NEW DELHI — India’s ruling coalition met in New Delhi on Tuesday in a sign of growing confidence that it can hold together despite some internal squabbles and outside challenges.

The Indian government said the meeting was convened to discuss “the overall interest of the country.” The coalition is made up of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which is currently in power, and the Janata Dal United (JDU), which is its main partner.

In his opening speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government was committed to achieving the country’s economic goals and ensuring stability. He also praised the military for its role in maintaining security.

The meeting comes amid growing tensions with Pakistan, which has been accused of providing support to terrorism in the region. India has been on high alert since a suicide bombing attack by militants in Kashmir earlier this year.

The government has been criticized for its handling of the crisis, with some opposition leaders calling for a stronger response. However, Modi has insisted on maintaining a peaceful dialogue with Pakistan, arguing that a military confrontation would not be in the best interests of the country.

Overall, the meeting appeared to be a sign of unity within the government, with leaders emphasizing the need to work together to achieve common goals.

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The meeting was also significant in the context of the upcoming elections in India, which are scheduled for later this year. The government is expected to use the elections to consolidate its power and push for its agenda.

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