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PM Modi's Visit to USA

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What were the key focuses of Prime Minister Modi's US visit in Sep 2024?

- Quad Summit and bilateral meetings with US President Biden
- Meetings with business leaders and the diaspora in New York
- UN engagements and bilateral meetings with other leaders

What were the significant outcomes of the Quad Summit?

- Sharp language on Chinese aggression in the South China Sea
- Stance on Russia's invasion of Ukraine, upholding UN charter
- Commitment to a "Cancer Moonshot" initiative
- Announcements of initiatives to counter Chinese actions:
 - "Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission" for 2025
 - Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI)
 - o A "maritime legal dialogue"

What progress was made in India-US bilateral relations?

- Military partnership for semiconductor fabrication
- India's acquisition of predator drones
- Unspoken tensions over the Pannun (Khalistani Extremist) case and related issues

What was Prime Minister Modi's message at the UN and in bilateral meetings?

- Focus on India's potential involvement in a peace process
- Discussions with Ukrainian President Zelenskyy on a possible second peace summit
- Emphasis on India as a "strong voice" of the Global South
- Stress on collective strength rather than battlefield solutions for humanity's success

The NCrF as a framework for well-rounded education

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What is the National Credit Framework (NCrF) and how does it relate to the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020?

- NCrF is a transformative reform derived from the NEP 2020
- It provides a flexible template for educational institutions across various sectors
- Enables unified accumulation and transfer of credits across multidisciplinary education
- It's an enabling framework, not a regulatory one

How does the NCrF increase flexibility for students?

- Students can earn credits from a wide range of activities beyond classroom teaching
- Includes laboratory work, research projects, sports, vocational education, internships, etc.
- Allows for broad-based educational opportunities

What are the main arguments in favor of adopting the NCrF?

- Helps institutions remain flexible and competitive in face of rapid economic and technological changes
- Bridges the skill mismatch to enhance students' career prospects
- Promotes democratization of education and social equity
- Enables HEIs to balance vocational/skill training with academic pursuits

What challenges does the article identify in implementing these reforms?

- Resistance from those rooted in conventional ways of imparting higher education
- Dismissive attitudes towards curriculum changes
- Outdated views that HEIs should focus solely on knowledge production
- Elitist attitudes opposing the integration of vocational and skill training in higher education

Can you answer the following question?

Critically examine the potential of the National Credit Framework (NCrF) in transforming India's higher education system.













