

PM Modi pays tribute to Georgia's Saint Queen Ketevan, lauds Goa for preserving her relics



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday paid tributes to Georgia's Saint Queen Ketevan during his monthly Mann ki Baat program pointing out how "extremely emotional" the people of the country are for her. India's External minister Dr S Jaishankar had visited the country earlier this month and handed over the relics of St Ketevan who was martyred in Iran in 1624.

PM recalling the "very interesting and very emotional event" of handing over the relics said that the development imparts "new strength to India-Georgia friendship" and "the words that were said in praise of India in this ceremony are indeed very memorable."

The ceremony that took place at the Sameba Holy Trinity Cathedral saw the participation of Georgia's top political and religious leaders including the President, PM, and His Holiness and Beatitude Ilia II, the Catholicos-Patriarch of All Georgia.