

# Modi-Ghani talks to focus on security

## Afghan President will arrive tomorrow

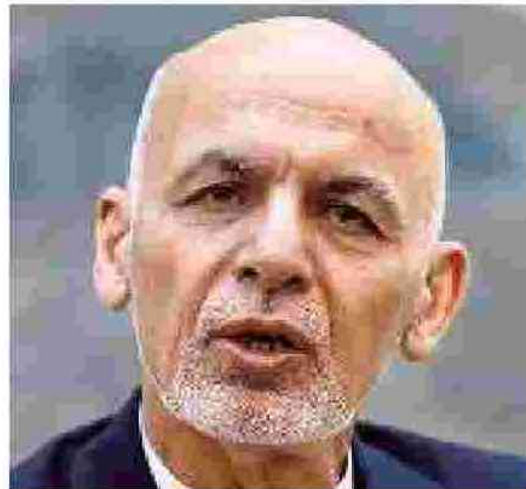
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Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani will visit New Delhi this week to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss bilateral ties as well as the regional security situation, officials in Delhi and Kabul confirmed.

Mr. Ghani will land in Delhi on Wednesday, and meet Mr. Modi over lunch. He will also address a “civic reception” organised by the think-tank, India Foundation, before flying out on Wednesday evening.

In the run-up to Mr. Ghani’s visit, Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale travelled to Kabul to chair the meeting of the “Joint Working Group on Political and Security Cooperation between India and Afghanistan” last week.



Ashraf Ghani

Mr. Ghani is expected to apprise Mr. Modi on the recent moves on reconciliation efforts with the Taliban. As part of the process, U.S. envoy Alice Wells is expected to hold a second round of talks with Taliban representatives in Doha two months after she last met them.

India has backed Mr. Ghani on an “Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process”.