

# PM meets Biden, discusses bilateral ties; also meets Sunak

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today held a bilateral meeting with US President Joseph R. Biden on the margins of the G-20 Summit in Bali.

The PM also had a brief exchange of views with the United Kingdom's new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and French President Emmanuel Macron, among other world leaders. In their meeting, Mr Modi and Mr Biden reviewed the continuing deepening of Indo-US strategic partnership, including cooperation in future-oriented sectors like critical and emerging technologies, advanced computing, artificial intelligence, etc. They expressed satisfaction with the close



cooperation between India and US in new groupings such as the Quad, I2U2 (India, Israel, the UAE, and the US), etc. The two leaders discussed topical global and regional developments. Mr Modi thanked President Biden for his constant support



for strengthening the India-US partnership. He expressed confidence that

both countries would continue to maintain close coordination during India's G-20 Presidency, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said. Mr Modi also met his United Kingdom counterpart Rishi Sunak for the first time after the latter assumed office on the sidelines of the G20 Summit. "Prime Ministers @narendramodi and @RishiSunak in conversation during the first day of the @g20org Summit in Bali," the PMO said in a tweet along with a photo of the two leaders.

This is the first face-to-face meeting that took place between both leaders. Earlier, in October, PM Modi and Sunak spoke on the phone and emphasized the importance of an early conclusion of "a balanced and comprehensive" Free Trade Agreement between the two countries.