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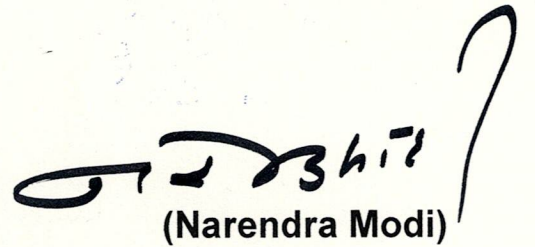
I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to all members of the BIMSTEC family on the occasion of the 26<sup>th</sup> BIMSTEC Day.

BIMSTEC framework is our commitment to create an enabling environment for the rapid development of our region through joint endeavours in a spirit of equality and partnership. I am happy to note that we achieved a major milestone with the adoption of the BIMSTEC Charter last year.

The Bay of Bengal has been a long standing bridge between the people of the BIMSTEC region. Our current efforts to have a maritime cooperation agreement and an agreement to facilitate the movement of motor vehicles across the region reinforces the importance of the Bay for our collective security, connectivity and prosperity.

With continued efforts, I am confident that BIMSTEC countries will steadily move towards building a well-connected, more prosperous and a secure BIMSTEC region.

My best wishes to Chair Thailand for steering the organization effectively. India will continue to support the collective efforts of all member states to take our regional cooperation in diverse areas to their next level.

  
(Narendra Modi)

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