

No 'taken-for-granted' relations for India: PM

Comments Come Amid Souring Ties With Canada

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday asserted that India does not believe in being "taken-for-granted" in international relations, and the world is realising that trust and reliability alone make the foundation for good ties with the country.

"India does not forge taken-for-granted relations, our relations are grounded in trust and reliability. The world is also realising this. India is a country whose progress causes happiness in the world," the PM said. His remarks come at a time when Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's brinkmanship has pushed bilateral ties into a deep chill and amid indications of affinity of sections in a few western capitals for Ottawa.

India recently recalled six of its diplomats including the high commissioner, and expelled as many Canadian envoys. The ties between the two countries have soured over Canada's allegations of India's hand in the killing of a radical Khalistani terrorist, a Canadian citizen. India has denied the charge vehemently. Canada has failed to back up the



charge with evidence. There have been suggestions that Ottawa has been able to muster sympathy from sections in agencies of Five-Eye countries, an intelligence alliance among Anglophone countries of Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Canada and the USA.

Speaking at the NDTV World Summit on Monday, the PM said India has emerged as a hope when most other countries are concerned about the future after facing crises. "India has shown digital innovation, democratic values can coexist; it has shown technology is a tool for inclusion, and not for control, divi-

'We are taking lead in addressing climate crisis'

PM Narendra Modi said India, despite its minimal contribution to climate change, is taking lead in addressing the crisis, and has made "green transition" a fuel for the country's growth. "Sustainability today is the core of our development planning," said Modi while citing several examples which can work as solutions to deal with global challenges.

Modi said and mentioned technology powered platforms like UPI and ONDC to make his point. He said the world celebrated India's successful Chhadrayan mission "like a festival" as India's growth does not incite envy because its progress benefits the entire world. "The world draws happiness from India's rise," he added. The world realises that India is a friend in crisis situations, the PM said, noting its supply of medicines and vaccines during the Covid pandemic out of humanitarian concerns. India could have earned crores of dollars but it would have been at the cost of humanity, he added.

Cameron backs India as potential mediator in Moscow-Kyiv conflict

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New Delhi: Former British Prime Minister David Cameron has endorsed India's potential as a mediator in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, acknowledging its geopolitical influence.



Cameron highlighted India's credibility and historical ties with both Russia and Ukraine, suggesting it could play a pivotal role in negotiations to de-escalate the conflict.

"India has the credibility to be a mediator in the Ukraine war," he said, referencing Modi's recent visit to Ukraine to meet with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. However, he emphasised that any mediation effort should respect Ukraine's sovereignty and independence. "India might be in a position to mediate, but it must ensure that Russian President Vladimir Putin cannot be allowed

to take territory by force," Cameron added. Cameron's remarks come as the BRICS summit approaches, where global eyes will be on India's diplomatic role.

The summit, hosted by Russia in Kazan on October 22-25, will see discussions on the expansion and influence of the BRICS bloc, which now includes Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE, beyond its original five members—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

Cameron's comments came during the NDTV World Summit on Monday, just before Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Russia for the upcoming BRICS Summit.

Agitating Bengal jr docs withdraw hunger strike after Mamata meet

Kolkata: Agitating junior doctors on Monday evening withdrew their weeks-long hunger strike over the RG Kar incident, hours after a meeting with West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee.



Junior doctors address a press conference and call off their hunger strike after meeting Bengal CM in Kolkata on Monday.

The medics also called off their proposed strike across hospitals in the state on Tuesday.

"In today's meeting (with the CM), we did get the assurance of some directives, but the body language of the state govt was not positive... The common people have wholeheartedly supported us. They, as well as the parents of our deceased sister (RG Kar hospital victim), have been requesting us to call off the hunger strike, keeping in mind our deteriorating health. We are therefore withdrawing our 'fast-unto-death' and also Tuesday's total hutdown in the health sector,"

said Debashish Halder, one of the junior medics.

The decision was taken following a general body meeting of the doctors.

Bomb threats to airlines: Centre plans legislative actions on culprits

New Delhi: The govt is planning legislative actions to deal with bomb threats to airlines, including placing the perpetrators in the no-fly list, civil aviation minister K. Ramamoan Naidu said on Monday and asserted that efforts are being taken to tackle the situation without compromising passengers' safety and security.

Amendments are being proposed to The Suppression of Unlawful Acts against Safety of Civil Aviation Act (SUASCA), 1982, where the perpetrators could be arrested and probe can be initiated without a court order for offences when an aircraft is on the ground.

Nearly 100 flights have received threats in one week, at least 8 of them get diverted, and also caused hardship to hundreds of passengers as well as sent security agencies into

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