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A walk back: On H-1B visa ban

The article at hand talks about American President Joe Biden's decision to revoke the anti-immigration law of his predecessor, Donald Trump. President Biden's decision to rescind the ban on H-1B Visas for skilled workers will substantially impact the Indian workforce seeking employment in the US.

His ideology of 'America first' drove Donald Trump's move to ban the issuance of H-1B visas. But by preventing the foreign workers from occupying jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trump administration put the bilateral ties between India and the US in danger. Besides, even the tech giants of Silicon Valley and many American universities were against this decision.

In this regard, President Biden's decision to revoke the ban on H-1B visas without being overly aggressive to withdraw Trump's policies is a good step. But even though the need for a diverse and skilled workforce cannot be underestimated, the Biden administration should not forget that a huge chunk of Americans still voted for Donald Trump.

Hence, Biden can't afford to let go of the idea of 'America first'. Instead, gradual reforms should be pursued that improves the US' foreign relations while also expressing its agenda.

Words to look out for

Articulate:

- **Synonyms:** eloquent, fluent, expressive
- **Antonyms:** faltering, hesitant, muttering
- **Word usage:** Rohit's articulate speech won the 1st prize in an inter-school competition.

Dogma:

- **Synonyms:** belief, conviction, tenet
- **Antonyms:** unbelief, nonbelief, agnosticism
- **Word usage:** Religious dogmas should not be put forth in political scenarios.

Nudge:

- **Synonyms:** brush, skim, swipe
- **Antonyms:** bash, bang, whack
- **Word usage:** The teacher's job is to provide a gentle nudge to its pupils in the right direction.

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Taiwan Message: New Delhi-Taipei cooperation is both mutually beneficial and appointed signal to China

The article talks about India-Taiwan bilateral cooperation as the author considers it a perfect antidote to tackle the Chinese threat while also helping both countries grow together.

Recently, the worst rail accident in Taiwan's history took place. As a result, when foreign affairs minister Arindam Bagchi reached out to social media to pay condolence, which was met with a reply from Taiwan's foreign minister. Since China sees Taiwan as a rebel, it takes the foreign affairs of Taiwan very seriously.

However, the author believes India have nothing to worry about here. Taiwan is a developed, democratic nation, and there are various areas in which India and Taiwan can collaborate. With China becoming a country of global significance, we need to understand its world better.

And Taiwan can do a much better job in this regard, making a case for collaboration with Taipei much stronger. And as Beijing insists on using Pakistan to leverage India, we can do the same to China with Taiwan.

Words to look out for

Province:

- **Synonyms:** area, arena, domain
- **Word usage:** Riya lived in a small province in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Collaborate:

- **Synonyms:** conspire, cooperate, join
- **Antonyms:** noncooperation, obstruct, oppose
- **Word usage:** Vikas need to collaborate with a teammate on this project.

Vibrant:

- **Synonyms:** lively, energetic, animated
- **Antonyms:** dull, inactive, weak
- **Word usage:** Sehwag and Sachin used to provide India with vibrant opening stands.

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