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## Election results send message to Indian politicians

The people of India have once again asserted themselves by voting for a change (*Modi and BJP sweep to power with outright majority*, May 17).

The BJP ran a brilliant marketing campaign to promote their leader, Narendra Modi, as well as its development and good governance agenda. Mr Modi has been delivering in his home state Gujarat for the past 14 years, and has campaigned hard against Congress and the Gandhi family while maintaining his dignity. The Gandhi family took the campaign to a new low, making personal attacks on Mr Modi. Many Congress heroes have fallen by the wayside.

Congress has lost miserably because of its indifference to the public and its poor performance. During its reign, inflation skyrocketed, corruption touched new highs and infrastructure projects were stalled. This is the worst performance of the party since India gained independence.

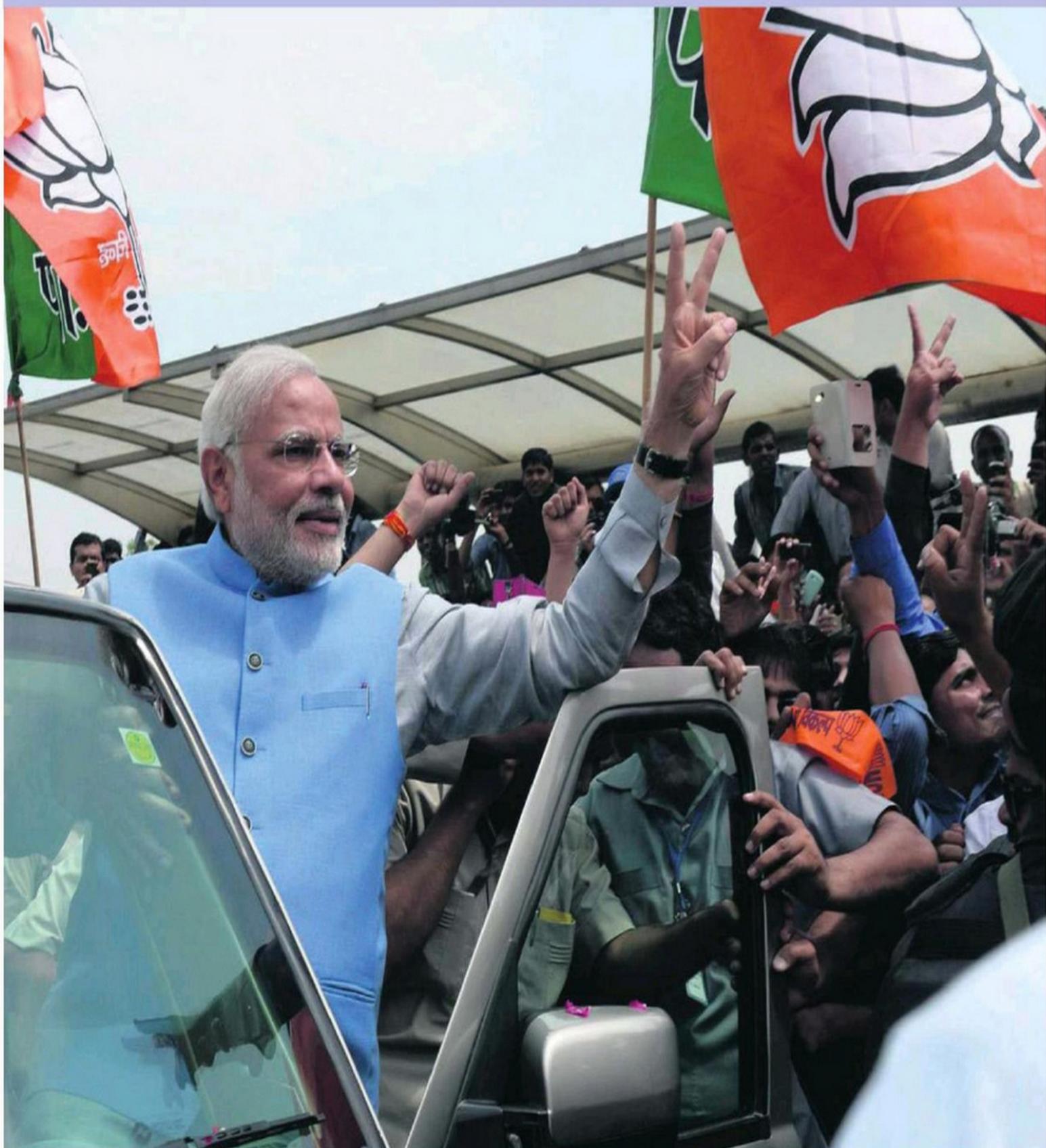
The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), India's new party of hope, which I joined with enthusiasm, has performed poorly. The party fielded more than 400 candidates, but only four of them won. The party has a massive work to do in terms of organisation building.

The message of this election is clear: deliver your promises and do not consider public support as a licence to make money. Now the new government should build a competent team to address some of the crucial issues the country has been facing.

The new government must start now because the euphoria will last for a short time. There is no time to waste.

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## The Modi wave



Readers say the election victory of Narendra Modi sent a clear message to India's politicians that they need to deliver on their promises and should not consider public support as a licence to make money. Prakash Singh / AFP