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Modi in Chennai: PM proposes hackathon involving ASEAN countries to fight climate change

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CHENNAI: Prime minister Narendra Modi on Monday proposed a hackathon involving ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries to offer innovation for reducing global warming and climate change. "Let the best brains of ASEAN countries compete to offer innovation for reducing global warming and climate change," said the PM while addressing the gathering at Singapore India Hackathon 2019 at IIT-M's research Centre in Chennai. Modi was proposing a similar hackathon on the lines of the Singapore India Hackathon involving those ASEAN countries that may be interested in participating in support from NTU (**Nanyang Technological University**) and governments of Singapore and India.The PM said that he had proposed the hackathon during his last visit to Singapore. "Technology unites people. India is poised to grow into a 5 trillion dollar economy. For that, innovation and startups will play a crucial role. Already India is among the top three startups-driven economies," he said.

Calling every participant of the hackathon as winners, Modi said hackathon was great for youngsters and the participants could take their ideas and innovative skills. Those initiative would bring people together from governments, industries and experts, he noted. The government has been creating an ecosystem. "We are encouraging innovation and incubation for two reasons. One is, we want easiest solution to solve the problems to make life easier and another is we India want to find solution for the whole of the world," he said.