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PM Modi's Trip To Egypt Highlights & Key Takeaways

Why In The News?

 Modi Began His Maiden State Visit To Egypt By Holding Discussions With His Egyptian Counterpart Mostafa Madbouly And Top Cabinet Ministers On Deepening Trade Relations And Further Strengthening The Strategic Partnership.



PM Modi Egypt State Visit Highlights

- El-Sisi Welcomed Modi, Who Is On A Two-day State Visit To Egypt, Where The Two Leaders Were Closeted For One-on-one Meeting. Modi Also Visited The Historic 11th Century Al-Hakim Mosque In Cairo On Sunday, Which Was Restored With The Help Of India's Dawoodi Bohra Community.
- He Later Paid Tributes To Indian Soldiers Who Fought The World War I In Egypt And Palestine At **Cairo's Heliopolis War Cemetery**. This Is The First Bilateral Visit By An Indian Prime Minister To The Country In 26 Years.

PM Modi, El-Sisi Ink Strategic Partnership Document

 Both Signed An Agreement To Elevate The Bilateral Relationship To A "Strategic Partnership". Both The Leaders Discussed Ways To Further Deepen The Partnership Between The Two Nations, Including In Trade, Investment, Defence, Security, Renewable Energy, Cultural And People-to-people Ties.

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PM Modi Visits Pyramid Of Giza In Cairo

• Escorted By Egyptian Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, Modi Visited The Three Pyramids Of The 4th-Dynasty Erected On A Rocky Plateau On The West Bank Of The Nile River Near Al Jizah (Giza) In Northern Egypt.



PM Modi Conferred With 'Order Of The Nile'

 President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi Bestowed The 'Order Of The Nile', Egypt's Highest Decoration, On PM Modi. Since Its Inception In 1915, The 'Order Of The Nile' Has Been Bestowed Upon Heads Of State, Crown Princes, And Vice Presidents Who Have Rendered Exceptional Services To Egypt Or Humanity.

 Prime Minister Modi Has Received The 13th Highest State Distinction. The 'Order Of The Nile' Is A Pure Gold Collar Made Out Of Three-square Gold Units With Pharaonic Symbols On Them.



PM Modi Visits Heliopolis War Cemetery

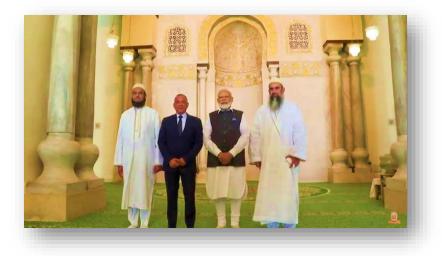
- PM Modi Offered Floral Tributes And Signed The Visitor's Book At The Cemetery That Comprises The Heliopolis (Port Tewfik) Memorial And The Heliopolis (Aden) Memorial.
- The Heliopolis (Port Tewfik) Commemorates Nearly 4,000 Indian Soldiers Who Died Fighting In Egypt And Palestine In The First World War. The Heliopolis (Aden) Pays Tribute To More Than 600 Men Of The Commonwealth Forces Who Sacrificed Their Lives For Aden During The First World War.



PM Modi Visits Historic Al-Hakim Mosque In Cairo

• It Was Restored With The Help Of India's Dawoodi Bohra Community. The Prime Minister Was Seen Appreciating The Intricate Carved Inscriptions On The Walls And Doorways Of The Mosque Which Was Built In 1012.

 Over A Thousand Years Old, Al-Hakim Is The 4th Oldest Mosque In Cairo, And The 2nd Fatimid Mosque To Be Built In The City. The Mosque Covers An Area Of 13,560 Square Metres, With The Iconic Central Courtyard Occupying 5,000 Square Metres.



Setting Up Of India Unit In The Egyptian Cabinet

• The India Unit, A Group Of High-Level Ministers Constituted By El-Sisi In March **To Enhance India-Egypt Relations. Seven Members Of The Egyptian Cabinet**, Led By Prime Minister Mostafa Madbouly, Led The Discussions.



PM Modi Meets Author Tarek Heggy In Egypt

• Tarek Heggy Is An Egyptian Liberal Author, Political Thinker And International Petroleum Strategist. Heggy Is One Of Egypt's More Prominent Authors On The Subject Of Egypt's Need For Political Reform.



PM Modi Meets Yoga Practitioners In Egypt

 Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Who Is On His First Visit To Egypt As The PM, Met Yoga Practitioners Nada Adel And Reem Jabak In Cairo.



PM Modi Holds Discussions With Egyptian CEO

• PM Modi Met Hassan Allam, CEO Of Hassan Allam Holding Company In Cairo On Saturday, And Called The Meeting "Fruitful". **SSBCrack**



PM Modi Meets Grand Mufti Of Egypt

 PM Modi Also Met The Grand Mufti Of Egypt Dr Shawki Ibrahim Abdel-Karim Allam In Cairo On Saturday. Had Enriching Discussions On India-Egypt Ties, Notably Cultural And People-to-people Linkages.



Which Indian PMs Have Visited Egypt Before?

• The Joint Announcement Of The Establishment Of Diplomatic Relations At The Ambassadorial Level Was Made On August 18, 1947. Since The 1980s, There Have Been Four Prime Ministerial Visits From India To Egypt.

- Rajiv Gandhi Visited The Country In 1985, P V Narasimha Rao In 1995, I K Gujral In 1997, And Manmohan Singh In 2009. From The Egyptian Side, President Hosni Mubarak Visited India In 1982, 1983 (NAM Summit), And Again In 2008.
- High-Level Exchanges With Egypt Continued After The Arab Spring Uprising In 2011 And Then President Mohamed Morsi Visited India In March 2013.
 External Affairs Minister (EAM) Visited Cairo In March 2012 And The Egyptian Foreign Minister Visited India In December 2013.





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