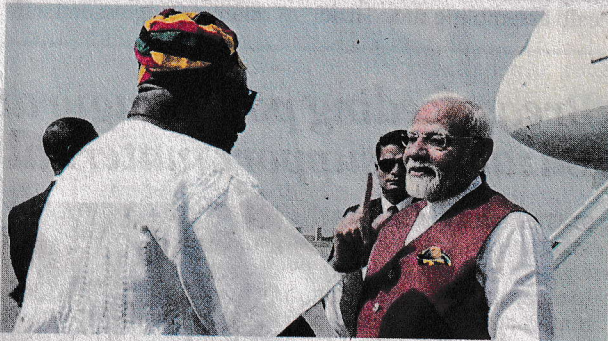


# PM Modi embarks on 5-nation tour, lands in Ghana



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi Wednesday arrived in Ghana on a two-day visit, marking the first time an Indian prime minister has visited the country in over three decades.

President John Dramani Mahama gave PM Modi a warm welcome at the airport, where he was accorded a Guard of Honour and a 21-gun salute.

During his visit, PM Modi will hold high-level talks with President Mahama to review bilateral relations and identify new areas of cooperation.

The two leaders will discuss ways to strengthen trade, investment, and economic ties between the two nations.

Ghana is one of West Africa's fastest-growing economies, and India is its largest destination for exports, with gold accounting for over 70 per cent of India's imports from Ghana.

During his visit, the prime minister will address the Ghana Parliament on Thursday marking a significant moment in the history of India-Ghana relations.

India and Ghana are expected to sign key agreements focusing on trade, infrastructure, healthcare, and digital technology.

The visit aims to boost economic ties, with a focus on vaccine development, defense cooperation, and

digital infrastructure partnerships.

PM Modi's visit to Ghana is part of a five-nation tour that will also take him to Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia, where where over the next few days he will be attending various bilateral, multilateral and other programmes.

In a departure statement posted on his X handle, ahead of emplaning to Ghana, the Prime Minister said: "Over the next few days, I will be attending various bilateral, multilateral and other programmes in Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia. Looking forward to interacting with world leaders and discussing ways to make our planet better."

Asserting that the visit aims to deepen historical ties, open new avenues for cooperation, and strengthen partnerships across the Global South, the Prime Minister said the trip will reinforce bonds of friendship.

Mr Modi's five-nation visit includes his participation in the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro scheduled be held from 6-7 July. During the Summit, the Prime Minister will exchange views on key global issues, including reform of global governance, peace and security, strengthening multilateralism, responsible use of artificial intelligence, climate action, global health, economic and financial matters.