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## INDIAN PM MODI INVITES MONGOLIA'S BATTULGA TO VISIT INDIA

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Prime Minister of Mongolia Narendra Modi invited Mongolian President Khaltmaa Battulga to visit India.

"The move is seen as a subtle message to China since Battulga is a vocal critic of China who advocated greater economic independence from Beijing during his election campaign," Indian media report.

After Battulgas electoral victory, former President Pranab Mukherjee had extended his wishes to him even as the Indian Ambassador to Mongolia was one of the first to meet him.

In 2015, Modi had visited Ulaanbaataras part of his outreach and promised to extend a \$1 billion credit line to the country, which is nestled between Russia and China. This is expected to find favour with President Battulga, who advocates lesser economic ties with China, News18 reported.

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