



PM's Inaugural Address (via Video Conference) at the National Conference of Central and State/UT Ministers and Secretaries of Tourism, Culture and Sports

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The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today delivered the Inaugural Address (via Video Conference) at the National Conference of Central and State/UT Ministers and Secretaries of Tourism, Culture and Sports. The event is being organized at Kutch, Gujarat.

The Prime Minister stressed on the need for an institutional arrangement that enables excellence in sports. He noted that the Union Government as well as all State Governments would be keen to popularize sports. He said there is a strong need for proper mapping at the district level so that we can understand the range of our talent, and plan for infrastructure accordingly.

He said that as far as tourism is concerned, India is blessed with so much potential and this can draw the world to India. The Prime Minister said that India's youth is giving strength to key programmes such as digital initiatives, and Swachh Bharat Mission. He suggested that each state should select a few destinations, create world class tourism infrastructure, and draw the world there.

The Prime Minister urged the delegates assembled for the Conference to work towards implementing Ek Bharat, Shreshth Bharat, through various mutual initiatives between States.

Chief Minister of Gujarat Shri Vijay Rupani, and Union Ministers of State (I/C) Shri Vijay Goel and Dr. Mahesh Sharma, were present on the occasion.

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