

‘Political change in Afghanistan not inclusive’

Neighbours face impact of development: PM

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The political change in Afghanistan did not lead to an inclusive system and the process was not conducted

through negotiation, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his first extensive comments since the Taliban overthrew the government of President Ashraf Ghani.

In a speech at the Afghanistan-themed outreach summit between the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and the Collective Se-

curity Treaty Organisation (CSTO), he stated that the neighbours of Afghanistan would be seriously impacted by the developments in that country.

“The first issue is that the change of authority in Afghanistan was not inclusive and this happened without negotiation. This raises

questions on the prospects of recognition of the new system. Representation of all sections of Afghans, including women and the minorities, is important,” Mr Modi said, speaking in Hindi.

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