

Narendra Modi Film Pulled From Cinemas on Eve of Indian Election | The Guardian

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India's election commission has halted the release of a controversial film about the life of the prime minister, Narendra Modi, on the eve of the first day of voting in the country's [nationwide elections](#).

The film PM [Narendra Modi](#) was set to be released in cinemas on Thursday, when Indians start voting in 91 seats across the country.

Several opposition parties [had argued the film](#) was a hagiographic depiction of Modi's life that amounted to a disguised political advertisement and should be banned until after the last phase of voting on 19 May.

On Wednesday, India's election regulator said the release of the Modi movie and two other biographical films about political figures would be deferred until after the polls so as not to "disturb the level playing field during the elections".

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