

VISITS BY GLOBAL CEOs

The first four months of the Manmohan Singh-led UPA-I (2004) vs Narendra Modi's NDA (2014)

There was not much traction among the global business community for India during UPA-I's first four months in office in 2004 — marked more by then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's low-key style of functioning and an acrimonious relationship with the Opposition parties in Parliament. The year 2004 is still remembered more for corporate India's global sojourn with 60-odd foreign M&A deals, than global businesses' interest in India.

Some of the international business heads who came calling during UPA-I's first four months include Promod Haque, managing partner, Norwest Venture Partner, and business delegations from Malaysia and Iran.

In sharp contrast to this subdued reaction, more than a dozen global business heads visited India in in the first four months of the Modi government. Some prominent ones include:

