

### [Liberhan Commission submits report](#)

**Hindu, 1 July 2009**

New Delhi: The Justice Liberhan Commission, which probed the sequence of events that led to the Babri Masjid demolition in Ayodhya on December 6, 1992, submitted its report to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday. Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram was present on the occasion. Set up on December 16, 1992, the Commission was initially asked to give a report in three months. However, it could do so only after over 16 years that saw 399 sittings and 48 extensions. About Rs. 8 crore was spent on the Commission, including on salary

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/01/stories/2009070158170100.htm>

### [Give Army honourable exit from Kashmir: Mehbooba Mufti](#)

**Hindu, 1 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: People's Democratic Party leader Mehbooba Mufti has called for the withdrawal of the Indian Army from Jammu and Kashmir, saying its presence was no longer needed to fight terrorists. Pointing to several recent cases involving alleged human rights violations by Army personnel, Ms Mufti said there was a "general climate of resentment against the Army and Central Reserve Police Force" and "it is time to give them an honourable exit."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/01/stories/2009070158260100.htm>

### [Bandra-Worli sea link to be named after Rajiv Gandhi](#)

**Hindu, 1 July 2009**

Mumbai: With the promise of better infrastructure in urban centres and improved healthcare in rural areas, Sonia Gandhi, chairperson of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) declared open the Bandra-Worli sea link here on Tuesday. Offering a vision of "Bharat Nirman," she said schemes like the Urban Renewal Mission and the Rural Health Mission, proved that power was not an end for the UPA, but was instead the means to serve the people

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/01/stories/2009070160631300.htm>

### [Nirupama Rao to be next Foreign Secretary](#)

**Hindu, 1 July 2009**

New Delhi: The government on Tuesday named Nirupama Rao, currently Ambassador to China, as its next Foreign Secretary. She will succeed Shiv Shankar Menon, who retires at the end of July after a tenure that lasted two years and 10 months. A 1973-batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service, Ms. Rao has had extensive experience working the full range of diplomatic assignments that a prospective Foreign Secretary is expected to have under her or his belt: important postings in one or more of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, an ambassadorship in India's immediate neighbourhood and line responsibilities at the headquarters

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/01/stories/2009070158280100.htm>

### [Home Ministry to study report](#)

**Hindu, 1 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: The report of the Justice Liberhan Commission of Inquiry, running into 27 volumes with annexures, will be examined by the Home Ministry before being

placed in Parliament, along with the Action Taken Report. The Commission's findings are recommendatory. Sources in the government indicated that the Home Ministry would set up a working group, to be headed by a senior official, to examine the report and recommendations and prepare the Action Taken Report.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/01/stories/2009070160441000.htm>

**[Strike cripples life in valley: One more killed, another hurt in police firing](#)**  
**Tribune, 1 July 2009**

Life across the valley was paralysed today due to the three-day shutdown called by the hard line Hurriyat faction led by Syed Ali Shah Geelani against the death of two youths in Baramulla in police firing yesterday and the Shopian incident. The curfew in Baramulla continued for the second day today as strict restrictions on people's movement were put in place. A 22-year-old youth, Fiaz Ahmed Gojri, was killed in police firing when a violent mob attacked a police party at Khanpura in Baramulla

<http://www.tribuneindia.com/2009/20090701/j&k.htm>

**[Pakistan may appeal against Saeed's release; Move to clear the air ahead of Indo-Pakistan talks](#)**

**Hindu, 4 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The Pakistan government is preparing to file a "leave to appeal" petition against the release of Lashkar-e-Toiba founder and Jamat-ud-dawa chief Hafiz Saeed in the Supreme Court soon. Official sources said the papers for the petition were already finalised and may be filed by both the Punjab and federal governments before the Supreme Court as early as Saturday. The move is expected to help to clear the diplomatic air ahead of the next round of India-Pakistan meetings in Egypt later this month, at which the Prime Ministers of the two countries are to hold talks, following a meeting between their Foreign Secretaries at the same venue

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/04/stories/2009070456181400.htm>

**[Mamata spares passengers](#)**

**Hindu, 4 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Better amenities, concessions for the masses and students and a record number of new trains, including low-cost trains for the youth, have been balanced with a slew of commercially viable projects by Railway Minister Mamata Banerjee in the first Railway budget of the new UPA government. It is for the first time in six years that passenger and freight charges have been left untouched

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/04/stories/2009070458200100.htm>

