

## प्रधान मंत्री Prime Minister

## **MESSAGE**

On the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people, I reiterate India's steadfast support for the Palestinian cause. We hope for early realization of a sovereign, independent, united and viable Palestine, co-existing peacefully with Israel.

India is an active development partner of Palestine, engaged in extending technical and financial assistance to improve the lives of the Palestinian people. We will continue to support the development and nation-building efforts of Palestine. To this effect, India has increased training slots for Palestine under our flagship Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme from 100 to 150 annual slots. Separately, educational scholarships have also been doubled in order to contribute to human resource development of Palestine.

India hopes for early resumption of dialogue between the Palestinian and Israeli sides to move towards finding a comprehensive negotiated resolution.

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

(Narendra Modi)

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