PM seeks global rules for digital tech use, ethical AI

'Security Can't Be Afterthought In Interconnected World'

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday made a pitch for a global framework for use of digital technology and ethical use of artificial intelligence (AI), saying security cannot be an afterthought in an interconnected world.

Speaking at the inauguration of the International Telecommunication Union — World Telecommunication Standardisation Assembly (WTSA) 2024 and India Mobile Congress here, the PM sought clearly-earmarked 'dos' and 'don'ts' to safeguard citizens.

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said. "Now the time has come that global institutions will have to accept its importance for global governance. Do's and don'ts will have to be made at the global level for technology."

PM said: "All digital tools and applications that are available today are beyond restrictions, beyond boundaries of any country. Therefore, no country can protect its citizens from cyber threats alone. For this, we will have to work together, global institutions will have to come forward and take responsibility."

He cited the example of the aviation sector and said a similar framework is needed for the digital world. "And for this, WTSA will have to work more actively. I would like to ask every member of WTSA to think about how to make telecommunications safe for everyone."

Modi said: "India's Data Protection Act and National Cyber Security Strategy show our commitment towards creating a safe digital ecosystem. I would like to ask the members of this assembly to create standards that are inclusive, secure and adaptable to every challenge of the future. Create global standards for ethical AI and data privacy that also respect the diversity of different countries."