
INDIA PM MODI TO ATTEND ASEAN SUMMIT VIRTUALLY, RULING OUT TRUMP MEETING

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Indias Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate virtually in the Asean summit in Kuala Lumpur, ruling out a possible meeting with US President Donald Trump and indicating New Delhi and Washington may not be close to sealing a trade deal.

The United States and India have been negotiating for months to thrash out a trade deal, but talks have been complicated by Indias Russian oil imports, which prompted Washington to impose a punitive 25 per cent tariff on Indian goods in August, raising total levies to 50 per cent.

Look forward to joining the Asean [] Summit virtually, and to further deepening of the Asean [] Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Mr Modi said on X on Oct 23 while referring to a conversation with Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim.

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