

## प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister MESSAGE

It is heartening to learn about the Silver Jubilee anniversary of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC). Greetings and best wishes to member states of BIMSTEC on this joyous occasion.

During the last 25 years, BIMSTEC has done appreciable work to bring development and prosperity to people of the region. The BIMSTEC Charter will be the guiding force in expanding cooperation and enhancing our collective potential.

India has taken initiatives towards capacity building in vital sectors such as knowledge sharing between scientific institutions, education, disaster response and management, as well as facilitating trade. Such actions reflect our commitment to strengthen cooperation in different areas for the larger benefit of people.

The Silver Jubilee celebration of the organisation's establishment is an occasion to strengthen the resolve to take our cooperation to even higher levels. Established 25 years ago with the signing of Bangkok Declaration, the chairmanship of BIMSTEC has come to Thailand this year.

My best wishes to Chair Thailand for leading the organisation in this milestone year.

I am sure that with sincere efforts and cooperation, we will succeed in bringing about positive and meaningful changes in the lives of our people.

Heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all on the occasion of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BIMSTEC.

(Narendra Modi)

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