

PM to attend Outreach Sessions of G7 summit

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Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, at the invitation of UK Prime Minister Mr Boris Johnson, will virtually participate in the Outreach Sessions of the G7 Summit on June 12 and 13, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

This is the second time the PM will participate in a G7 meeting. India was invited by France to the Biarritz Summit in 2019 as a "Goodwill Partner" and Mr Modi participated in the sessions on "Climate, Biodiversity and Oceans" and "Digital Transformation."

UK currently holds the Presidency of the Group of Seven (G7) which also includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the US. It has invited India, along with Australia, South Korean and South Africa to the summit as "Guest" countries.

The theme for the summit is **Build Back Better**

and the UK has outlined four priority areas of leading the global recovery from COVID-19 while strengthening resilience against future pandemics; promoting future prosperity by championing free and fair trade; tackling climate change and preserving the planet's biodiversity; and championing shared values and open societies.

The MEA said the G7 leaders and their guests are expected to exchange views on the way forward on global recovery from the pandemic with a focus on health and climate change.