

# INDIA, BHUTAN VOW TO STRENGTHEN TIES

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The two leaders jointly inaugurated the Ground Earth Station and SATCOM network, developed with assistance from ISRO for utilization of South Asia Satellite in Bhutan.

Mr. Modi said India is committed to facilitating Bhutan's development through the use of space technology. India will enhance the communication, public broadcasting and disaster management coverage in Bhutan, he said.

## 'Unique model'

He said the collaboration and relationship between Royal Bhutan University and IITs of India and some other top educational institutions are in line with today's requirements for education and technology.

"I believe that India and Bhutan will remain a unique model of relations between two countries in the world," he said.

Prime Minister Tshering said India and Bhutan may vary in size but their beliefs, values and motivation are common. "On his (Modi) first visit to Bhutan, I remember him saying that Bhutan and India are close not because we have open borders, but because we have opened our hearts to each other. Your visit this time shows how much you meant it," he said.

Mr. Modi also planted a sapling at Simtokha Dzong.

Earlier, Prime Minister Modi inspected a guard of honour during his ceremonial welcome at Tashichhodzong Palace here.

"Traditional Chipdrel procession and welcome ceremony at the Tashichhodzong Palace for PM @narendramodi before the audience with His Majesty the King of Bhutanm The ceremony symbolises the purification of path along which the guests are led," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted.

Mr. Modi received a red-carpet welcome at the Paro airport where he was received by the Bhutanese Prime Minister.

"I am extremely grateful to @PMBhutan for welcoming me at the airport. His gesture is deeply touching," Mr. Modi tweeted.

"A memorable welcome in Bhutan! This is a land blessed with natural beauty and wonderful people. There is immense enthusiasm here and the people of Bhutan want to see the India-Bhutan friendship scale newer heights of success," he said.

Prime Minister Modi will also address young Bhutanese students at the prestigious Royal University of Bhutan on Sunday.

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