

UNDERSTANDING
TRANSFORMATIVE
GOVERNANCE

MODI
@25

*Quality in governance is determined
by how deeply schemes reach the people and
their real impact on the ground...*

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi



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INTRODUCTION

The Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini (RMP) is a research and training organization committed to advancing evidence-based governance, public policy, and leadership through academic research, capacity building, and public engagement. As part of this vision, it has established the good governance fellowship to nurture emerging researchers and policy leaders through a structured, merit-based selection process. The aim is to nurture a new generation of researchers, policy professionals, governance practitioners, and socially committed citizens capable of contributing meaningfully to public policy, democratic participation, and evidence-based governance. The fellowship combines rigorous academic inquiry with practical policy research to produce high-quality research outputs while strengthening understanding of governance transformation in india.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAMME

The Modi@25 project aims to analyze and document the transformative governance, policy, and institutional changes brought about by Shri Narendra Modi over his 25 years in leadership, emphasizing his unique governance-centered political identity and its impact on india's development. The project is guided by a central question: what distinctive differences did modi make to governance and public administration?

USES A THEMATIC RESEARCH APPROACH WITH SUB-QUESTIONS ON GOVERNANCE IDENTITY, ADMINISTRATIVE SHIFTS, TECHNOLOGY, WELFARE, INFRASTRUCTURE, POLITICAL COMMUNICATION, NATIONAL IDENTITY, SECURITY, SCIENCE, AND INSTITUTIONAL MODELS.

EMPLOYS SECONDARY RESEARCH, POLICY ANALYSIS, ARCHIVAL REVIEW, STAKEHOLDER INTERACTIONS, AND SELECTIVE FIELD VISITS. COMPARATIVE "BEFORE AND AFTER" ANALYSIS TO IDENTIFY VISIBLE CHANGES.

EACH OF THE TEN FELLOWS WILL WORK ON ONE THEMATIC CHAPTER, SUPPORTED BY MENTORSHIP AND EDITORIAL REVIEW. THE RESEARCH DURATION IS APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS, WITH A DETAILED TIMELINE FROM NOVEMBER 2026 TO MAY 2027.

MENTORSHIP STRUCTURE

Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe shall be the Mentor, who will provide overall direction and ensure that the Fellowship remains aligned with its vision, research objectives, and expected outcomes. The Mentor will offer strategic guidance on thematic priorities, methodological rigor, and the overall quality of the publication.

Supporting the Mentor will be the Leadership Group, responsible for providing thematic guidance, mentoring Fellows throughout the research process, reviewing chapter drafts, ensuring analytical consistency across all thematic areas, facilitating access to subject experts and relevant institutions, and overseeing the editorial direction of the final publication. Periodic review meetings and thematic workshops will be conducted to assess progress, address research challenges, and maintain consistency in quality and approach.

AN UNBROKEN STINT

Shri Narendra Modi's twenty-five years as Gujarat's Chief Minister and India's Prime Minister mark a defining era in contemporary governance. Few democratic leaders enjoy such sustained executive influence to reshape policy, administration, and institutional culture. Even rarer is maintaining public trust and electoral mandate while expanding governance reach. Though much has been written on his politics, ideology, and leadership, fewer studies systematically examine the distinct governance imprint of this period. Its significance lies not just in the volume of initiatives, but in tracing how underlying philosophy, institutions, practices, and culture evolved—and what lasting impact they have left on India's public institutions and democratic experience.



PROGRAMME TIMELINES

For this academic cycle, the Fellowship shall admit approximately ten Fellows for a six-month full-time research programme from November 2026 to May 2027

RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION

The ten Fellows will constitute the core research team. Each Fellow will be assigned a specific thematic chapter and will undertake comprehensive secondary research, policy analysis, archival review, literature synthesis, stakeholder consultations, and selective field documentation wherever required. Fellows will work independently within their assigned domains while participating in collaborative review workshops and cross-learning sessions to ensure coherence across chapters.

The Fellows shall receive monthly stipend of Rs. 1 lakh along with research and travel support, mentorship and review support, institutional facilitation, and editorial guidance.

The Fellowship will also engage a network of Subject Matter Experts and Knowledge Partners.

PATRONAGE : SHRI DILIP PIRAMAL

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