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Prime Minister Modi's US Visit- Key Highlights



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's U.S.A Visit

In a landmark visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to United States of America from 22-25th Sept 2021, PM Modi **addressed the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly**, attended the first in-person **Quad summit** meeting and held **bilateral and multilateral engagements**, including with US President Joe Biden, US vice president Kamala Harris and his Australian and Japanese counterparts-Scott Morrison and Yoshihide Suga. Apart from this he also met with **the top 5 American corporate leaders** from key sectors ranging from drones to 5G, semiconductor and solar and encouraged them to step up their investments by highlighting the vast opportunities in India.

157 artefacts and antiquities were handed over by the United States during Prime Minister Modi's visit. **Artefacts include cultural antiquities and figurines related to Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism**, and mostly belong to the **period between the 11th and 14th Centuries**; and include motifs, statutes, stones, and terracotta. Prime Minister had conveyed his deep appreciation for the repatriation of antiquities to India by the United States. During bilateral meeting of Prime Minister Modi and President Biden had committed to strengthen their efforts to combat the theft, illicit trade and trafficking of cultural objects.



Prime Minister's Address at United Nations General Assembly



Addressing the world leaders at United Nations General Assembly, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, “Today, the world is witnessing increased threat of regressive thinking and extremism. In this situation, it is necessary to make the world a site for science-based, rational and progressive thinking.” Additionally he said, “Those using terror as a political tool must understand that terror is just as bad for them. It has to be ensured that Afghanistan soil must not be used to breed or propagate terror”. He also took an indirect dig at Pakistan, saying that “countries using terrorism as a political tool have to understand that it is an equally big threat to them”.

Furthermore Prime Minister said, “At this time, the people of Afghanistan, the women and children of Afghanistan, and the minorities of Afghanistan need help. And we must fulfill our duty by providing them with this help”.

Apart from this, Prime Minister touched upon India’s achievements in the field of technological innovations, vaccine manufacturing, potable water, health and insurance, and said, “When India grows, world grows. When India reforms, world transforms”.

Prime Minister's Remarks at Quad





In the first in-person Quad leaders meeting Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said he had an “extensive and productive” discussion with US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga.

The Leaders in Quad shared their respective perspectives on Afghanistan and the regional situation in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific. On Afghanistan, they agreed to deepen their cooperation in counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and called on the Taliban to abide by UN Security Council Resolution 2593.

In his address Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi said, “I am confident that our cooperation will establish peace and prosperity in the world and Indo-Pacific. I firmly believe our Quad would act as a force for global good. We had come together for first time after the 2004 Tsunami for regional cooperation in Indo-Pacific”.

Furthermore Prime minister said, “Today, as the world is fighting COVID-19, we as part of Quad have come together again for humanity. Our Quad vaccine initiative will greatly help the Indo-Pacific countries”. “On the basis of our shared democratic values, Quad has decided to move forward with a positive thinking and a positive approach. Be it supply chain or global security, climate action or COVID-19 response, or cooperation in technology, I would feel happy to discuss with my partners in Quad”, Prime Minister added.

The Quad Leaders welcomed Prime Minister's announcement that India will start supply of India-made Covid 19 vaccines to the Indo-Pacific region with eight million doses, from October 2021. With the objective of normalising international travel and ensuring predictability, Prime Minister proposed common travel norms among countries and mutual recognition of vaccination certificates.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and US President Mr. Joe Biden Meeting





Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met US President Joe Biden in his first bilateral meeting during which the two leaders discussed a wide range of priority issues, including combating COVID-19, climate change, economic cooperation as well as Afghanistan.

Welcoming PM Modi at the White House, US President Joe Biden said, “I have known you for a long time. I am glad that you have come back to the White House. You are well aware of our history. Our relationship has always been good”. In his introductory remark, President Biden also told PM Modi that “four million Indian Americans are making America stronger every day”.

