



DIGITAL INDIA HAS GIVEN INDIA NEW IDENTITY WORLDWIDE: PM MODI

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, July 1, lauded the Digital India initiative of the government, and said it has redefined governance, empowered citizens and accelerated all-round development by touching every aspect of life. Eleven years of Digital India has given India a new identity worldwide, he asserted. "Today, we mark 11 years of the Digital

India initiative was launched. This initiative has redefined governance, empowered citizens and accelerated all-round development. It has touched every aspect of life," Modi said in a post on X. The prime minister said from seamless digital payments and direct benefit transfers reaching beneficiaries with transparency to the expanding digital public infrastructure, technology has become a powerful instrument for furthering 'Ease of Living.'

"Digital India has taken the wave of innovation to all parts of India, especially villages, tier-2 and tier-3 cities," he said. Modi said young entrepreneurs, startups and innovators from every corner of the country are creating solutions to the pressing challenges that the planet faces. This initiative has strengthened education, healthcare, agriculture, commerce and public service delivery, making governance more transparent, efficient and accessible, he said.

Modi said the government's strides in the digital world have ensured that India is making rapid progress in emerging technologies such as AI, semiconductors, quantum computing and more.

"This too will open new avenues for growth and opportunity. Our focus will remain on creating a future where technology serves humanity, empowers every citizen and drives sustainable development," he said. Modi said Digital India is the strong foundation of a developed and self-reliant India and over the past 11 years, it has played a crucial role in empowering the poor and deprived while making the lives of citizens easier.

"From the expansion of optical fibre networks to digital transactions, the unprecedented success of this campaign has drawn the attention of the entire world towards India," he said, adding, "When over a billion people embrace technology, the impact is transformative!".

CHINA URGES US TO LIFT SANCTIONS ON IRAN, IMPLEMENT ISLAMABAD MOU

China has called on the United States to lift its unilateral sanctions on Iran and fully implement the recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

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Speaking at a regular press briefing in Beijing on Wednesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun said China supports continued dialogue between Tehran and Washington and believes US sanctions on Iran should be removed without delay.

"We have always believed that unilateral sanctions on Iran should be lifted at an early date," Guo said.

Beijing, he said, hopes that Washington and Tehran "will jointly implement the memorandum of understanding... and advance the negotiations to promote a comprehensive



political solution to the situation in Iran as soon as possible."

The 14-article MoU, which ended the joint US-Israeli war against Iran,

also provides for the release of Iran's frozen assets and the lifting of restrictions on its oil trade.

Under the agreement, both sides adopted a 60-day roadmap aimed at reaching a final settlement during high-level talks in Switzerland on June 22. The negotiations also established

a High-Level Committee to oversee implementation, supported by specialized

working groups on nuclear issues and sanctions relief. Meanwhile, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi arrived in the Qatari capital,

Doha, on Wednesday as the head of a delegation to discuss implementation of the agreement and address challenges hindering its full execution. The US Department of the Treasury issued a temporary 60-day general license authorizing the production, delivery, and sale of Iranian crude, petroleum products, and petrochemicals through August 21, with the waiver notification explicitly allowing payments to be processed in dollar-denominated funds.

FRANCE BANS ANTI-IRAN RALLY AFTER SECURITY WARNINGS OVER MONARCHIST THREATS

French authorities prohibited a gathering organized by the political arm of an anti-Iran terrorist group after intelligence services warned that escalating tensions and threats from monarchist groups could trigger security incidents and unrest. Paris police on June 20 canceled the planned demonstration by the so-called National Council of Resistance (NCR) just hours before it was due to begin, citing a tense domestic and international security environment and concerns over potential violence. The NCR serves as the political arm of the Mujahedin Khalq Organization (MKO), which is designated as a terrorist

DGP C.V. Anand Calls Special Battalions Telangana's Shield

Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand has described the state's Special Police Battalions as a key shield for maintaining security and called for their modernisation and technological strengthening. During a high-level review meeting at the Special Battalions Headquarters in Jubilee Hills, the DGP directed officials to speed up recruitment, enhance

technology, expand vehicle fleets and improve housing, healthcare and welfare facilities for battalion personnel. DGP Reviews Special Police Battalions at Jubilee Hills. At the Special Battalions Headquarters in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, DGP C.V. Anand conducted a high-level review meeting on the functioning of the Special Police Battalions.

