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One Man, Many Realities

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI IS OFTEN DEEMED A POLARISING FORCE, AND AUTHORS DEEP-DIVING INTO HIS LIFE AND TIMES, STRATEGIES AND IDEOLOGY, HAVE PAINTED HIM IN MANY HUES.

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A Quantum Leap, edited by academicians Rohit Azad, Shouvik Chakraborty,

Srinivasan Ramani and Dipa Sinha, is a collection of expert contributions that critiques Modi's socio-economic policies and mode of governance with empirical evidence thrown in for ballast. It challenges the likes of Balashankar who claim that promises of achedin have mostly been made.

A Quantum Leap in the Wrong Direction (the title comes from a comment by Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen) is divided into three parts – The Economy, Socio-Economic Indicators and Governance. Written by 17 reputed academicians, economists and activists, each chapter is well researched and supported by adequate data. The book looks at several critical issues such as India's ongoing banking distress, agrarian crisis, a reality check on employment generation, health and education, gender issues, environmental policies, foreign and security policies, and the truth of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas (development for all) within the five-year time frame of Modi's rule.

The strength of the book is its data-driven academic rigour where facts speak for themselves instead of a partisan mindset.