



Historic Visit Underway – PM Modi in the U.S.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his three-day U.S. visit on 21 June, 2023. PM Modi's visit to the U.S. has assumed huge significance amid global geo-economic and geopolitical headwinds. The White House is pulling out all the stops to welcome the Indian Prime Minister, by inviting him on an Official State Visit, the highest level of diplomatic protocol the U.S. accords to visiting leaders.

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) reflects on the ongoing visit of PM Modi with a compilation of articles which highlight the developments covered in print and electronic media.

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<p>India, U.S. agree to end six trade disputes at WTO; Delhi to remove retaliatory customs duties The Economic Times June 23, 2023</p>	<p>India and the U.S. have agreed to end six trade disputes at the World Trade Organisation (WTO) while New Delhi will also remove retaliatory customs duties on 28 American products such as almonds, walnuts, and apples, according to an official statement. This comes amid Prime Minister Narendra Modi's State Visit to the U.S. at the invitation of President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden.</p>
<p>Remarks by President Biden and Prime Minister Modi of the Republic of India at Arrival Ceremony The White House June 22, 2023</p>	<p>President Biden, welcome, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said, I have long believed that the relationship between the U.S. and India is one of the defining relationships of the 21st century. Two proud nations whose love of freedom secured our independence, bound by the same words in our Constitution — the first three words: “We the People.” (Cheers.)</p>
<p>In key decision during PM Modi's U.S. visit, GE Aerospace to co-produce F414 engines in India for Tejas Mk2 fighter jets ThePrint June 22, 2023</p>	<p>In a major announcement coinciding with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S., GE Aerospace on June 22, 2023 announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force. The agreement includes the potential joint production of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India.</p>
<p>PM Modi participates in "India and U.S.: Skilling for Future" event, outlines 5-point proposal India Today June 22, 2023</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India and First Lady of the U.S. Dr Jill Biden came together in a landmark event titled "India and USA: Skilling for Future". The event focused on workforce redevelopment across higher education institutions to expand and enhance access to quality education across society at National Science Centre in Washington DC. Narendra Modi highlighted the numerous steps taken by India to promote education, skilling and innovation. He appreciated ongoing bilateral academic exchanges and collaborations between Indian and U.S. academic and research ecosystems.</p>

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<p>Biden seeks to bolster ties with Modi while Soft-Pedaling differences <i>Peter Baker</i> The New York Times June 22, 2023</p>	<p>President Biden emphasised common ground with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India during a lavish State Visit, publicly skirting points of friction over the government’s crackdown on human rights in India and Russia’s war in Ukraine in hopes of bolstering economic and geopolitical ties (Paywall) with the world’s most populous nation.</p>
<p>PM Modi’s State Visit to U.S Will this visit add to India’s global stature? News9 June 21, 2023</p>	<p>PM Narendra Modi is on a historic 3-day visit to the U.S. Hordes of excited Indian-Americans rolled out the red carpet for the Prime Minister as he arrived in New York on the first leg of his visit. Next, the Prime Minister had a series of interactions with some of America’s leading intellectuals and thought leaders including Nobel laureates, economists and scientists. What can we expect from the bilateral talks between PM Modi and President Biden?</p>
<p>PM Modi starts State Visit to US: Stronger together in meeting shared challenges <i>Shubhajit Roy</i> The Indian Express June 21, 2023</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in New York, marking the beginning of his first State Visit to the U.S., which he said “will reinforce ties based on shared values of democracy, diversity and freedom”. Together we stand stronger in meeting the shared global challenges,” he said.</p>
<p>‘India is now a linchpin’: U.S. looks to Narendra Modi’s visit to counter China <i>Hannah Ellis-Petersen</i> The Guardian June 21, 2023</p>	<p>Statements from U.S. officials ahead of the visit have been rapturous on the subject of U.S.-India relations, praising the “significant defence partnership” and describing it as “a unique connection between the world’s oldest and largest democracies”. Before his departure from India, Modi said: “This special invitation is a reflection of the vigour and vitality of the partnership.”</p>
<p>Modi looks to solidify India’s tech ambition with U.S. State Visit <i>Sankalp Phartiyal and Sudhi Ranjan Sen</i> Deccan Herald June 21, 2023</p>	<p>Narendra Modi arrived in the U.S. on his first official State Visit with India’s geopolitical clout higher than at any point since he took power in 2014. He will be looking to leverage that to become an indispensable partner for American tech ambitions. The trip will be a high-profile affair, complete with a banquet at the White House and an address to the U.S. Congress, making Modi the first Indian Prime Minister to speak in front of the legislature twice.</p>
<p>This is what history feels like: American envoy Eric Garcetti on Modi’s U.S. visit <i>Prashant Jha</i> Hindustan Times June 21, 2023</p>	<p>As Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in New York, the U.S. Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, was making final preparations for the State Visit. In the historic State Department building in Washington DC, he spoke to Hindustan Times about the India-U.S. ties (Paywall) on June 20, 2023.</p>

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