TELANGANA CLEARS SALARIES FOR CONTRACT, OUTSOURCED STAFF ON CM'S ORDERS

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The Telangana government said salaries to employees working on an outsourcing and contract basis were credited on Wednesday, the first day of July, as per Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's directives. Reddy,



who came to know about the inconvenience faced

by the staff working on contract, outsourced, and honorarium basis due to the delay in salary disbursement, had directed the officials to pay their wages on the first day of the month. Accordingly, the administrative work related to salary disbursement was completed before the last working day of

the month and the wages were paid on July 1, an official release said. Reddy, who enquired about the matter on Wednesday, was informed that the wages were credited to the bank accounts of employees. Reddy has often criticised the previous BRS regime for the delays in salary payments to the employees.

Govt failure led to first-ever Singareni officers strike: Harish

He extended his full support to the officers' agitation on behalf of the party.

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday, July 1, blamed the Revanth Reddy government for the Singareni officers' strike in Telangana. "It is a failure of the Congress government that Singareni officials have resorted to a strike for the first time in history; Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka remains completely indifferent to the situation," said the Siddipet MLA. The leader participated in a relay hunger strike organised by the Singareni Coal Mine Officers' Association at the Srirampur general manager office on Wednesday, July 1, demanding the immediate implementation of Performance Related Pay (PRP) and Pay Revision Committee (PRC). "During the tenure of the previous BRS government, PRP was paid to officials regularly every year; however, since the Congress government took office, PRP payments have been halted for the past two years, thereby trampling upon the officials' rights," said the former minister.

Israeli Knesset advances legislation to ban Muslim call to prayer over loudspeakers

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) has approved a far-right bill aimed at prohibiting the broadcasting of the Muslim call to prayer (adhan) over loudspeakers across the occupied territories.

The Hebrew-language daily newspaper Israel Hayom reported that the Knesset passed the bill in its preliminary reading on Wednesday in a bid to enhance law enforcement against what it termed "mosque noise." The bill received 50 votes in favor and 36 against in the 120-member parliament, according to Yedioth Ahronoth daily newspaper.

Introduced by the Otzma Yehudit party, which is led by the far-right security minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, the bill also garnered support from the opposition Yisrael Beiteinu party, headed by right-wing politician Avigdor Lieberman. As per Israeli law, the bill must undergo three additional readings before it can be enacted.

Prohibiting the adhan through loudspeakers would effectively eliminate its practical function, as it is intended to inform Muslims of prayer times rather than serving solely as a ritual recited within mosques.

Sada-e-Hussaini Delegation Meets DCP Charminar, Appreciates Muharram Security Arrangements



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A delegation from Sada-e-Hussaini, representing the Shia community, comprising Syed Jaffer Hussain, Kalim Uddin, Syed Abul Hassan, Syed Abdullah Hussain, B.A. (LL.B.), and

Syed Mohd Taqi, met the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Charminar Zone, Hyderabad Mr Khera Kiran Prabhakar IPS and presented a letter of appreciation for the exemplary arrangements made during the Muharram observances and Ashoora processions. On behalf of the Shia community,

the delegation expressed its sincere gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner of Police and the entire Charminar Zone Police for the outstanding bandobast, efficient traffic management, and well-coordinated security arrangements that ensured the peaceful, safe, and orderly conduct of the Muharram and Ashoora processions. The delegation highly appreciated the dedication, professionalism, and tireless efforts of the police personnel in maintaining law and order throughout the sacred days of Muharram. They acknowledged that the cooperation and commitment of the Charminar Zone Police played a vital role in facilitating the smooth conduct of the religious observances and prayed for their continued success in serving the public.

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