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प्रधान मंत्री
Prime Minister

MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings and felicitations to fellow citizens of BIMSTEC on the occasion of the 24th BIMSTEC Day.

The people of BIMSTEC are bound by shared history and age old cultural and civilizational linkages. As a manifestation of our collective will, BIMSTEC has emerged as a promising regional grouping to fulfill the common aspirations of its people and serve the shared interests of the Member States.

I am happy to note that regional cooperation under BIMSTEC framework has intensified substantially in the recent years. Progress has been made on several fronts including the finalization of the BIMSTEC Master Plan for Transport Connectivity and the text of the BIMSTEC Charter. I had the privilege of addressing the young entrepreneurs from the region at the BIMSTEC Start Up Conclave in January.

We mark the BIMSTEC Day amidst a difficult phase of the COVID pandemic. It is an unprecedented challenge and a testing time for all of us. We need to continue to work together in the fight against the pandemic and in collectively overcoming its consequences.

I commend Sri Lanka, the current Chair of BIMSTEC, for providing able leadership to BIMSTEC during this time. I welcome the new Secretary General of BIMSTEC, H.E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell from Bhutan, and appreciate the important role being played by the BIMSTEC Secretariat in the effective coordination of the organization's activities.

I am confident that BIMSTEC will continue to grow and scale new heights of cooperation in our common pursuit of building a secure, peaceful and prosperous Bay of Bengal region.

(Narendra Modi)

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