President Biden reaffirmed the strength of the defense relationship between the United States and India and the unwavering commitment to India as a Major Defense Partner through close defense engagements in information sharing, sharing of logistics and military-to-military interactions, strengthening cooperation in advanced military technologies, and expanding engagements in a multilateral framework including with regional partners.

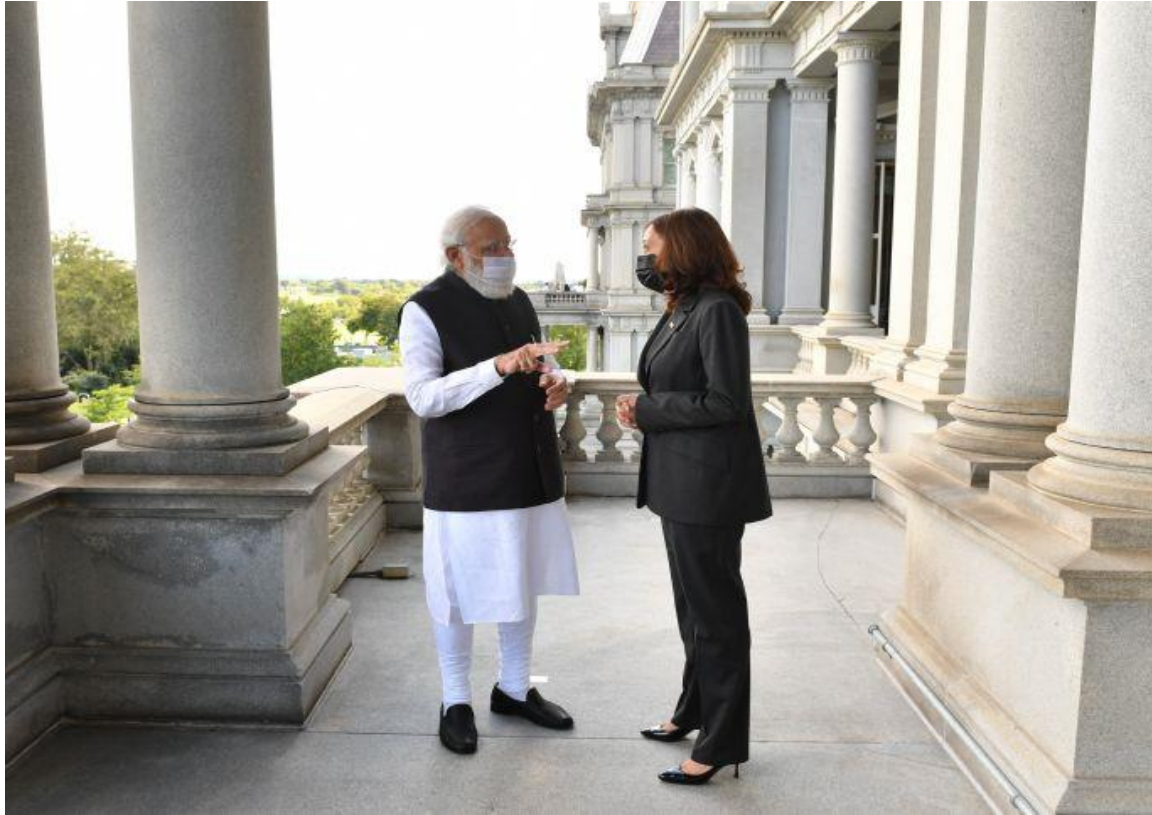
The Leaders affirmed a clear vision that will guide the U.S.-India relationship forward: building a strategic partnership and working together with regional groupings, including ASEAN and Quad members, to promote shared interests in the Indo-Pacific region and beyond; developing a

trade and investment partnership that increases prosperity for working families in both countries; finishing the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and other health challenges; galvanizing global efforts to scale up climate action; strengthening democratic values and institutions in support of our respective peoples; and enhancing people-to-people ties that have made both countries stronger.

The Leaders determined that the Taliban must abide by UNSC Resolution 2593 (2021), which demands that Afghan territory must never again be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan or finance terrorist attacks, and underscored the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan. They called on the Taliban to remain to their commitments, respect the human rights of all Afghans, and allow unhindered humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan.

