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PM Modi attends 22nd SCO Summit at Samarkand; Says, SCO needs to focus on bringing diversified, resilient supply chains

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with leaders of SCO nations including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirzivovev are participating in the 22nd SCO Summit at Samarkand in Uzbekistan, Speaking at the SCO expanded format meet, Mr. Modi said several disruptions occurred in the global supply chains because of the COVID and Ukraine crisis. He stressed on the importance of ensuring food security for all saying that SCO plays an important role in this regard. He said India believes in mutual trust and cooperation among the SCO member countries. He emphasised that SCO should try and develop resilient and diversified supply chains in the region for which better connectivity and transit rights among member countries are required. Mr Modi said India's youth and young workforce is competitive. He said

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the government's people-centric development model lays focus on innovation and technology. He said there are more than 70 thousand Start Ups in India. He added that India's economy is expected to grow at 7.5 per cent this year, which will be highest among the world's major economies. Prime Minister made a strong point for giving thrust to production of millets. He said 2023 will be observed as the International Year of Millets. He said Millet Food Festival should be organised under SCO. He also called for cooperation among SCO nations in the sphere of traditional medicine. Besides leaders of SCO member states, observer states, the Secretary General of the SCO, Executive Director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), President of Turkmenistan and other invited guests are attending the meet.