

## **Indian PM at White House: State Dinner**

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**June 22, 2023:** Washington DC: **State Dinner:** "Two great nations, two great friends, and two great powers. Cheers," President Joe Biden told Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a toast at a state dinner. Modi said in reply: "You are soft spoken, but when it comes to action, you are very strong."



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*Reference:* <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/06/22/white-house-releases-state-dinner-guest-list-2/>

For the first time, White House hosted a State Dinner, which was entirely plant-based. Bidens did it because the Guest of Honor for the evening, Narendra Modi, is

strictly vegetarian. Millet was a main feature of the menu, since India has declared 2023 as the Year of the Millet.

"We have curated a menu that showcases the best in American cuisine also then seasoned with Indian elements and flavors," **Chef Nina Curtis**, who was brought in as a guest chef for the dinner, told reporters. Curtis specializes in plant-based cuisine.

The state dinner, held in a large, well-decorated tent on the White House South Lawn, featured a number of Silicon Valley executives on the guest list, including Apple's Tim Cook, Mr. Satya Nadella & Mrs. Anu Nadella, Mr. Sunil Wadhvani & Mrs. Nita Wadhvani, 23andMe CEO Anne Wojcicki, Google CEO Sundar Pichai and & Mrs. Anjali Pichai, OpenAI CEO Sam Altman, Ms. Indra Nooyi & Mr. Raj Nooyi, Mr. Mukesh Ambani & Ms. Nita Ambani of Reliance Industries, Mr. Anand Mahindra, Dr. Hiren Joshi, Officer on Special Duty, Republic of India among its 400 guests.

With the slightly Indian-accented dinner, the Bidens followed a White House tradition of serving guests from abroad food that has faint echoes of home with a strong American bent.

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