

Trump, Modi discuss Immigration, Trade, and Security



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Since assuming office on January 20, President Donald Trump has issued several executive orders targeting undocumented immigrants in the U.S., marking the beginning of a broad crackdown.

Among the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S., approximately 725,000 are Indian nationals, according to the Pew Research Center.

India's foreign ministry recently stated its readiness to accept Indian nationals overstaying

abroad, provided their nationality is verified and documents are shared.

In a phone call on Monday, Trump and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed a range of bilateral issues, including technology, trade, investment, energy, and defense. Security concerns in the Indo-Pacific, Middle East, and Europe were also key topics of discussion.

The White House highlighted Trump's emphasis on India increasing its procurement of U.S.-made security equipment and moving toward a more balanced trading relationship. Modi, in turn, expressed his commitment to a "mutually beneficial and trusted partnership" in a post on X (formerly Twitter), referring to Trump as a "dear friend."

Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing the strategic partnership between their nations and strengthening the Indo-Pacific Quad alliance, which includes Japan and Australia.

India is set to host Quad leaders for the first time later this year.

While Modi and Trump shared strong ties during the latter's first term, their relationship was tested by a tariff war that disrupted trade. Analysts note that the renewed camaraderie could pave the way for resolving lingering trade and immigration challenges.