

For a president who loves crowd size, India aims to deliver

One of the most **nerve-racking** moments for any world leader these days comes with these six words: President Trump is coming to town.

nerve-racking 伤脑筋的

Hosting any American leader is demanding enough with the usual requirements of diplomacy, protocol and geopolitics, but with Mr. Trump comes an additional challenge: how to entertain and impress a president who **relishes** spectacle and **cherishes** anything that is the first, the most or the biggest.

relish 享受; 乐趣

cherish 珍爱

The British have a queen, so they made a grand show of a state dinner at **Buckingham** Palace. The French have **Bastille** Day, so they invited the president to view their elaborate military parade down the **Champs-Élysées**.

Buckingham 白金汉

Bastille 巴士底狱

Champs-Élysées 香榭丽舍大道

Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India opted to appeal to Mr. Trump's first love — crowd size — as he stages a rally of more than 100, 000 people in Ahmedabad on Monday after a drive in from the airport along roads where perhaps 100, 000 more will line the motorcade route.

"Some people say the biggest event they've ever had in India, " Mr. Trump told reporters. "That's what the prime minister told me."

Critics said that meeting, like a parade or a **banquet**, was just for the pictures, with no lasting result, and that the president should focus more on policy initiatives when he arrives in India.

banquet 宴会

But symbolism has its value as well, and if a major trade agreement is not in the offing, then the Indians are determined that Mr. Trump go home with warm feelings about their country, throwing in a sunset tour of *the Taj Mahal* and a state dinner as well.

the Taj Mahal 泰姬陵