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Article For Reading –Visit wrap-up: On PM Modi's U.S. visit, announcements

The Modi U.S. visit announcements will see New Delhi being put to the test

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's three-day visit to the U.S was marked by high-level meetings that had a three-part focus. He spent one day at the Quad and in bilateral meetings with U.S. President Joseph Biden, a day in New York with business leaders and the diaspora, and another day at the UN and in bilateral meetings. The Quad Summit, delayed due to political cycles in the four member countries, was more **substantive** than expected for a farewell meeting (Mr. Biden and Japan's Fumio Kishida will soon **degit** office). The joint statement was noted for its sharp language on Chinese aggression in the South China Sea, as well as on Russia's **invasion** of Ukraine, where the leaders **upheld** the UN charter on sovereignty and territorial integrity. The announcement of initiatives aimed at countering Chinese actions will no doubt raise Beijing's **ire**: a "Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission" for 2025, a Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI) and a "maritime legal dialogue" to support the "rules-based order".

However, India's hesitation in joining other Quad militaries in contested waters in the Pacific Ocean remains, and India's presidency of the Quad next year will show whether those are overcome. Quad countries also committed to a "Cancer Moonshot" to fight cancer, an initiative that can draw lessons from the troubled Quad vaccine initiative. India and the U.S. Were able to announce progress on many strategic fronts including a military partnership for semiconductor fabrication and India acquiring predator drones. However, the ties faced unspoken tensions over the **lingering** effect of the Pannun case, including summons issued for NSA Ajit Doval in a civil suit and a White House meeting with Sikh activists who have campaigned against India — all before Mr. Modi's arrival. The message from Washington appears to be that the Pannun case cannot be **overlooked**.

Mr. Modi's message at the UN as well as in bilateral meetings with leaders including Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy was watched closely given recent moves hinting at India's involvement in a peace process. While Mr. Modi gave no further indication of such a plan, his discussions with Mr. Zelenskyy centred around a possible second peace summit. At a diaspora event, Mr. Modi said that India is now a "strong voice" of the Global South, and was taking up the concerns of the developing world on the conflict with the global leadership.

The next few months will see New Delhi tested not only on those **lofty** ideals and ambition for peace but also on actualising the many announcements made during the visit.

Summary –

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent three-day visit to the U.S. involved key meetings focusing on the Quad alliance, business engagement, and the United Nations. The Quad Summit featured strong language against Chinese aggression in the South China Sea and support for Ukraine, alongside new initiatives like a "Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission" and a maritime legal dialogue aimed at promoting a rules-based order. Despite this, India's reluctance to join military actions in the Pacific remains a concern.

Progress was made on strategic partnerships, including semiconductor collaboration and predator drone acquisition, but underlying tensions persisted due to the Pannun case, which involves legal actions against Indian officials and Sikh activists' criticisms. At the UN, Modi discussed India's potential role in peace efforts, particularly regarding Ukraine, and emphasized India's position as a strong voice for the Global South. His statements underscored the importance of collective strength for global success, setting the stage for New Delhi to demonstrate its commitment to the initiatives announced during the visit.

Vocabulary –

1. Substantive (Adj) मुख्य, वास्तविक , ठोस-

Meaning- Something that is important, essential, or having a firm basis in reality.

Synonyms – Substantial, Significant, Concrete.

Antonyms – Insubstantial, Superficial, Trivial.

Eg- The Committee has a substantial discussion about the budget.

2. Demit (Verb) छोड़ देना, त्यागना –

Meaning – To resign or relinquish.

Synonyms – Quit, Abdicate, Relinquish.

Antonyms – Retain, Accept, Assume(a position).

E.g.- John decided to demit his position of CEO to focus on his personal venture.

3. Invasion (Noun) आक्रमण –

Meaning – An instance of entering a place, especially in large numbers, often with hostile intent.

Synonyms – Attack, Incursion, Assault.

Antonyms – Retreat, Protection, Defence.

E.g.- The invasion of Normandy during World War was a crucial turning point in the war.

4. Ire (Noun) क्रोध –

Meaning – to intense anger or wrath

Synonyms – Fury, Rage, Indignation.

Antonyms – Serenity, Contentment, Composure.

E.g.- The manager's decision to cut benefits raised the ire of the employees.

5. Upheld (Verb) समर्थन, सही ठहराना -

Past tense of the verb 'uphold'

Meaning – To maintain and support something, such as a principal, law or decision.

Synonyms – supported, sustained, endorsed.

Antonyms – abandoned, rejected, invalidated.

E.g.- the court upheld the lower courts decision, affirming the ruling.

6. Lingering (Adj, Verb) मंडरा रहा है, बना हुआ है।

Meaning – something that last for a long time. It can describe feelings, scents, or situations that remains in a noticeable way.

Synonyms – Persisting, Tarrying, Prolonged.

Antonyms – Departing, Leaving, Disappearing.

E.g.- After the party, a lingering smell of perfume filled the room.

7. Overlooked (Verb) अनदेखा, नजर अंदाज

Meaning – something that has been missed, ignored, often unintentionally.

Synonyms – Ignored, Neglected, Bypassed.

Antonyms – Noticed, Acknowledged, Recognised.

E.g.- She overlooked the small details in her report.

8. Lofty (Adj) महान, ऊंचा-

Meaning – describing ideals, goals, or attitudes that are noble, elevated or grand.

Synonyms – High, Exalted, Noble.

Antonyms – Low, Ordinary, Inferior.

E.g.- she has lofty ambitions of becoming a leader in her field.