Prime Minister's meeting with USA Vice President Kamala Harris





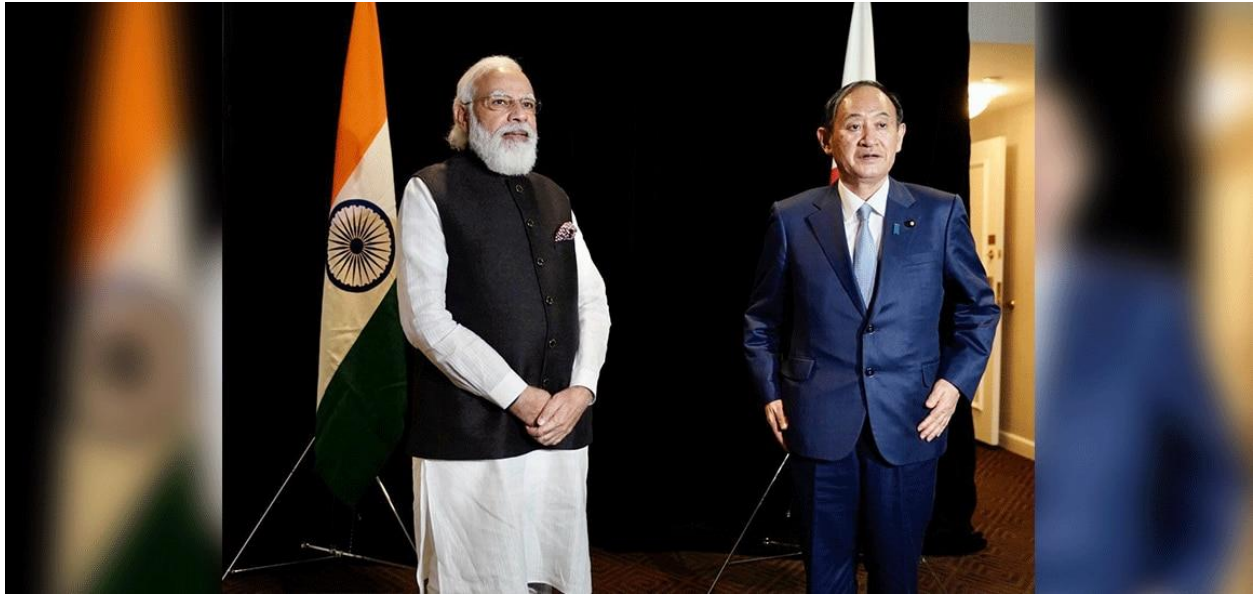
Both the leaders have exchanged views on recent global developments including **Afghanistan**, Discussion on renewable energy (India's National Hydrogen Mission), and Noted future areas of cooperation: Space, Emerging & Critical technologies, IT, Acknowledged the vibrant people to people linkages.

Furthermore, the two leaders discussed the COVID-19 situation in their respective countries, including ongoing efforts to contain the pandemic through expedited vaccination efforts, and ensuring supply of critical medicines, therapeutics and healthcare equipment.

P.M Modi said that her Vice-Presidency is a historic occasion and has inspired millions of people across the world. He also recalled Vice President's kind words of solidarity when India was battling a tough wave of Covid-19 infections.

After PM Modi's engagement with US Vice President Kamala Harris, Harris called upon Pakistan to act against terrorist groups operating from its soil to ensure they do not threaten the security of both the United States and India and underscored the need to closely monitor Islamabad's support for terrorism.

