



From Buyer-Seller to Co-Production: The Way Forward

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi successfully concluded his three-day U.S. visit. PM Modi's visit to the U.S. was about acknowledging larger imperatives that bind the two nations, overcoming hurdles in ties. The U.S. and India announced defence and technology deals, including a purchase of American spy drones, as well as resolution of some trade disputes.

This visit marks an inflection point in the bilateral relationship, and heralds the beginning of the next generation of the India-U.S. relationship. This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) reflects on the outcomes of the U.S. visit of PM Modi with a compilation of articles which highlight the developments as covered in print and electronic media.

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Joint Statement from the U.S. and India The White House June 22, 2023	President Joseph R. Biden and Prime Minister Narendra Modi affirmed a vision of the U.S. and India as among the closest partners in the world a partnership of democracies looking into the 21st century with hope, ambition, and confidence. The U.S.-India Comprehensive Global and Strategic Partnership is anchored in a new level of trust and mutual understanding and enriched by the warm bonds of family and friendship that inextricably link our countries together.
India-U.S. relations: on an equal footing <i>Ashwani Mahajan</i> The Pioneer June 26, 2023	Prime Minister Narendra Modi's latest visit to America, and decisions between India and America , regarding economic and trade relations, strategic purchases, technology collaborations and a warm welcome to the Prime Minister at the White House, all have sent a pleasant feeling back home in India. The relationship between these two great democracies had not been very cool in history.
Modi's Mission America: The dragon in the room <i>Sanjaya Baru</i> The Asian Age June 26, 2023	Two high-level interactions between the U.S. and two major Asian nations will be remembered for some time as marking a new low in America's global standing . First, the visit of U.S. secretary of state Antony Blinken to Beijing and, in particular, his submissive manner in the imperious presence of China's President Xi Jinping. One of the odd things about the Indian demand on the U.S. government for increased visas is that it in fact facilitates the "brain drain" out of India with little reverse flow from the U.S. to India.
PM Modi concludes U.S. visit by making 'strategic gains' <i>T Brajesh</i> Sunday Guardian June 25, 2023	Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his State Visit to the U.S., with his " hands full of strategic gains ". While President Joe Biden and PM Modi in the joint statement issued after the bilateral meeting categorically sent out a stern message to China over its belligerence and aggressive behaviour, the two leaders also called out cross-border terrorism in a clear signal to Pakistan.

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<p>India and U.S. have increased bets made on each other <i>Arun K Singh</i> The Economic Times June 24, 2023</p>	<p>The U.S. administration extending an invitation for a State Visit (rare in frequency and the highest level of protocol in the U.S. system) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the nature of welcome accorded to him, the articulations by both leaders regarding the trajectory of their inter-government relationship (Paywall) and the decisions taken during the visit, all indicate that U.S.-India relations are now poised for another transformational leap.</p>
<p>Biden committed to India's rise as a major global player <i>Aparna Pande</i> Hudson Institute June 24, 2023</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inaugural State Visit to the U.S. has culminated in the next big steps in the India-U.S. strategic partnership. In this free-wheeling conversation, Manish Chand speaks to Dr Aparna Pande, a South Asia expert at Hudson Institute and well-known author based in Washington DC, to discuss the long-term impact of PM Modi's visit for the future of India-U.S. partnership, often called the defining partnership of the 21st century.</p>
<p>Credit for India-U.S. bonhomie goes to Xi Jinping <i>C. Raja Mohan</i> The Indian Express June 24, 2023</p>	<p>The sweeping ambition of the agreements unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden ranging from advanced technology cooperation to climate change, from moon missions to reformed multilateralism, from the production of a fighter jet engine to investments in semiconductors, and countering terrorism to digital public infrastructure is breathtaking.</p>
<p>Today's changed India will surprise you India Today June 24, 2023</p>	<p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a large gathering of the Indian diaspora at the Ronald Reagan Centre in Washington, marking the conclusion of his U.S. State Visit. At the address, the PM said, "Today's transformed India will surprise you, adding that the country has witnessed an unprecedented digital revolution."</p>
<p>PM Modi highlights India-U.S. relationship, ongoing agreements as he wraps State Visit <i>Yeshi Seli</i> The New Indian Express June 24, 2023</p>	<p>On the final day of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's four-day state visit to the U.S., the two leaders put a spotlight on the "Innovation Handshake," a new initiative aimed at addressing regulatory hurdles that stand in the way of partnership between the two countries. Modi's visit concluded with enhanced economic ties, collaboration in manufacturing, and enhanced diplomatic presence.</p>
<p>India-U.S. move towards next generation defence partnership <i>Umanath Singh</i> News On Air June 23, 2023</p>	<p>India and the U.S. have moved towards the next generation defence partnership. Expressing their desire to accelerate defence industrial cooperation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and American President Joe Biden welcomed the adoption of a Defence Industrial Cooperation Roadmap and hoped it will provide policy direction to defence industries and enable co-production of advanced defence systems and collaborative research, testing and prototyping of projects.</p>
<p>Biden makes trade-offs and Modi steps out of his comfort zone during elaborate State Visit at White House <i>Kevin Liptak, Arlette Saenz, Jennifer Hansler and Jeremy Diamond</i> CNN June 23, 2023</p>	<p>The most elevated form of American diplomacy required President Joe Biden to make certain trade-offs and Modi to step out of his comfort zone, for at least a few minutes. Modi, massively popular in India, has demonstrated a drift toward authoritarianism that has worried the West. He is cracked down on dissent, targeted journalists and introduced policies that human rights groups say discriminate against Muslims.</p>

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<p>For Indian Americans, Modi visit sparks pride and frustration <i>Michael Birnbaum, Ellen Nakashima and Abigail Hauslohner</i> The Washington Post June 23, 2023</p>	<p>A glitzy visit to Washington by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi that came to a close was a reminder that when strategic interests align, U.S. leaders can find ways to minimise differences on human rights and democratic values, even for a nation where minority groups say they find themselves increasingly embattled under Hindu nationalist rule.</p>

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