft, covers his early efforts opposing the Emergency with a foreword by former PM Gowda.Updated: Sep 02, 2022 10:53PTTap to unmuteAhead of the release of a book on Emergency, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Wednesday that the period was a learning experience for him and reaffirmed the vitality of preserving the democratic framework. 'The Emergency Diaries - Years that Forged a Leader', which highlights Modi's fight for the "ideals of democracy", is published by BlueKraft. It will be released by Home Minister Amit Shah on Wednesday evening. Modi said the book chronicles his journey during the Emergency years. It brought back many memories from that time, he said. 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This book is a tribute to the grit and resolve of those who refused to be silenced, BlueKraft said, and it offers a rare glimpse into the early trials that forged one of the most transformative leaders of our time. It has a foreword from former prime minister Gowda. Prime Minister Narendra Modi today (25 June) announced the release of his book, 'The Emergency Diaries', which chronicles his experiences during the 1975-1977 Emergency, reported NDTV.Union Home Minister Amit Shah will officially launch the book this evening as the country marks the 50th anniversary of the Emergency imposed in 1975 by the then PM Indira Gandhi led Congress government.The book, compiled by BlueKraft Digital Foundation, draws on first-person accounts and archival material to detail PM Modi's journey as a young RSS Pracharak during that period.Modi took to X, stating, "'The Emergency Diaries' chronicles my journey during the Emergency years. It brought back many memories from that time. 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