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## Meeting of the U.S.-India Global Issues Forum

The governments of the United States and India held a meeting of the U.S.-India Global Issues Forum on April 30, 2007 at the Department of State in Washington, DC. Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs Paula J. Dobriansky led the U.S. delegation. Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon led the Indian delegation. The U.S.-India Global Issues Forum, which convenes annually and alternates between New Delhi and Washington, DC, was initiated in New Delhi in October 2002.

The two delegations engaged in productive discussions on working together to address global challenges. They examined new and expanded areas for U.S.-Indian cooperation. Those areas included issues related to the promotion of democratic values and human rights, protection of the vulnerable, and environmental conservation and sustainable development.

The deliberations explored increased coordination of efforts, including through multilateral organizations, to strengthen democratic principles and institutions worldwide. The delegations also discussed continued and new cooperation on protecting the global environment, and underscored the importance of ongoing collaboration in science and technology and public health.

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