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PM Modi Concludes Five-Nation Foreign Tour with Italy Visit

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his five-nation diplomatic tour with an official visit to Rome, Italy. During the visit, he held bilateral talks with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and met Italian President Sergio Mattarella. The tour focused on strengthening India's strategic partnerships, trade, defence cooperation, innovation, clean energy, and global connectivity initiatives.

PM Modi's five-nation tour included visits to:

Sweden

Norway

Finland

Denmark

Italy

The Prime Minister also participated in the 3rd India-Nordic Summit during the visit to Norway.

Major Highlights of the Tour:

India-Nordic Summit:

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At the India-Nordic Summit, India and Nordic countries decided to elevate ties to a Green Technology and Innovation Strategic Partnership.

Discussions focused on:

Clean energy

Sustainability

Green technology

Artificial Intelligence

Arctic and polar research

Start-up cooperation

Innovation partnerships

India-Italy Relations Upgraded:

During the Rome visit, India and Italy upgraded their relationship to a Special Strategic Partnership.

Both countries agreed to:

Strengthen defence cooperation

Expand bilateral trade

Enhance mobility and technology partnerships

Develop a defence industrial roadmap

Promote co-development and co-production in defence manufacturing

The two nations also targeted bilateral trade worth 20 billion Euros by 2029.

Focus on IMEC Corridor

A key agenda during the Italy visit was the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), launched during the G20 Summit in 2023.

The corridor aims to improve:

Trade connectivity

Transportation networks

Energy infrastructure

Digital connectivity between India, the Middle East, and Europe

Italy expressed support for strengthening cooperation under the IMEC initiative.

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Agreements Signed During Italy Visit

India and Italy signed agreements related to:

Maritime transport

Agriculture

Higher education

Critical minerals

Museum cooperation

Economic and financial crime prevention

Both sides also discussed major global issues including:

Indo-Pacific security

Ukraine conflict

West Asia situation

Multilateral reforms

Italy:

Capital: Rome

Currency: Euro

Nordic Countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

PM: Giorgia Meloni

President: Sergio Mattarella