**[Is Lashkar the new al-Qaida?](#)**

**Times of India, 5 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: The evidence is tumbling out of the closet: Pakistan's creation Lashkar-e-Taiba is not merely allied to al-Qaida but can now be described as the new al-Qaida. With the UN Security Council listing LeT leaders Arif Qasmani, Mohammad Yahya Mujahid and Abu Mohammed Ameen al-Peshawari as terrorists allied to al-Qaida, yet another veil is being ripped off Pakistan's terror claims. The three, banned under a UN Security Council resolution adopted on June 29, are not mere footsoldiers of the Lashkar. In fact, the resolution brings out their importance for LeT and al-

Qaida

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/Lashkar-fast-emerging-as-new-al-Qaida/articleshow/4735818.cms>

### [High Court orders fresh autopsy on Shopian women](#)

**Hindu, 5 July 2009**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Saturday asked the Special Investigation Team (SIT) to exhume the bodies of the two women who were murdered at Shopian for a fresh autopsy and collecting DNA samples. A Division Bench of Chief Justice Barin Gosh and Justice Mohammad Yaqoob Mir, hearing a public interest litigation petition filed by the Kashmir Bar Association, expressed dissatisfaction with the way the investigation was handled. The court found the report submitted by the SIT inconclusive, for, the DNA test report was missing and the post mortem seemed not to have been done properly. It said exhumation of the bodies was conditional upon the consent of the families of the women, aged 17 and 23, who were found dead under mysterious circumstances on May 30

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/05/stories/2009070558170100.htm>

### [12 new cases of swine flu, total 128 in India](#)

**Hindustan Times, 5 July 2009**

Twelve new cases of swine flu were reported in the country on Friday, taking the total number of influenza A (H1N1) cases to 128, health officials said in New Delhi. "About 837 people have been tested so far, of which 128 are positive for Influenza A H1N1. Of the 128 positive cases, 82 have been discharged," a statement issued in New Delhi said. The 12 cases were reported from - Bangalore (6), Kozhikode (2), Delhi (2), Hyderabad (1) and Amritsar (1)

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=c82c515e-a1e7-43fe-8d0a-369fc87ad451&Headline=12+new+cases+of+swine+flu,+total+128+in+India>

### [Shedding equity on agenda: Pranab](#)

**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday said that even as he had taken a "calculated" risk in opting for a higher fiscal deficit to push growth without laying down a road map for disinvestment in the budget for 2009-10, equity sell-off in public sector undertakings (PSUs) would be on the government's economic policy agenda. In his first post-budget interaction with apex chambers here, Mr. Mukherjee noted that the government was committed to divesting its equity in PSUs but would retain a minimum of 51 per cent equity in these enterprises. "I have made our intentions clear, to encourage people's participation in our disinvestment programmes while retaining at least 51 per cent equity in our enterprises," he said

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070857630100.htm>

### [G8 meetings to focus on economic crisis and climate change](#)

**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

Rome: It is a confident, resurgent Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who will be

discussing global issues with leaders at the G8 outreach meetings in Italy for three days. Earlier in April, when he attended the G20 summit in London, it was as a lame duck Prime Minister facing uncertain prospects of return to power in an election process that was already under way. If then his standing as an economist and originator of economic reforms in India still made the outside world hear him with respect, he can now speak with the authority of popular endorsement of his policies and the renewed mandate

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070857620100.htm>

**'Not a single Tamil house was attacked, not a single Tamil humiliated'**  
**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

In this concluding part of an extended interview to The Hindu at Temple Trees in Colombo on June 30, President Mahinda Rajapaksa answers N. Ram's questions on concerns over what is perceived as triumphalism, the power of Sri Lanka's executive presidency, assaults and pressures on the news media, personal friendships, and relations with India. The first and second parts of the interview were published on July 6 and 7.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070855380900.htm>

**"No worthwhile action to curb terrorist attacks on India"**  
**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

Rome: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is expected to make clear in his bilateral meetings with world leaders assembled here for the G8 meetings the Indian assessment that Pakistan has not taken any worthwhile action to stop terrorist attacks on India from its soil. While the focus of the meetings in the town of L'Aquila is on economic recovery, trade and climate change, the question of India's relations with Pakistan may well come up in some of the bilateral meetings including the one planned with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. While India continues its talks with Pakistan, the focus of the talks is on terrorism

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070860491000.htm>

**Top Maoist leaders may have fled to Jharkhand**  
**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

KOLKATA: Amid fears that top leaders of the Maoist core group have fled to Jharkhand through forest routes, the joint security forces of the Central paramilitary forces and the West Bengal State police have launched "special night operations" in the Lalgarh region of West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district since Sunday to undertake "more covert action," in addition to the routine combing operations, a senior police official told The Hindu on Tuesday

