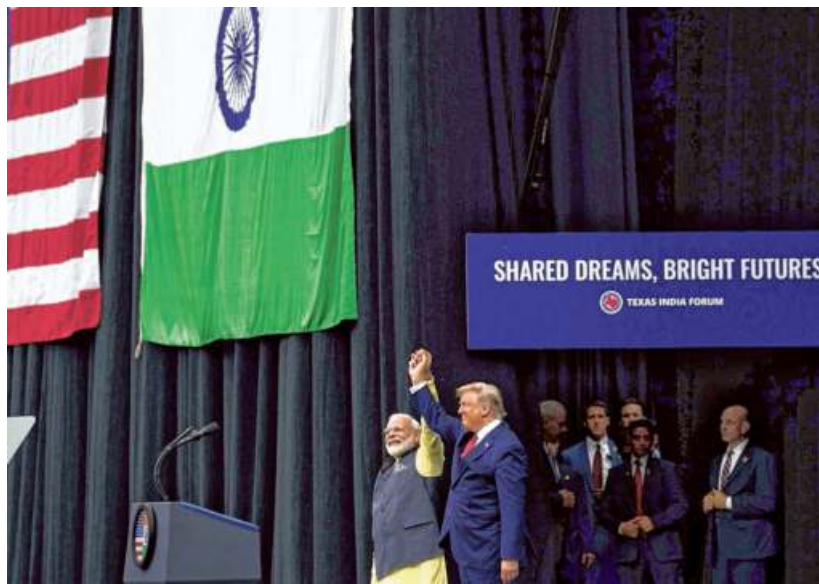




All that jazz: The 50,000-strong crowd at the NRG Stadium in Houston flashes the NaMo sign moments before the arrival of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Donald Trump, with folk artists pumping up the excitement levels. ■ NYT, PTI & AFP



IN BRIEF



**Houston's keys with PM**  
HOUSTON  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Sunday presented with the keys to Houston city by its Mayor Sylvester Turner on his arrival at the 'Howdy Modi' event here as a mark of respect and the long standing India-Houston ties.



**Dosti flag on lectern**  
HOUSTON  
In a rare move reflective of India-U.S. friendship, the Trump administration replaced the presidential seal with an "India-U.S. dosti flag" emblem on the presidential lectern. This was a pleasant surprise to many at the 'Howdy Modi' event.



**NBA game in Mumbai**  
HOUSTON  
The U.S. President on Sunday announced that India will soon have access to another world-class American product. "Next week, thousands of people will gather in Mumbai to watch the first-ever NBA basketball game in India," he said.



**Belated birthday wishes**  
HOUSTON  
U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday wished Prime Minister Modi a 'Happy Birthday' at the 'Howdy, Modi!' event. He turned 69 last week. Mr. Trump said this marked 'another milestone' for him. ■ PTI

# Ahead of 'Howdy, Modi!', India struck big-ticket LNG deal

Updating an MoU signed in February, Petronet to invest \$2.5 billion in Tellurian Inc., giving India access to up to 5 million tonnes of gas a year

**SUHASINI HAIDAR**  
HOUSTON  
Petronet, an Indian liquefied natural gas (LNG) importer, has decided to invest \$2.5 billion in American company Tellurian Inc., in an agreement that will give India access to up to five million tonnes of LNG a year.  
The MoU, an updated version of the one signed in February, was exchanged here by officials in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his first engagement after landing here. Under the agreement, the finalised deal is due to be completed by March 31, 2020.

environment," said Tellurian Inc. president and CEO Meg Gentle in a statement after signing the new MoU.  
Officials said that while the MoU still needed to be negotiated, the announcement had symbolic value at the start of the Prime Minister's visit to the U.S., showing India's intent to become a major energy buyer for American companies.  
Ahead of Sunday's rally with U.S. President Donald Trump, the Prime Minister met heads of 17 energy companies to speak about the potential of the Indian market and listened to their views on the challenges of supplying oil and also investing in India.  
According to a senior official, the companies were "appreciative" of India's purchases of U.S. oil and gas, which have more than dou-



PM Narendra Modi at a meeting with CEOs from the energy sector in Houston. ■ PTI

bled in the last year. They also pointed to certain systemic issues with the Indian market during the two-hour meet.  
Among the issues raised by the businessmen, who included the top leadership of ExxonMobil, BP, Schlum-

berger, Cheniere, Total and other big energy companies, were problems with arbitration and the dispute resolution mechanism in India.  
Some asked Mr. Modi to consider a unified Ministry for all energy issues instead of separate Ministries for Pe-

troleum and Natural Gas, coal and renewable energy to streamline processes.  
**Upbeat on economy**  
"The CEOs lauded the government's efforts towards ease of doing business, steps taken towards deregulation

in the [energy] sector ... and were upbeat on the Indian economy," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said.  
Government officials said the massive investment from India in Tellurian's \$29 billion Driftwood project would "create 50,000 direct and indirect jobs" in the U.S., and would support manufacturing in 18 U.S. States.  
However, senior officials who were present at the meeting refused to comment on how soon India would be able to consume the amount of LNG the MoU insulated, in order to justify the investment.  
In 2011, GAIL (India) Ltd., a stakeholder in Petronet, had already entered into a 20-year contract to buy 5.8 million tonnes a year of U.S. LNG, split between Dominion Energy and Cheniere

Energy, but India has had to resell much of its American intake due to lower demand.  
The announcement of the Tellurian MoU, which was reported by *The Hindu* on Friday, was anticipated as a "big-ticket" investment announcement during the Prime Minister's U.S. visit.  
Meanwhile, Commerce Ministry officials are still negotiating with the U.S. Trade Representative's office in Washington in the hope of announcing a limited trade deal next week, which is expected to be announced after the bilateral meeting between Mr. Modi and Mr. Trump on Tuesday. Officials are discussing lifting of tariffs, and a possible restoration of export subsidies for India under the Generalised System of Preferences, which the Trump administration withdrew in June.

