

PM Modi calls for peaceful resolution of global conflicts

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called for a resolution of the West Asia crisis and the Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy, asserting that military action alone cannot achieve lasting peace.

Modi's remarks came after his wide-ranging talks with Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store that focussed on boosting the overall trajectory of bilateral relations. "India and Norway believe in a rules-based order, dialogue and diplomacy. We agree that no issue can be resolved through military conflict alone," said Modi in his televised statement to the media.

"Be it Ukraine or West Asia, we will continue to support every effort for the early end of the conflict and for peace," he said.

Modi met Store hours after he landed in Oslo from Sweden. Driven by a push to deepen strategic and technology ties, India and Sweden unveiled an ambitious



STATE HONOUR. Prime Minister Narendra Modi being conferred the Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit by King Harald V in Oslo on Monday ANI

roadmap spanning AI, critical minerals, innovation, trade and cultural exchanges.

During bilateral talks in Sweden on Sunday, Modi and Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson reviewed bilateral ties and discussed ways to strengthen cooperation in strategic, economic and emerging technology sectors. The strategic partnership would be guided by four pillars — strategic dialogue for stability and security, next-generation economic partnership, emerging technologies and trusted con-

nectivity and cooperation in areas linked to planet, health and resilience.

India and Sweden also launched the India-Sweden Joint Innovation Partnership 2.0 that envisages a virtual joint science and technology centre and deeper collaboration in AI, 6G, quantum computing, critical minerals, renewable energy and smart grid technologies.

The two countries also endorsed the development of the India-Sweden Technology and AI Corridor, aimed at boosting cooperation in AI and digital transformation.