

Modi speaks to Imran, greets him on poll win

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Imran Khan, chairperson of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI), on Monday and congratulated him for his party emerging as the largest one in the National Assembly of Pakistan in the just-concluded general elections.

“The PM expressed hope that democracy will take deeper roots in Pakistan,” said a statement issued by the Indian government. He also reiterated his vision of peace and development in the neighbourhood. **TNN**

Dialogue, not war, resolves disputes: Khan

Modi told Khan that the two countries must start a new era of relations, according to Pakistan media. Khan said "steps should be taken to resolve disputes through dialogue between the two countries". "He (Khan) said wars are not solution of any dispute and both countries have to take steps for peace and poverty alleviation," said the report. Modi, according to Pakistan officials, said there was a need to evolve a joint strategy for progress in ties.

TOI had reported on Monday that Indian officials had not ruled out a congratulatory phone call by Modi to Khan. India had on Saturday issued a statement welcoming the election outcome.
