

Modi makes strong pitch for Aadhaar use

Says those guilty of corruption now rotting in jail

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday sought youths' cooperation in his fight against corruption, saying none will be spared in his anti-graft exercise and noted that three former Chief Ministers are "rotting" in jail.

Speaking at an National Cadet Corps (NCC) rally, Modi also made a strong pitch for the use of Aadhaar, saying it has added great strength to India's development by curbing leakages and helping Government money reach its target beneficiaries.

"These days you keep hearing about Aadhaar. I want to say Aadhaar has added great strength to India's development. What would earlier get into wrong hands is now going to the intended beneficiaries," he said.

Exhorting youngsters to

promote use of digital transactions, he said, "My young friends, I am here to ask for something. No, I am not here for seeking votes or politics. My appeal is — please further digital transactions through (the BHIM App). Please also get others on that platform. This is a step towards transparency and accountability."

He said people used to believe that the rich and powerful are never touched in anti-corruption measures and asserted that it is no longer so as three former Chief Ministers are now "rotting" in jail. Getting rid of this "termite" of corruption will help the poor most.

Former Bihar Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad and Jagannath Mishra were recently convicted in a fodder scam case and sentenced. Former Haryana Chief Minister OP Chautala is also in jail in connection with a corruption case. "Youths of India refuse to accept corruption. The fight against corruption and black money will not stop. This is a fight for the future of India's youths," he said.

He sought help of NCC cadets and other youngsters in



Prime Minister Narendra Modi inspects guard of honour at the Prime Minister's NCC Rally in New Delhi on Sunday

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spreading digital transaction, saying it will curb corruption. He also made a strong pitch for the use of Aadhaar, saying it has

helped save ₹60,000 crore only in a few Government schemes as the money earlier used to go into "wrong hands".