



## Taking India-U.S. Ties to the Next Level

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit the U.S. on an Official State Visit from 21-23 June, 2023. PM Modi has visited the U.S. six times since 2014, meeting three presidents: Barack Obama, Donald Trump and Joe Biden, but the upcoming visit will be his first Official State Visit, an honour reserved for America's closest allies and friends. The various topics on the agenda for discussion include defence, security and trade-related issues.

This edition of CUTS Occasional News Wrap (ONW) reflects on the upcoming three-day visit of PM Modi with compilation of news and articles which highlight the developments covered in print and electronic media. This is the first of a series of three CUTS ONWs covering PM Modi's landmark visit to the U.S.

News/Op-ed	Key Takeaway
<b>India-U.S. relationship is a defining strategic partnership</b> The Economic Times June 16, 2023	India-U.S. relationship is a defining <a href="#">strategic partnership</a> (Paywall) and an evolving one, and not transactional said Pradeep S. Mehta, Secretary General, CUTS International at a webinar on U.S. India relations organised to generate inputs for both the governments in the context of the upcoming visit of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi to the U.S.
<b>PM Narendra Modi's State Visit an opportunity to work on India-U.S. trade relations: U.S. lawmaker Ami Bera</b> Reena Bhardwaj ANI June 16, 2023	U.S. Representative Ami Bera while speaking to ANI, said, "I think it's an important visit at this moment in time. You are seeing the U.S.-India relationship grow, obviously, there are geopolitical challenges within Asia and so forth, and then India is also a rising economic power. So, I think there is an opportunity to work on the <a href="#">U.S.-India trade relationship</a> ."
<b>India and the U.S.' Good Bet: One year of the U.S.-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET)</b> Konark Bhandari, Arun Singh, Rudra Chaudhuri Carnegie India June 12, 2023	In the third week of June 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be in Washington D.C. for a state visit hosted by President Joe Biden. Predictably, officials on both sides are fixated on "deliverables." Presumably, negotiators are engaged in debating every word in the joint statement to be issued by the leaders during the visit. This includes developments in the <a href="#">U.S.-India initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology</a> (iCET).
<b>Defence, critical tech on agenda as PM Narendra Modi heads to U.S. for landmark visit</b> Deccan Herald June 20, 2023	The visit is expected to give India access to <a href="#">critical American technologies</a> , Washington rarely shares with non-allies, strengthening a new bond that is underpinned by not just global politics but also business and economics. Washington and New Delhi, whose relationship was marked by mutual suspicion during the Cold War, have been moving closer for over two decades now with successive U.S. presidents displaying bipartisan support for stronger ties with the emerging Asian economy and regional power.

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<b>Here's why Democrats and Republicans welcome a visit from right-wing Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi</b> <i>Miles J. Herszenhorn</i> USA Today June 20, 2023	President Joe Biden and congressional leaders will roll out the red carpet for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 22, 2023, as the right-wing <a href="#">Hindu nationalist leader</a> arrives for an official state visit to the U.S. Modi will address a joint session of Congress and will be feted at a White House state dinner a diplomatic honour usually reserved for close allies.
<b>Why PM's sixth visit to the U.S. is even more significant than past trips</b> First Post June 19, 2023	After Manmohan Singh in November 2009, this is the first time that an Indian leader is being invited for a State Visit to the U.S. For the uninitiated, a State Visit is <a href="#">rare, exceptional and prestigious</a> . A State Visit is seen as the highest form of expression of friendly bilateral ties. According to U.S. diplomatic policy, the president can host no more than one leader from any nation once every four years.
<b>Indian Prime Minister Modi to visit the U.S.</b> <i>Ayesha Rascoe</i> National Public Radio (NPR) June 18, 2023	NPR's Ayesha Rascoe speaks to Seema Sirohi – a columnist for The Economic Times about Indian Prime Minister <a href="#">Narendra Modi's state visit to the U.S.</a> . The White House will roll out the red carpet for a crucial Asian ally.
<b>PM Modi U.S. visit: Date, full schedule, events and agenda</b> The Times of India June 18, 2023	Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to the U.S. is being hailed as a watershed moment in <a href="#">Indo-U.S. ties</a> that may see several pacts inked for better cooperation across sectors, including defence and critical technologies.
<b>PM Modi's visit to U.S. to set new benchmarks for bilateral ties</b> India Today June 09, 2023	Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the U.S. will set <a href="#">new benchmarks for bilateral ties</a> and some "really big, historic and exciting" announcements are likely to be made on defence cooperation and boosting India's indigenous military industrial base, the Pentagon has said.
<b>Ahead of PM Modi's State Visit, U.S. says, 'Partnership with India one of the most consequential relationships'</b> The Indian Express June 07, 2023	U.S. Principal Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel has said the U.S. and India share one of the most <a href="#">consequential relationships</a> , and the countries look forward to deepening their collaboration on a number of issues such as climate crisis, trade and economic ties.

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