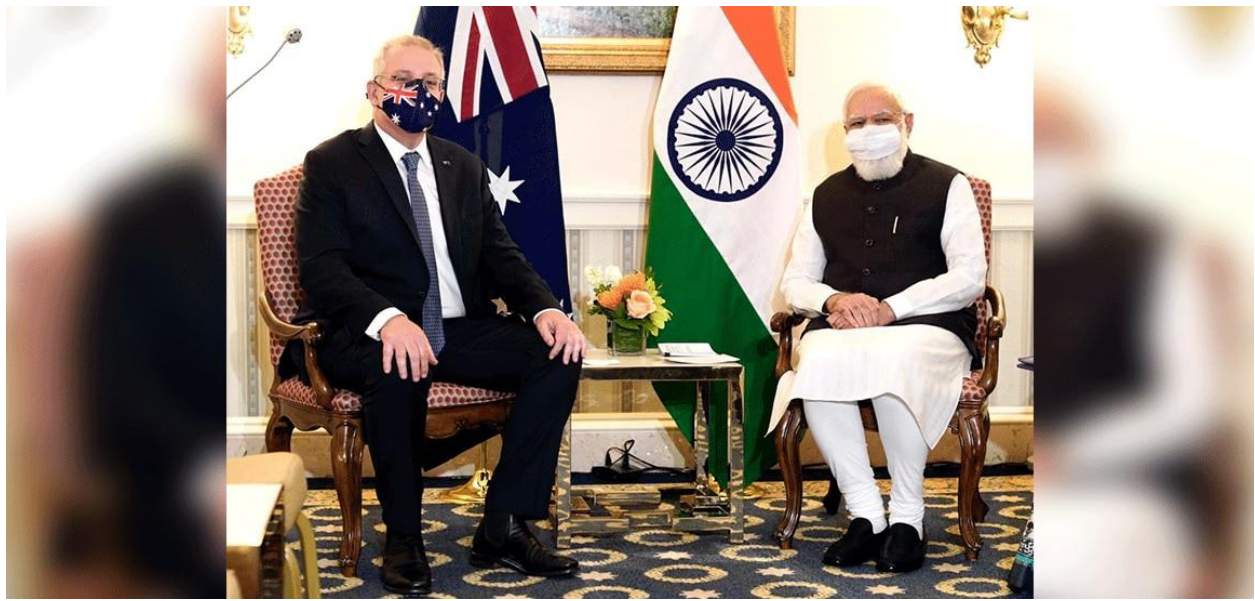
Meeting of Prime Minister Shri Modi with the Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and PM Yoshihide Suga of Japan had a fruitful meeting in Washington DC. Both leaders held discussions on several issues including ways to give further impetus to trade and cultural ties.

The two Prime Ministers reaffirmed their commitment to advance efforts to facilitate the smooth and timely implementation of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) project. The leaders also welcomed the progress in bilateral developmental projects in India's North Eastern Region under the India-Japan Act East Forum, and noted possibilities for further enhancement of such cooperation.

Meeting with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison



The two leaders discussed a broad range of issues of bilateral, regional and global importance. During the meeting, both leaders noted the regular high-level engagements between India and Australia, including the recently held first India-Australia foreign and defence ministers' 2+2 dialogue.

The two leaders have reviewed the progress achieved under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, Future cooperation in Clean Technology, Broader dialogue on environment protection, Committed to achieve early harvest announcement on an interim Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement by Dec, 2021

After meeting with the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, **Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison tweeted**, "Great to meet with my good friend and a great friend of Australia, Indian PM Narendra Modi, during my visit to the US. A wide-ranging and productive discussion ahead of

the first in-person Quad meeting as we look to further deepen the partnership between our two countries”.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Mr. Stephen Schwarzman, Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder of Blackstone



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Mr. Stephen Schwarzman, Chairman, CEO and Co-Founder of Blackstone. Mr. Schwarzman briefed the Prime Minister about Blackstone’s ongoing projects in India, and their interest in further investments in the infrastructure and real estate sectors. Promising investment opportunities in India including those under National Infrastructure Pipeline and National Monetisation Pipeline were also discussed.

The CEO noted that Blackstone has already invested \$60bn in India and planning another \$40bn in another 5 years.

