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# Chouhan describes Modi as 'statesman extraordinaire'

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**BHOPAL:** Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a statesman extraordinaire in his blog written to commemorate the completion of 1 year of the Modi government.

Chouhan wrote: "From day one, Prime Minister Shri Modi has proved himself as a statesman extraordinaire.

"His grand vision, innovative approach, his out-of-the-box thinking, unmatched stamina, passion and commitment to position India as a most dynamic country in the comity of nations and effective steps to translate the country's potential into performance have compelled the world to view India from a new prism of transformation."

Chouhan also eulogised various schemes started by Modi besides appreciating his step to replace outdated Planning Commission of India with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI).

Lauding the step, Chouhan wrote that it would help India adapt to changes in the global

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context and that this showed his seminal thinking.

"This has invested states with autonomy in framing schemes and plans in tune with their specific requirements, resources and socio-cultural traits besides spending freedom.

"Shri Modi has repeatedly said from different fora that states are the true strength of the country. In keeping with this thinking in a revolutionary step, he has increased the states' share in the divisible pool from 32 to 42 percent," he wrote.