Indo-US Relations: Modi's State Visit_ Part 1

July 5, 2023

Note: Part 1 states some of the facts about the visit. Part 2 will present our analysis.

July 5, 2023: New Delhi: On Thursday, June 22-23, U.S. **President Joe Biden** met India's **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on an **official state visit** in Washington D.C.

Note: Please see at https://diginews360.com/pm-modi-yoga-day-at-unmeetings-at-ny-june-20-21/ for Yoga day at New York: at https://diginews360.com/indian-pm-in-at-washington-dc-dinner-at-whitehouse/ about PM Modi at Washington D.C. on 21st June; at https://diginews360.com/indian-pm-in-white-house-address-at-us-congress/ about Modi's welcome at South Lawns of White House, about Modi's address at the Capitol to a joint session of Congress, and about Biden-Modi talks at White House, and, at https://diginews360.com/indian-pm-at-white-house-joint-pressconference/ about the Joint Press Conference of President Biden and PM Modi at White House.

On 21st June, **Dr Jill Biden**, the First Lady, had met PM Modi at a **Seminar on Skill Development at Washington D.C**. and on a **visit to the NSF office**. Bidens had also invited Modi to White House for a **private dinner**.

The visit was **highly successful** in bringing India and USA closer for pursuing a *positive route* together. It also showed two faces of not only the Democratic party but *probably* also of the Deep State of USA. Both India and the Biden Administration will have to ensure that minor difficulties do not divert USA and India towards a *negative route*.



BACKGROUND of the STATE VISIT: While Modi had visited the U.S. many times before June 21, 2023, most recently for a three-day visit in September 2021, where he held a bilateral meeting with Biden—this was the first time the Prime Minister's visit was categorized as the **highest ranked visit according to diplomatic protocol**. (The last state visit to the U.S. by an Indian leader was by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in November 2009.)

Just before PM Modi embarked on the visit, **Karine Jean-Pierre**, the White House Press Secretary had said," The visit will strengthen our two countries' **shared commitment to a free, open, prosperous and secure Indo-Pacific** and our shared resolve to elevate our **strategic technology partnership, including in defence, clean energy, and space.**"

In May, India joined Biden's 14-member Indo-Pacific Economic Framework, which primarily aims at reducing China's economic dominance through chipping away the world's dependence on China's huge manufacturing system, but without drawing up a formal trade agreement. The U.S. has encouraged investments by American companies for setting up a semiconductor and chip manufacturing ecosystem in India, as a way to decrease dependence on Chinese manufacturing.

Milan Vaishnav, the **Director of the South Asia Program at Carnegie**, said," The United States has really oriented a lot of its domestic and foreign policy around this question of, 'how do we counter the **Chinese challenge**?'"

In the weeks leading up to Modi's visit, both the **U.S. Secretary of Defence Lloyd Austin** and **National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan** made trips to New Delhi in an attempt to cut through the red tape to secure deals.

Before the visit, **Sullivan**, along with India's National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval**, had unveiled an ambitious roadmap for Indo-U.S. collaboration in specific high-technology areas, including semiconductors, next-generation telecommunication, artificial intelligence and defence. ---By **Dr K N Mistry**

<u>www.DiGiNews360.com</u> believes that if executive officers in States and at the Central levels in India prove to be as intelligent as those in China were from 1985 to 2008, the **policy agreements between Biden and Modi** can **strengthen India's hard power** capabilities and increase **India's manufacturing base**.

ANTI-INDIAN FORCES in India: Plans for acquisition of MQ-9B armed Predator Drones by Indian Armed Forces have evoked concern among security experts in Pakistan and China.

President Joe Biden is setting up an 'Alliance' of Democracies to face the dictatorial regimes of the world, led by China. Today, India has the most vibrant democracy of the world, including the democracy in USA, weakened by Wokes. So, India should be a natural partner in the Alliance.

China and Pakistan do not want a strategic relationship to develop between India and USA. Hence, **India's JaiChands** have become active to block or at least to delay the deals for acquisition of modern arms for India's defence. They have also mounted a big campaign to spread the canard of democracy not being safe in India under **Narendra Modi**, while the truth is that **the leftists** and parties like **Indian National Congress** (INC) and **All India Trinamool Congress** have worked to emasculate democracy in India, whenever or wherever they have come to power.

-- Campaign to Spread the Canard of Democracy not being Safe in India -- February 28, 2023: Cambridge University, UK: Rahul Gandhi (Leader of INC) tried to establish his false thesis against Narendra Modi by using the shoulders of terrorists for firing his gun. On Tuesday, he called out a Sikh from among the audience and said that Sikhs have been rendered second-class citizens in India by the Narendra Modi government.

During the talk, Rahul Gandhi also made a sweeping claim that Muslims in India are also 'second class citizens' according to Narendra Modi.

SIKHS: The facts are that while Modi has worked hard to give to **Sikhs a place of pride** in his version of Indian History, INC had behaved like a wounded mafia after the killing of Indira Gandhi by a Sikh terrorist on October 31, 1984. In the earlier years, the INC government:

- first permitted terrorism to grow by not acting for years, when Bhindrawale was selectively killing prominent Hindus to drive Hindus out of Punjab by striking fear and
- -then became heavy-handed, during the operation Blue Star from June 1-10, 1984, when Bhindrawale had grown to become dangerous for India.

MUSLIMS: Since 15th August 1947, INC's left wing has always put itself as the sole protector of Islam in a Hindu majority country. This has permitted INC to garner the Muslim votes, without any efforts. This has also created a mind-set among Muslims of not participating in all the different strands of politics in India. During

the 21 months of emergency, when INC had absolute power, INC rode roughshod on the feelings of Muslims in the old city near Daryaganj, Delhi for widening roads and for forcing family planning for smaller families. This pushed Muslims towards some regional parties in many States. But the recent elections of 10th May 2023 in Karnataka State showed that Muslims had again started coming back to INC.

June 4, 2023: New York: Rahul Gandhi was in USA on a 3-city tour with speaking engagements at Stanford University in California and the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in addition to his bigger program at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan, organized by the Indian Overseas Congress USA. He called on Indians in the U.S. to stand up for democracy in India and the Indian constitution. He said that Modi does not know about the Indian values of tolerance for minorities etc.

In May 2014, when Modi won a Parliamentary majority for the first time, after defeating Rahul Gandhi's party, a Committee of INC, headed by a veteran leader **A.K. Antony**, Defence Minister of India in the INC government till May 2014, reported that the defeat was because people believed that Narendra Modi represented Indian values and traditions. The Report said that people looked on INC as an anti-Hindu organization. **Since then, Rahul Gandhi and his sister have started visiting temples during election tours**.

June 15, 2023: Cambridge University: The anti-India campaign in UK was carried forward by another opposition Leader, Atishi Marlena, Education Minister in the government of Delhi State, ruled by Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). Speaking at the conference on 'India at 100; Towards becoming a global leader', she mentioned about the number of poor people going hungry had risen during the last two years. She forgot the fact that Modi government has been supplying free foodgrains to 800 million poor persons of India so that no one would go hungry due to disruptions, caused by Covid-19. Atishi had used some older data of UNDP to support her claims. Shoko Noda, the UNDP Resident Representative in India said, "Compared to 2019, the impact of inequality on human development is lower. India is bridging the human development gap between men and women faster than the world." Noda underlined, "This development has come at a smaller cost to the environment.

..... to be continued as Part 2