## After Houston, it's a busy New York week

Modi will attend 40 meetings, culminating in the UN General Assembly address

**SRIRAM LAKSHMAN**  
NEW YORK  
After a weekend in Houston, Texas, focused mainly on the diaspora, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's week begins in New York City with the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).  
The highlight of Mr. Modi's packed schedule will be the India-U.S. bilateral interaction, carrying forward the weekend engagement of President Donald Trump's participation at the "Howdy, Modi!" diaspora rally.  
**Plurilateral meetings**  
India is pushing for greater plurilateral engagement this year - forums with large groups of countries, India's UN envoy Syed Akbaruddin told reporters in New York. The two scheduled plurilaterals are the India-Pacific Island Leaders' Meeting and India-CARICOM meeting (includes island nations such as



Antigua & Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago).  
Mr. Modi will be accompanied by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, MoS V. Muraleedharan and Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar. The Prime Minister and Mr. Jaishankar have a total of approximately 75 meetings scheduled, with the Prime Minister participating in over 40 of these.  
Mr. Jaishankar will lead the Indian side in meetings of the Quadrilateral Dialogue, BRICS and SAARC on Thursday.  
Mr. Modi will start his

week by addressing the UN Climate Action Summit on Monday where he is expected to outline India's environmental and climate action policy, in their domestic and international aspects, Mr. Akbaruddin said. Mr. Modi will announce that India has surpassed the solar power targets from the Paris Climate Agreement.  
Consistent with a green theme, he will inaugurate, on Tuesday, the Gandhi Solar Park, an installation of solar panels and a 'green roof' at the UN headquarters with a projected annual output of 86,244 kWh/year as per India's UN Mission.  
**Meet on health**  
Mr. Modi will also participate in a high level meeting on Universal health coverage and in a leaders' dialogue on strategic responses to extremist and terrorist narratives. On Tuesday Mr. Modi will hold a bilateral

with President Trump, after the latter has delivered his UNGA address. The tone for this meeting was set over the weekend with the joint participation of both leaders in the Houston rally and the exchanging of an (updated) MoU between Indian LNG company Petronet and U.S. energy company Tellurian Inc. Petronet intends to invest \$2.5 billion in Tellurian Inc.'s in return for rights to up to 5 million tonnes of LNG per year over 40 years.  
Mr. Modi's week will end with his UNGA address on Friday morning.  
India has the seventh slot that day, followed by Norway, Singapore and then Pakistan.  
Since Mr. Modi will speak before Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, it is possible that India will exercise its right of reply, which can be done in several ways, including via statements made at the end of the day.

## 'Deafening silence on Kashmir'

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
HOUSTON  
U.S. Senator and Democratic presidential contender Bernie Sanders said on Sunday in a newspaper article that the Modi-Trump rally is happening at a time when Kashmir remains under lockdown. "We will hear much about the friendship between the American and Indian peoples," the 77-year-old leader said in an opinion piece in *Houston Chronicle*.  
"However, there will be a deafening silence" on the "human rights crisis" in Kashmir, he added.

## Sikh delegates thank PM for decision on blacklist

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
HOUSTON (U.S.)  
A 50-member delegation of Sikhs from across the U.S. met Prime Minister Narendra Modi here and thanked him for removing the names of over 300 community members from blacklist.  
The Centre last week removed names of 312 Sikh foreign nationals involved in anti-India activities after reviewing the Adverse List.  
The team also presented a memorandum listing their demands and thanked Mr. Modi for bringing to justice some perpetrators of the 1984 anti-Sikh riots.

## PM meets Pandit delegation, promises a 'new Kashmir'

Indebted to Modi government, the 17-member team says

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**  
HOUSTON  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a special interaction with a 17-member delegation of Kashmiri Pandits from across the U.S. and assured them of "building a new Kashmir", as part of his week-long visit to the U.S.  
"New winds are blowing in Kashmir and we will all build a new Kashmir together that will be for everyone," he told the delegation.  
Mr. Modi also thanked the community for their "patience for over 30 years."  
Earlier, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar tweeted: "In Houston, a delegation of the Kashmiri Pandit community met the Prime Minister. They unequivocally supported the steps being taken for the progress of India and empowerment of every Indian."



**Making a promise:** PM Narendra Modi exchanging greetings with a delegation of Kashmiri Pandits in Houston. ■ PTI

The delegation said that their 700,000 community members were "indebted" to Mr. Modi's government.  
The delegation also presented a memorandum to Mr. Modi, requesting him to set up a task force under the Union Home Ministry to bring the community together, develop the region and repatriate Kashmiri Pandits.  
"Modiji brought smiles to the faces of our Kashmiri

Pandit delegation, by promising a new Kashmir that we will build together, for everyone," Rajiv Pandit, who was part of the delegation, said.  
Another delegate, Rakesh Kaul, said that the meeting was important to request the PM to initiate steps to address the ethnic cleansing of the community.  
The PM met teams of the Dawoodi Bohra community.

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4. ENQ / 19-20 / 001779 / MM05 (05), Dt: 17-09-2019; Procurement of 2 items of complete set of gear box Due date of opening: 18-10-2019  
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Name of the work	Rate contract of reputed firms/ manufacturers for lining of on farm water reservoirs with use of HDPE plastic films/Polyethylene films/ HDPE Geo membrane at the farmer's fields under Horticulture Development Schemes during 2019-20. Approximate cost of work is Rs. 1660.00 Lakh (for 500 micron film Rs. 1622.00 Lakh & 300 micron film Rs. 38.00 Lakh).
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