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100 days of Trump: US-India ties remain on an even keel within an otherwise turbulent global order

Key Points:

- **Trump's First 100 Days:** Marked by global uncertainty; India-US ties remained steady despite tariff-related tensions.
- **PM Modi's Strategy:** Modi avoided early visit, sent Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj and NSA Ajit Doval first, followed by Foreign Minister Jaishankar later — showing caution in engaging Trump.
- **US Tariffs Issue:**
 - Trump imposed significant tariffs on Indian goods.
 - Despite this, India did not retaliate; Modi avoided open criticism and maintained diplomatic silence.
- **Illegal Immigration Issue:**
 - Trump deported illegal Indian immigrants.
 - Modi government accepted it silently, even as the Opposition raised concerns about mistreatment.
- **Tulsi Gabbard's Visit:**
 - Highlighted Trump administration's willingness to work with India on counterterrorism and intelligence-sharing.
- **Multifaceted Relationship:**
 - India-US ties expanded beyond trade — included defense cooperation, intelligence sharing, and strategic alignment.
- **F-35 Fighter Jets:**
 - Trump encouraged India to buy F-35 jets — an expensive and strategic military purchase.
- **Cultural Diplomacy:**



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- VP Mike Pence and wife's visit to India highlighted Indian heritage, soft power diplomacy.
- **Conclusion:**
 - Despite Trump's tough stance on trade, India-US ties remained on an even keel.
 - Strong bipartisan support in the US for India helped stabilize the relationship.

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