

Modi meets Trump, Putin ahead of G20 summit

Holds bilaterals with President Xi, Saudi Crown Prince

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday interacted with U.S. President Donald Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin and British Prime Minister Theresa May ahead of the G-20 summit.

The brief exchange of views took place before the first trilateral meeting between Mr. Modi, Mr. Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe scheduled for later in the day.

Earlier, Mr. Modi held separate bilateral meetings with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. Mr. Modi and Mr. Xi discussed joint efforts to further enhance mutual trust and friendship. Asserting that the Wuhan meet



All smiles: Narendra Modi with U.S. President Donald Trump, centre, and Japan's PM Shinzo Abe, left, in Buenos Aires. ■ AP

was a milestone in India-China ties, Mr. Modi told Mr. Xi that he was looking forward to host him for an informal summit next year.

Mr. Modi assured Mr. Guterres, that India will play its "due and responsible" role at the crucial climate change negotiations in Poland next week.

During Mr. Modi's meet-

ing with Crown Prince Salman, the two leaders decided to set up a mechanism to scale up the oil-rich kingdom's investments in energy, infrastructure and defence sectors in India.

Crown Prince Salman said Saudi Arabia will be finalising an initial investment in the National Infrastructure Fund.