



Mr Modi with his mother Hiraben Modi.

Mr Modi with former US President Barack Obama.

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Narendra Modi's inspiring life journey to the Office of Prime Minister began in the by-lanes of Vadnagar, a small town in North Gujarat's Mehsana district. He was born on the 17th of September 1950; three years after India had gained its Independence. This makes him the first Prime Minister to be born in independent India. Mr Modi is the third child born to Damodardas Modi and Hiraba Modi. Mr Modi comes from a family of humble origins and modest means. The entire family lived in a small single storey house which was approximately 40 feet by 12 feet.

Narendra Modi's formative years taught him early tough lessons as he balanced his studies, non-academic life to spare time to work at the family owned Tea Stall as the family struggled to

make ends meet. His school friends remember that as a child also he was very industrious and had an affinity for debates and a curiosity to read books. Schoolmates recollect how Mr. Modi used to spend many hours reading in the local Library. As a child he was also fond of swimming.

Mr. Modi's thoughts and dreams as a child were quite removed from how most children of his age thought. Perhaps it was the influence of Vadnagar which once used to be a vibrant center of Buddhist learning and spirituality many centuries ago. As a child also he always felt a strong urge to make a difference to society. He was highly influenced by the works of Swami Vivekananda which laid the foundation of his journey towards spiritualism and which inspired him to pursue the mission to fulfil Swamiji's dream of making India a Jagat Guru. w



Mr Modi enjoys a bike during his visit to the US in the early nineties.



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