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## Narendra Modi's Europe trip highlights: PM reaches Spain after Germany visit

This is the first Indian prime ministerial visit to Spain in nearly 30 years

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi lands in Madrid, Spain on Tuesday night. (ANI Photo)

After concluding his engagements in Germany, Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached Spain on Tuesday on the second leg of his six-day, four-nation tour of Europe.

This will be the first Indian prime ministerial visit to Spain in nearly 30 years after the visit of then Prime Minister Rajiv

Gandhi in 1988.  
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Earlier in the day, India and Germany held the fourth round of the biannual Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) in Germany, with a meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel. The first IGC was held in New Delhi in 2011, the second in Berlin in 2013, and the third in New Delhi in 2015.

Here are live updates from a joint briefing by Modi and Merkel after their meeting:

**11:50pm:** Modi on Twitter says objective will be to improve economic and cultural relations with Spain.



**Narendra Modi**  
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Landed in Spain, marking the start of a very important visit aimed at improving economic and cultural relations with Spain.  
8:22 PM - 30 May 2017  
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**11:32pm:** The Prime Minister reaches Madrid in Spain.



**8:33pm:** Modi met German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at his official residence in Berlin, ANI reported. The two leaders also enjoyed a walk at the grounds of Castle Bellevue, the official residence of the President of Germany since 1994.

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Thank you Germany! My visit has led to very positive outcomes in terms of furthering the close ties India and Germany enjoy.  
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Earlier, External affairs ministry spokesperson Gopal Baglay tweeted some photographs of the meeting.

“Reaffirming resolve for strong and dynamic relationship. PM @narendramodi calls on President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at Castle Bellevue,” Baglay tweeted.



**8:15pm:** It would be an “immoral and criminal act” to spoil the environment for future generations, Modi said, underlining the need to protect nature.

**7:44pm:** Modi and Merkel posed for a photo at the Brandenburg Gate, one of Berlin’s iconic landmarks linked to the Cold War era.

**7:35pm:** Modi called on “more and more German companies” to invest in India even as the speedy conclusion of an India-EU free trade agreement (FTA) was the focus on the German side.

**6:54pm:** Warning that terrorism poses a grave threat to future generations, Modi said forces of humanity should come together to combat the menace as India and Germany vowed to take “strong measures” against those who encourage, support and finance it.

**6:50pm:** Modi backed German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s “strong leadership” in uniting the European Union at a time when the economic grouping was showing signs of strain post Brexit and over the protectionist policies of US President Donald Trump.

**6:20pm:** Modi and German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday reaffirmed the urgent need for a comprehensive reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC).

They said there is a need for expansion in both permanent and non-permanent categories of membership, to make it more effective, efficient and responsive to the existing challenges to international peace and security and representative of the contemporary geo-political realities.



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At the iconic Brandenburg Gate, with Chancellor Merkel.  
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**3.21pm:** Science and technology, the start up world are important areas which have been given attention to during this visit: Modi

**3.20pm:** India is giving an impetus to next-generation infrastructure and this is an area in which we want to work extensively with Germany: Modi

**3.18pm:** Our cooperation in areas like renewable energy is gaining momentum: Modi

**3.17pm:** Climate protection and living in harmony with nature is a part of India's ethos: Modi

**3.15pm:** Germany's partnership is very important in making Skill India a success: Modi

**3.13pm:** We did a comprehensive review at the IGC level. The opportunities for EU were also discussed... We are looking at outcome oriented momentum in India-Germany ties and a quantum jump specially in economic ties: Modi

**3.11pm:** This is my second official visit to Germany and my second IGC meeting. I have been able to speak to Chancellor Merkel on several occasions. Whenever I have spoken to her, her knowledge and vision has benefited me in understanding issues: Modi

**3.10pm:** We witnessed the signing of a number of agreements/declarations of intent. One billion euros will go into development cooperation: Merkel

**3.09pm:** We have expanded and deepened our bilateral ties in a number of areas: Merkel

**2.50pm:** India and Germany have struck eight agreements during PM Modi's visit

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