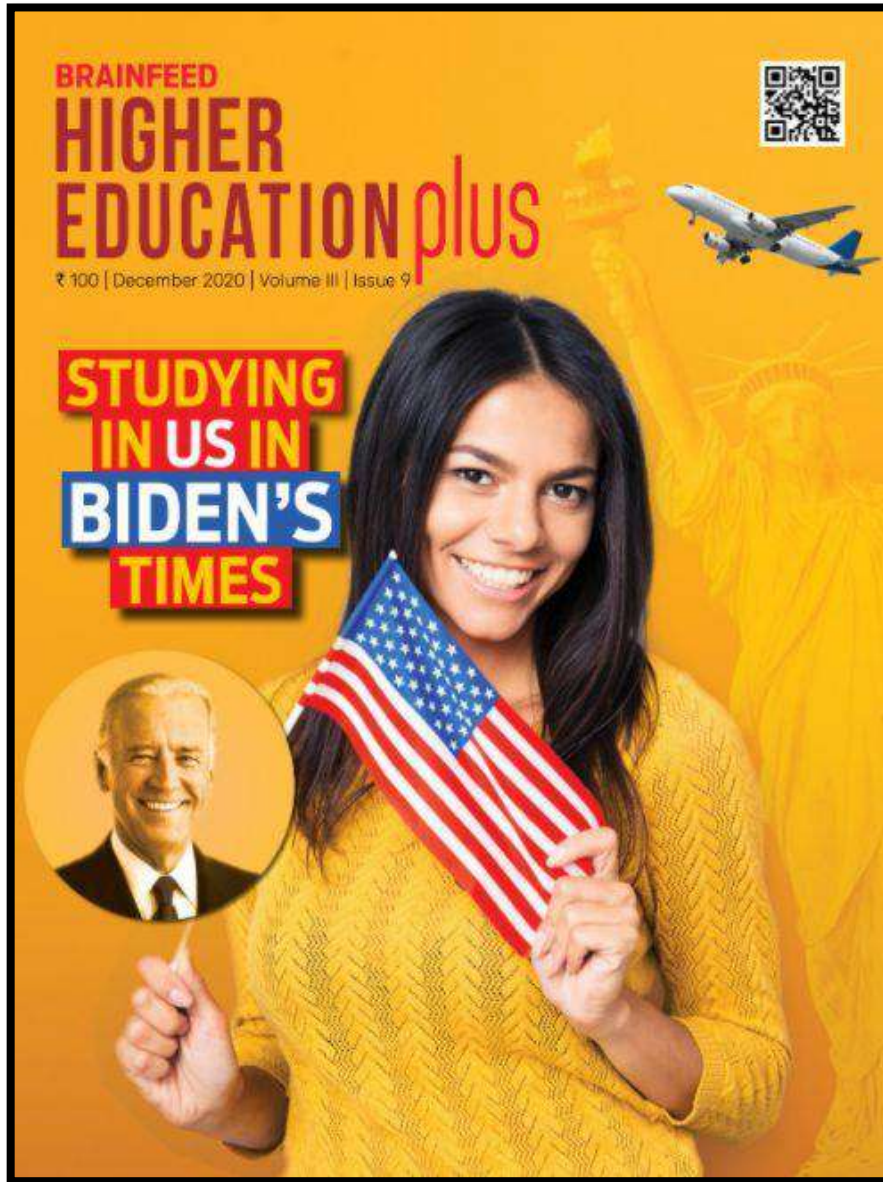


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The erstwhile 45th President United States, Donald Trump has not been enthusiastic towards foreign students travelling all the way to the States to receive a world-class education, especially students from India. This has led to a severe drop in the number of students travelling from India to the United States by almost 15%.

The Presidential Election 2020 for the United States stands significant for Indian students because it is expected that president-elect Democrat Joe Biden will relax the policies towards visa and help grow the number of Indian students travelling to the United States for their higher education purposes, fulfilling aspirations and realising dreams.

Initially, it was a dilemma the United States Presidential Election 2020 was a tad confusing for us Indians, as not a lot of us are familiar with the policies of Republican & Democratic parties. While President Trump portrayed to be very friendly with our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on his visit to India, it came as a surprise when he placed an embargo on H1B visas & import duties on many items.

As the elections progressed, since Vice President-elect

Kamala Harris is of Indian origin & knows how President-elect Joe Biden was very influential in the implementation of the Pokhran Tests, Indians found themselves to be in greater favour of the Biden & his democratic party.

India may witness key advantages & a few disadvantages with Joe Biden in power. There could be some much-needed relaxation in the H1B visas that will help improve and bolster the flow of talented/skilled Indian workers to United States, along with the increase in IT sector of Indian companies.

The relationship between India and the US is very likely to advance that will help pose as a strategically threat to China; however, Biden's remarks for the situation in Jammu & Kashmir have been unfavourable. We hope that his remarks transition into the opposite.

Vice President-elect Kamala Harris, being from an Indian origin is expected to have both sympathy & empathy towards the various policies related to import, export duties, specialised services, technology & defence that will help nurture the bond between the two countries. #

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