India US relations

Why in news?

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Indian PM is set to meet US President next week.

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How is India US relations at present?

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- In both countries there exists internal debate on democracy and resilience of institutional checks and balances, the bedrock of both democracies.
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- Resisting Chinese expansionism has been a shared interest between India and the U.S in recent years, and the rising defence cooperation between the two countries is testimony to that.
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- But the economic relation between China US seems to be far better than India US trade relations.
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- American companies are very vocal about unfair state interventions and IPR (intellectual property rights) losses in China, but the Chinese market and manufacturing processes are essential for their global operations.
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- For the American state, China, as a threat, comes in the category of 'important, but not urgent', which contradicts Indian view point on China.
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- India has complained of American for its concerns in its policy towards Pakistan.
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- But there has been increasing appreciation among Washington's strategic thinkers and policymakers of Pakistan's duplicity in the conflict in Afghanistan.
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- That Pakistan exports terror to its neighbouring countries has now been stated in multiple government documents and Congressional hearings.

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- However, successive U.S. administrations have viewed India’s attempts to influence America’s Pakistan policy with scepticism.
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- While India wants the U.S. to rein in Pakistan’s sponsorship of terrorism, it does not want American opinion on Kashmir, a position that American policymakers consider contradictory.
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- The U.S. Department of Defence has been a champion of enhancing cooperation with India and in that effect Pentagon supports the sale of Guardian drones to India.
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