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Indian PM Modi to visit U.S. for talks with President Trump



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Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit the United States from February 12-13 for talks with President Donald Trump, the Indian foreign ministry announced. Modi will be among the first world leaders to meet President Trump following his recent inauguration.

The visit comes as both leaders share a strong relationship, though they have not yet reached a breakthrough on the long-discussed U.S.-India trade deal. India's top diplomat, Vikram Misri, emphasized that the visit would provide a valuable opportunity to discuss key issues of mutual interest. Modi is set to hold a bilateral meeting with Trump, focusing on areas such as trade, investment, technology, defense cooperation, and security in the Indo-Pacific region.

Modi and Trump have shared a good rapport, with Modi being one of the first to congratulate Trump on his inauguration. Modi expressed hope for closer cooperation between the two nations, benefiting both countries and contributing to a better global future.

Although the leaders have enjoyed friendly relations in the past, with Modi visiting Trump in 2017 and 2019, trade has remained a point of contention. Trump recently urged Modi for fairer trade terms in a phone call. The two leaders also discussed strengthening the Quad grouping with Australia and Japan, seen as a counterbalance to China.

The meeting comes after the U.S. returned 104 Indian migrants, following Trump's overhaul of

immigration policy. India has expressed firm opposition to illegal migration, but acknowledges that deportations are not new. More than 15,000 Indians have been deported from the U.S. since 2009.