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## PM Modi arrives in Spain, aims to improve economic and cultural relations

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi lands in Madrid on Tuesday.(Twitter)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday night reached Madrid in Spain (<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/live-updates-pm-narendra-modi-german-chancellor-angela-merkel-issue-joint-statement-in-berlin/story-RJmYppe6DEVXI7rwDcWCeI.html>), the second leg of his six-day, four-nation tour in Europe.

“Landed in Spain, marking the start of a very important visit aimed at improving economic and cultural relations with Spain,” Modi tweeted.

During his stay, he is expected to meet the top leadership of the country to discuss issues of mutual interests. He is also expected to call on King of Spain - King Felipe VI on Wednesday.

“Hola Espana! Prime Minister Modi arrives in Madrid, first visit by an Indian Prime Minister in nearly three decades, is received by Spanish FM in a special gesture,” said Gopal Baglay, spokesperson for the ministry of external affairs in a tweet.

The Prime Minister will be discussing ways to enhance bilateral engagement, especially in economic sphere, and cooperation on international issues of common concern, particularly in combating terrorism.



Modi will also meet top chief executive officers of the Spanish industry and encourage them to take part in the ‘Make in India’ initiative.

During his tour to Spain, a number of agreements are likely to be inked in the fields including, renewable energy, high speed rail, infrastructure, civil aviation, water waste management and air space management.

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Before leaving for Spain, Modi on Tuesday paid a courtesy call to German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier at his official residence in Berlin.

Modi met Steinmeier at Castle Bellevue (<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/pm-modi-meets-german-president-wraps-up-first-leg-of-four-nation-tour/story-TwdsK3M9dVOHj7kQtmJD7M.html>), the scenic official residence of the German President located in Berlin's Tiergarten district on the banks of the river Spree, and signed the visitor's