

Prime Minister of Portugal Antonio Costa will be visiting India on a working visit from 19-20 Dec on an invitation extended by his Indian counterpart Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the second meeting of the Organising Committee on the celebrations for the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 19 Dec 2019. The Organising Committee meeting would be presided over by President Kovind.

Prime Minister Antonio Costa will hold official talks with Prime Minister Modi in the forenoon of 19 Dec 2019. This will be the third official meeting between the Prime Ministers in a span of 3 years. They have also met on the sidelines of various multilateral events. Prime Minister Costa's present visit to India is his first bilateral visit outside Europe after being re-elected as PM on 6th October 2019.

The high-level political exchanges between India and Portugal have imparted a robust momentum to bilateral relations, including in several new areas such as science and technology, defence, startups, shipping, youth exchanges and culture. This visit would provide another opportunity to the leaders to review the whole gamut of bilateral relations and forge closer cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

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