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Howdy Modi and Indo-US Relations

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Why Modi has invested in US Hindustan Times	Mr Modi's investment in the Trump relationship signals his recognition that the US is overwhelmingly India's primary international partner. It is India's main source of foreign capital, technology and investments. It remains the favoured destination of Indian students and immigrants. The US provides much of the cutting-edge technology for India's defence forces.
Performative bonhomie Perspective/US-India ties Arun K Singh India Today	The India-US relationship has consolidated steadily since 2000, across several changes of governments in both countries. Trump's personal presence in Houston is a signal that he is invested in taking it a notch higher, while also seeking political benefits for himself in the process.
Lockheed Martin submits a proposal to supply F-21s to Air Force Business Standard	American aerospace major Lockheed Martin has submitted a proposal evincing preliminary interest to supply F-21 fighter jets to the Air Force and winning the bid may result in it working with 400 local companies. The Air Force had sought request for information from vendors from across the world to supply 114 modern fighter planes, in a contract that is pegged at USD 18 billion.
Howdy Modi, and what it means for Indo-US relations Money Control	There has certainly been a <u>metamorphosis</u> in this relationship since the Bush and Obama years. Just as there has been a studied change in the casting of Modi from a politician to now a statesman. How much does Modi need the blessing of the US, and how much does India still need to rely on the US for its own economic benefits?
India And The US Should Strike Energy Deal Of Century Todd Royal Eurasia Review	Modi was also expected to meet with some of America's largest energy executives. Combined with Trump's energy plan where the U.S. is the world's largest producer of oil and natural gas this is a boom for "energy-starved India." Now is the time to strike the grand energy deal of the century for low emitting, abundant, scalable, affordable, reliable, and flexible natural gas-fired power plants (NGFPP) be provided to India. Only the U.S. was able to meet the Kyoto environmental protocols to limit emissions by using NGFPP over coal-fired plants for electricity.

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Spectacle diplomacy can be a letdown without real gains The Times of India	Donald Trump and Narendra Modi are both consummate TV-era politicians, adept at playing the <u>prime time game</u> . As they clasped hands and walked around, Indo-US relations became a media spectacle. Modi has already likened his rule to a "full film", where the first 100 days were only a "trailer".
PM Modi interacts with over 40 global CEOs Business Today	Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with over 40 business leaders and American CEOs, highlighting the steps taken by India to build a USD <u>5 trillion economy</u> . Before his meeting with the top CEOs, Modi delivered the keynote address at the Bloomberg Global Business Forum on the third day of engagements during his visit for the annual high-level UN General Assembly session.
'Howdy, Modi' tremendous display of bigger ideas, visionary leadership: top US diplomat Business Standard	Alice G Wells, the acting Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, said the strength of the Indian diaspora community in the United States is unparalleled. "Howdy, Modi was a tremendous display of big crowds, bigger ideas, and visionary leadership, Wells said in a tweet.
The diaspora power The New Indian Express	Modi's visit was marked with, it was the "soft power" of the Indian Diaspora, which the PM has been consistently using in India's interactions with the rest of the world increasingly successfully.
PM Modi cheers for Trump, saying 'Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar' The Week	"We in India connected well with President Trump and with the words of candidate Trump, 'Abki Baar, Trump Sarkar', rang loud and clear," Modi said. The slogan 'Abki Baar Trump Sarkar' was coined in 2016 by the Republican Hindu Coalition, which supported Trump and campaigned for him among the Indian-Americans.
Border security vital to both America and India: Donald Trump Deccan Chronicle	US President Donald Trump on Sunday, September 22, vowed to protect innocent civilians from the threat of radical Islamic terrorism and said border security is vital to both America and India as he emphasised on bolstering further the Indo-US security relationship.
India's honour has increased globally: Modi The Asian Age	Addressing the gathering at the airport, Mr Modi said, "I am thankful that so many of you are here and through you, I want to bow down to the people of the 130 crore Indians. In 2014 too, after winning the elections went to the UN in the US. And have now gone in 2019. I have felt the difference, the honour of the country has increased in the eyes of the international community as well as the leaders of foreign nations.
PM Narendra Modi- Donald Trump joint address in Houston underscores growing strategic significance of US-India ties: Foreign media Hindustan Times	"The joint appearance also underscores the growing strategic significance of US-India ties. The world's two largest democracies are a vital check on China's ambitions to dominate the Asia-Pacific region, as Mr Trump recognises and Barack Obama did as well," The Wall Street Journal said in an op-ed, hours after the two leaders' historic address at the energy capital of the world.

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Indian-Americans believe	Dallas-based Ashok Mago said that 'Howdy, Modi' is an
'Howdy, Modi' would take India-	opportunity for the two leaders to showcase to the world the
US ties to new level	shared values and principles of the two largest democratic
Business Line	countries of the world. "This meeting has great significance,"
	Mago said.