

# PM Modi to deliver 'State of the World' special address at WEF

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will deliver the 'State of the World' special address at the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Davos Agenda on Monday.

Several heads of state will address the event including Japanese Prime Minister Kishida Fumio, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Indonesian President Joko Widodo, Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and EU Commission's chief Ursula von der Leyen.

## **Key Highlights**

- The event will also witness the participation of top industry leaders, international organisations and civil society, who will deliberate on critical challenges being faced by the world today and discuss how to address them.
- According to WEF Agenda website, the virtual plenaries will be aligned with the annual meeting objective of "orienting global leaders on the imperatives of the year ahead".
- The WEF, which has been hosting its annual meeting for 50 years, could not organise its high-profile event last year due to Covid. The event has been deferred till early summer for this year as well. This would be the second time when the Forum would host 'Davos Agenda' summit online on the dates originally scheduled for the physical annual meeting.

- A week-long online 'Davos Agenda' summit is being held in its place. Two virtual summits are expected in the online summit – one on Covid-19 and the second on technology cooperation in the fourth industrial revolution.
- There would be sessions on energy transition, scaling up climate innovation and Latin America outlook.
- The other listed speakers for the online summit are: US treasury secretary Janet L Yellen, IMF managing director Kristalina Georgieva and European Central Bank president Christine Lagarde.

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