

# Saudi-Indian ties 'a pillar of stability,' Modi tells Arab News

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Ties between Saudi Arabia and India are "a pillar of stability," Narendra Modi has told Arab News as he prepares to visit the Kingdom.

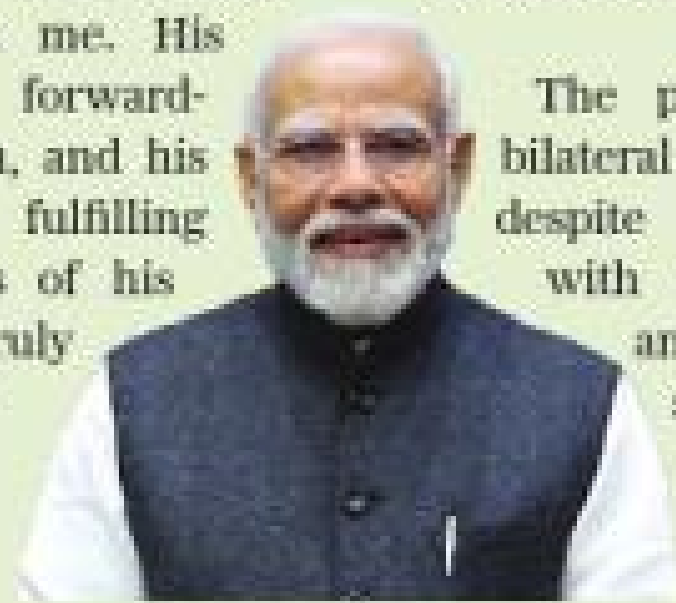
Saudi Arabia was "a trusted friend and strategic ally," said the Indian prime minister, who arrives in Jeddah on Tuesday for his third visit since 2016. "Our partnership has limitless potential. In a world full of uncertainties, our bond stands strong."

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bin Salman, who was "a strong advocate of our bilateral ties" and a visionary who had inspired global admiration through the Vision 2030 reforms.

Every time they met, the crown prince "left a deep impression on me. His insights, his forward-thinking vision, and his passion for fulfilling the aspirations of his people are truly remarkable," Modi said.

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The prime minister said bilateral trade had grown despite global challenges, with energy, agriculture and fertilizers key sectors. He welcomed deeper integration of Saudi and Indian businesses,

particularly in emerging sectors such as green hydrogen and technology. "Indian companies have also maintained a strong presence across various sectors in Saudi Arabia," he said.

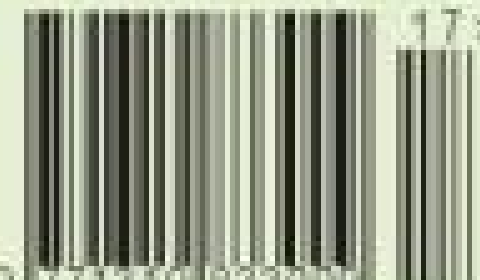
Modi congratulated the Kingdom for winning the right to host World Expo 2030 and the football World Cup in 2034, which were matters of "immense pride." He also pointed to growing defense cooperation and landmark joint military exercises as signs of increasing strategic trust.

The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor launched

during the G20 Summit in September 2023 would be "a key catalyst of commerce, connectivity and growth in the entire region," Modi said.

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