

Australia:

Part 3: Three Nation Visit of Modi: May 19-24

May 25, 2023

May 24, 2023: Sydney: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet, " From productive talks with PM Anthony Albanese to a historic community programme, from meeting business leaders to eminent Australians from different walks of life, it's been an important visit which will boost the friendship between India and Australia."



Sydney: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and PM Narendra Modi

The visit to Australia was scheduled jointly with an in-person QUAD meeting. However, after President Joe Biden had to pull out due to Budget issues in Washington DC, the venue of the QUAD meeting was changed to Hiroshima. For India, relationship with Australia is probably even more important than its presence in QUAD. So, Modi decided not to cancel his visit.

22nd May 2023: PM Narendra Modi arrived in Sydney from Papua New Guinea on Monday night.

23rd May 2023: On Tuesday, Modi was welcomed by about 20,000 supporters of Indian diaspora at the 21,000-capacity **Qudos Bank Arena in Sydney Olympic Park**, one of the city's biggest indoor stadiums.

Note: The Indian diaspora accounts for only 3% of Australia's population.



May 23, 2023: Prime Ministers Modi and Albanese with Indian Diaspora
23rd May 2023: PM Narendra Modi interacted with Professor Toby Walsh. They discussed about AI, India's digital payments system UPI and the country's growing innovation ecosystem.



May 23, 2023: Professor Toby Walsh with Narendra Modi
Toby Walsh is Chief Scientist at UNSW's new AI Institute. He is a Laureate Fellow and Scientia Professor of Artificial Intelligence in the School of Computer Science

and Engineering at University of New South Wales (UNSW) Sydney, and he is also an adjunct fellow at the **data and digital specialist arm** (called Data61) of the **Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization** (CSIRO) Data61. He has been elected a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, a fellow of the ACM, the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) and of the European Association for Artificial Intelligence. He has won the prestigious Humboldt Prize He has played a leading role at the UN and other public fora on the campaign to ban lethal autonomous weapons (aka "**killer robots**"). (Reference: <https://www.cse.unsw.edu.au/~tw/#SnippetTab>)

24th May 2023: The prime Ministers of Australia and India struck two important agreements on migration and Green Hydrogen.

- The migration agreement will promote two-way mobility of students, graduates, academic researchers and business people.
- A **bilateral Green Hydrogen Task Force** is to be set up for promoting cooperation on producing Hydrogen without use of fossil fuels.

Modi also raised the issue of **attacks on temples in Australia** with Albanese, who assured him that authorities would take “strict actions” against the culprits.

“We will not accept any elements that harm the friendly and warm ties between India and Australia by their actions or thoughts,” Modi told reporters in a joint press conference with Albanese.

Note: Please visit <https://diginews360.com/3rd-in-person-quad-meeting-at-hiroshima/> for opening statements of the QUAD Leaders of May 20, 2023.

Please read important parts of the Communique issued after the QUAD meeting at Hiroshima at <https://diginews360.com/quad-leaders-joint-statement-may-20/> .

Please read about “PM Narendra Modi’s visit to Papua New Guinea” at <https://diginews360.com/three-nation-visit-of-modi-papua-new-guinea/>
