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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

On the occasion of the 34th SAARC Charter Day, I convey my felicitations and best wishes to all fellow citizens of SAARC member states,

As a founding member of SAARC, India is committed to strengthening regional cooperation and integration. Our initiatives in recent years, such as the launch of South Asia Satellite, extension of India's National Knowledge Network to South Asian countries and ever continued support to the South Asian University and the SAARC Disaster Management Centre (Interim Unit) are geared towards promoting people-to-people contacts and connectivity in the region.

In its journey of over three decades, SAARC has made progress. However, it has been below the region's full potential. An environment of peace and security is essential for regional cooperation to flourish and achieve economic development and prosperity of our people. Terrorism remains the single largest threat to peace and stability in our region. It is necessary that we eliminate this menace in all its forms, without any discrimination, along with its support systems.

This Charter Day is an occasion for us to renew our commitment to realize our collective vision of a peaceful, prosperous and integrated South Asia.

(Narendra Modi)

**New Delhi
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