

## BJP gen secy seeks removal of business hurdles in IT, pharma

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TERMING the relationship between India and US as one of "bonhomie" or "buddy-buddy", BJP national general secretary Ram Madhav on Sunday said the two countries should focus on strengthening relationship in four key areas of economic, defence, cooperation in counter terrorism and

climate change.

"We are one of the major powers with which the US should look forward to greater engagement. The expectations (from US President Barack Obama's visit) are very high," he said at the India-US Dialogue organised by the Observer Research Foundations and Network 18.

Pointing out that India has ambitious plans of turning into

a greater economic power from a \$2 trillion economy and growing five-fold over the next five years, Madhav called for greater economic engagement between the two countries. He also urged for resolution of "minor irritants" in sectors such as IT and pharmaceuticals as well as nuclear technology. "I hope that all these issues can be resolved," he stressed.

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