

PM Modi arrives in South Africa with an eye on stronger economic ties

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Pretoria: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today arrived in South Africa in the second leg of his four-nation Africa tour aimed at enhancing ties with the continent, particularly in the economic sphere.

Modi in South Africa

Notably, It is the first official visit by an Indian Prime Minister in a decade.

The prime minister was welcomed by the minister of International Relations & Cooperation and minister for Small business in Pretoria.

In the footsteps of history. PM @narendramodi arrives in Pretoria for the second leg of his Africa tour," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Vikas Swarup tweeted on Modi's arrival in Pretorio.

During his South Africa visit, Modi will meet President Jacob Zuma and also Cyril Ramaphosa, the Deputy President.

"In an effort to boost our economic ties, I will speak at the India-South Africa business meet," Modi had earlier said.

â€œMy programmes in South Africa will span across Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban & Pietermaritzburg,â€• he added.

Modi arrived in Mozambique this morning in the first leg of his five-day tour.

Earlier in Mozambique, Modi held wide-ranging talks with Mozambican President Filipe Nyusi and the two countries agreed to strengthen security and defence ties and bolster cooperation in food security.

The focus of the African tour will be on deepening cooperation in areas of hydrocarbons, maritime security, trade and investment, agriculture and food.

Modi will also travel to Tanzania and Kenya.

- (PTI inputs)