

Interaction with Ambassador Timothy Roemer, former Member of the U.S. Congress and Ambassador to India

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Welcome

I'd like to personally welcome Timothy Roemer, former Member of the U.S. Congress and Ambassador to India in this interaction, sharing his perspective on the 2016 U.S. presidential election and future direction in Indo-US relations. It's an exciting time for all of us as we continue to grow and adapt, remaining always adaptable, motivated and responsive to new ideas. We're meeting during a time of large nation-wide and global change. The field of law, policy and strategy research is an exciting area in which we work. We will continue to meet and bring intellectual people to come together in forums like this, to ensure IIFH remains at the top to strengthen the humanity.



Kick-starting the session with underlined the markers in the ever growing partnership between India and the United States, while hoping the relationship would continue to flourish irrespective of who wins the race to the White House. Amb Lalitman Singh, India's former Foreign Secretary and Ambassador to the United States, who chaired the session at the behest, complimented Amb Timothy Roemer for laying the foundation of strong and vibrant Indo-US relations that we see today. Concurring with General N.C Vij views, he said that the US Presidential election remains a globally-watched event as countries around the globe, including India, have a stake in it.

Amb Timothy J. Roemer, an advisor to the Presidential nominee Ms Hillary Clinton on security and foreign policy issues, offered a fair and objective analysis of the impending US presidential election notwithstanding his political affiliation. He stressed, among other things, the election is being held amid negative trends all over as people are angry and frustrated. The outcome of the election however is dependent on a number of other factors, including distinct personalities that both candidates represent, how well they are able to connect to the electorate, the composition of the electorate college itself, the outreach of technology, among other factors.

However, Amb Roemer reassured that regardless of the outcome of the 2016 US Presidential election, the bilateral relationship between India and the United States would continue to move in an upward trajectory.

