

प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister MESSAGE

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, I wish to convey India's strong support for the Palestinian cause and to express our solidarity with the Palestinian people in their efforts to establish a sovereign, independent and united State of Palestine co-existing peacefully with the State of Israel.

Historical ties between India and Palestine have further strengthened in recent years. My visit to Palestine in February this year was the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Palestine. The visit was an assertion of India's strong commitment for the development of Palestine and led to significant outcomes to further India-Palestine developmental partnership. India has announced an increase in the annual scholarships for Palestinian students, six new projects including construction of a speciality hospital, women empowerment center, national printing press and schools and an increase in its annual contribution to UNRWA. Our financial and technical assistance is an expression of our strong resolve to strengthen Palestinian institutions.

As we mark the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, we hope for an early resumption of dialogue between Palestine and Israel for moving towards a comprehensive and negotiated resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

On behalf of the people of India, I extend my best wishes to the friendly people of Palestine in their pursuit of statehood, peace and prosperity.

(Narendra Modi)

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