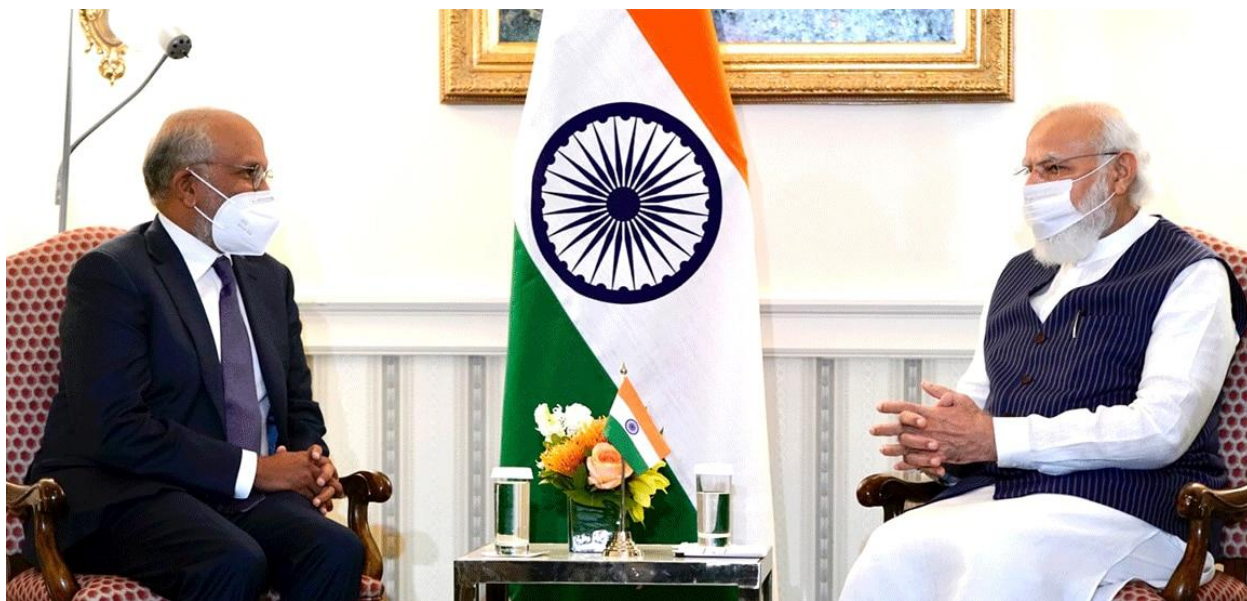
Meeting of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with Mr. Cristiano Amon, CEO of Qualcomm



During the meeting, they discussed investment opportunities offered in India's telecommunications and electronics sector. This included the recently launched Production Linked Incentive Scheme (PLI) for Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) as well as developments in the semiconductor supply chain in India. Strategies for building the local innovation ecosystem in India were also discussed.

CEO congratulated Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for the successful approach of driving economic growth through Make in India. CEO also noted that the company has employed over 12,000 employees in advanced R&D from India.

**Meeting of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with Mr. Shantanu Narayen, President
and CEO of Adobe**



They discussed Adobe's ongoing collaboration and future investment plans in India. Discussions also focused on India's flagship programme Digital India, and use of emerging technologies in sectors like health, education and R&D.

