

## **Indian PM in at Washington DC: Dinner at White House**

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**June 21, 2023:** Washington DC: President Joe Biden and the First Lady hosted a private dinner at White House for PM Narendra Modi. Dr. Jill Biden had Pasta and Ice Cream, that is favourite of Narendra Modi. Naturally the two leaders had conversation on several subjects during the dinner.



*President Joe Biden and the First Lady host Narendra Modi at a Private Dinner*

The two leaders also exchanged gifts for each other.

The PM gave a 7.5 carat green diamond to **Lady Jill Biden**. The diamond reflects earth-mined diamonds' chemical and optical properties. But it is developed in a laboratory in an eco-friendly way, as eco-diversified resources like solar and wind power were used in its making.

The Green Diamond is placed in a special box, prepared by using the traditional craft of 'Kari-kalamdani' from Kashmir (known in France as 'papier mache' craft).

(Reference: <https://medium.com/@Ajarak/paper-mache-67a51bad7eda>)



*Eco-friendly Green Diamond*



*Hand-crafted papier-mache box*

For President Biden, the gift was a a hand-crafted box, made of Mysore's sandalwood. The Master craftsman of Jaipur has etched animals and plants on the box.



The box contains the following traditional offerings (called 'Das Dan'):

A small statute of Ganpati and a traditional lamp – both made of silver by a craftsman of Calcutta. The craftsman belongs to fifth generation of a family, which has been engaged in the delicate art-form.

The box also has the following

- In place of cow, a hand-crafted silver coconut, made by master craftsmen of West Bengal
- In place of land, a piece of sweet-smelling piece of Mysore's sandalwood
- White sesame seeds of Tamil Nadu
- 24 carat pure golden coin, with Hallmark, hand-crafted in Rajasthan
- 99.5% pure silver coin, with Hallmark, hand-crafted in Rajasthan
- Sweets from Gujarat

**Ajit Doval**, Indian National Security Adviser and **Jack Sullivan**, the US NSA were also present.

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**June 21, 2023:** Washington DC: Promoting Vocational Education and Skill Development among youth: **The First Lady Dr. Jill Biden** and **PM Narendra Modi** participated in a unique program on collaborative efforts aimed at creating **workforce for the future**. PM highlighted various initiatives undertaken by India to promote education, research & entrepreneurship.





The Prime Minister along with **Dr. Jill Biden**, the First Lady, visited the office of **National Science Foundation**, located at Alexandria, Virginia. The PM said that India and USA are 'inclusive' countries and can collaborate to become the **engines for sustainable growth**.

**June 21, 2023:** Washington DC: **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** reached Washington DC. The PM received a **ceremonial welcome** and **guard of honour** as he set foot at the **Joint Base Andrews airport** in Washington DC.



*June 21, 2023: At Blair House, Washington DC*



*June 21: PM Narendra Modi at the Andrews airport, Washington DC*

