On the occasion of the 36th Charter Day of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), I convey my warm greetings to citizens of the member-states of the Association.

India remains committed to an integrated, connected, secure and prosperous South Asia, and will continue to support the economic, technological, cultural and social development of the region. The early coordination between SAARC countries for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic is an example of the benefit that our region can derive from greater collaboration. India will continue to work with other countries in the region to ensure a robust recovery after the pandemic.

The full potential of SAARC can only be realised in an atmosphere free of terror and violence. On this 36th SAARC Charter Day, let us re-commit ourselves to defeating the forces that support and nurture terrorism, and to work collectively towards a secure and prosperous South Asia.

(Narendra Modi)

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