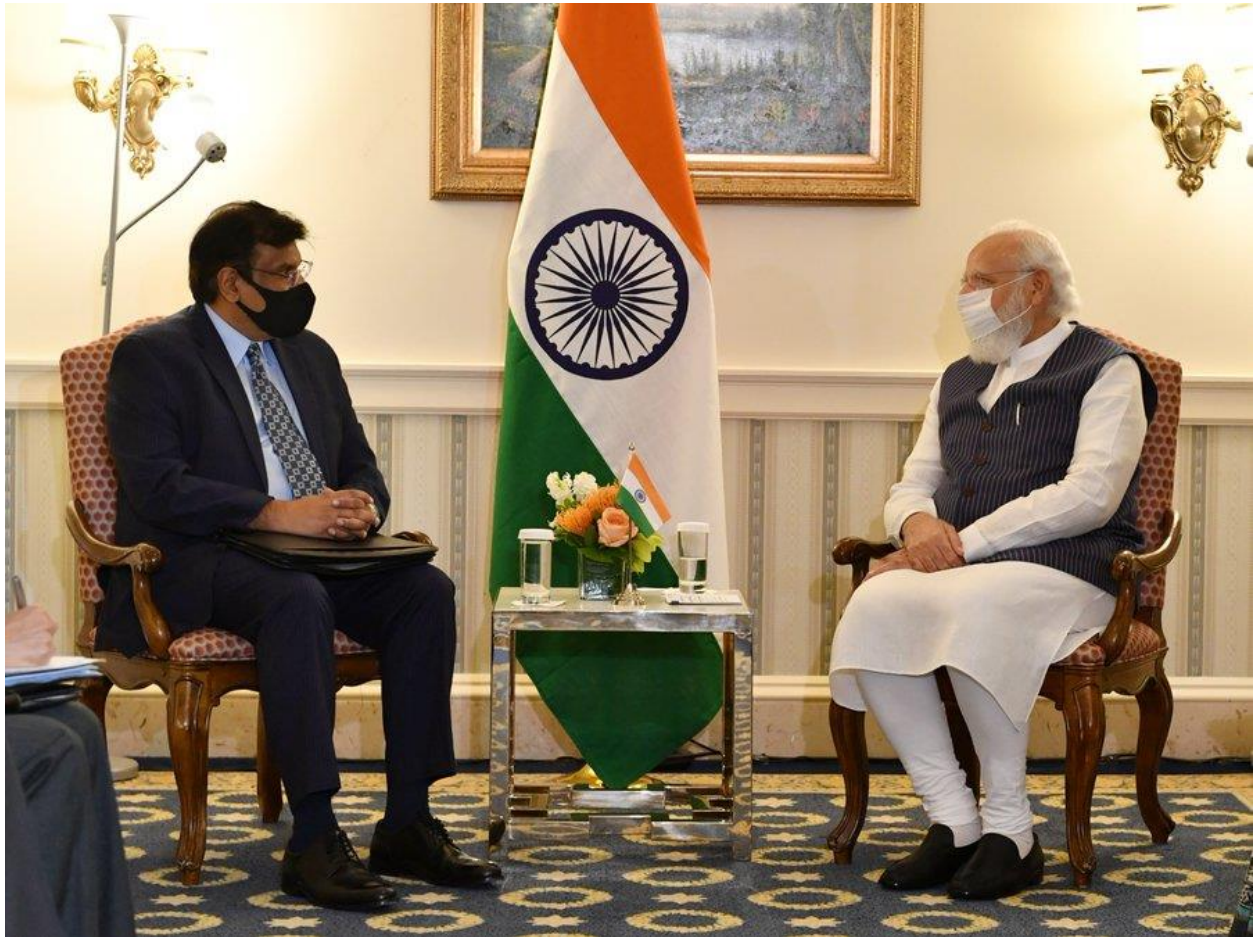
CEO said about Artificial Intelligence, 5G and its uses, importance of creativity & Start-Ups. He also appreciated conducive environment provided by the present government for Start-Ups & Unicorns. CEO expressed interest to contribute to India's 75th anniversary of independence. He also expressed a desire to bring video, animation to every child in India.

Meeting of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with Mr. Mark Widmar, CEO of First Solar



They talked about India's renewable energy landscape, particularly solar energy potential, and our target of 450 GW electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030. Discussions also took place about First Solar's interest in setting up manufacturing facilities in India using their unique thin-film technology by availing the recently launched Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme, as well integrating India into global supply chains.

**Meeting of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with Mr. Vivek Lall, Chief Executive of
General Atomics Global Corporation**



They Spoke about Strengthening defence technology sector in India through recent policy changes to accelerate defence and emerging technology and augment capacity building in India. They also discussed India's stride in Drone Technology including path breaking reforms and Production Linked Incentives Scheme He lauded the New Drone Policy of India formulated by the Modi govt. as it will catalyze interest and investment in India. He noted India as a promising destination for investment.



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