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070860771400.htm>

**We deeply value India's pledge of Rs. 500 crore, says Sri Lankan envoy**  
**Hindu, 8 July 2009**

CHENNAI: Sri Lanka deeply values the Rs. 500 crore pledged by India and the Rs. 25 crore granted by Tamil Nadu for the rehabilitation of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in government transit facilities, C. Romesh Jayasinghe, Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India, said here on Tuesday. Speaking at a seminar on "Post Conflict Sri Lanka and India's Role," organised by the Observer Research Foundation, Mr. Jayasinghe said his country would also draw on the U.N. agencies, the

International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and reputed international non-governmental organisations (INGO) for assistance in coping with those displaced and affected by the conflict

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/08/stories/2009070860681300.htm>

### [IMF raises India's growth forecast](#)

**Hindu, 9 July 2009**

WASHINGTON: The International Monetary Fund on Wednesday raised India's growth forecast to 5.4 per cent for 2009, even as it projected the world economy to shrink by 1.4 per cent. In April, it forecast a growth of 4.5 per cent for India. In its update to the World Economic Outlook, the IMF said the global economy would contract by 1.4 per cent. Earlier it had projected a growth of 1.3 per cent. The Chinese economy would expand by 7.5 per cent, as against 6.5 per cent forecast in April, it said

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/09/stories/2009070957380100.htm>

### [70 injured in fresh Srinagar violence](#)

**Hindu, 9 July 2009**

SRINAGAR: After four days of normality, the city was shaken by violence on Wednesday. People took to the streets, damaged property and set ablaze a police vehicle after the decomposed body of a youth, who went missing on July 3, was found at Rainawari. About 70 people, including 20 policemen, were injured in the clashes. Hundreds of protesters, mainly youth, took to the streets, chanting slogans and pelting the police with stones, after the news of death of 20-year-old Israr Ahmad reached Maisuma. The protest soon spread to other parts of the city

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/09/stories/2009070957140100.htm>

### [A strong political message on climate change: India](#)

**Hindu, 10 July 2009**

L'Aquila, Italy: India considers the declaration on climate change in the agreed draft at the Major Economies Forum a "very strong political message" that would provide impetus to the negotiations on climate change before the Copenhagen summit in December. The Prime Minister's special envoy on climate change, Shyam Saran, said at a briefing on the sidelines of the G8 and G5 meetings that the declaration was positive and forward looking and would send the right kind of message, though the specifics would have to be negotiated under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change leading to the Copenhagen summit

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/10/stories/2009071060261000.htm>

### [Supreme Court notice to Centre on Section 377](#)

**Hindu, 10 July 2009**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notice to the Union government on a special leave petition (SLP) challenging the Delhi High Court judgment declaring Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code unconstitutional and decriminalising unnatural sex among consenting adults. Earlier unnatural sex was a criminal offence under this Section. A Bench of Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan and Justice P. Sathasivam also issued notice to Naz Foundation, an NGO, and other respondents, and posted the matter for further hearing to July 20

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/10/stories/2009071060381100.htm>

### **[NSG to train in urban warfare](#)**

**Asian Age, 11 July 2009**

July 10: The National Security Guard has decided to train its force extensively in urban warfare. Following the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai, India's elite commando force has realised that future terrorist attacks are likely to be in crowded railway stations, airports, seaports, hotels, malls and other areas where large numbers of people congregate. "Our mock exercises are being drawn out keeping such situations in mind. Training is conducted in all kinds of terrain, keeping a combination of land and air in mind, but we now feel that our tactical responses must be geared to handle such a scenario," a senior NSG official said on condition of anonymity. This is a sharp departure from the earlier model where training focused on surgical strikes being conducted in open areas, such as J&K and in Naxal-infested states

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/nsg-to-train-in-urban-warfare.aspx>

### **[PC: N-E funds find way to militants](#)**

**Asian Age, 11 July 2009**

July 10: It's official now. Union home minister P. Chidambaram confirmed in the Rajya Sabha on Friday that government money allocated for development work in the Northeast (Assam's North Cachar Hills in this case) "finds its way into the hands of militants and terrorists". The minister's statement is a revelation on how precious taxpayers' money is finding its way into the hands of anti-national elements

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/india/pc-n-e-funds-find-way-to-militants.aspx>

### **[Lt. Gen. spent Rs 1cr on golf carts: CAG](#)**

**Asian Age, 11 July 2009**

July 10: Army authorities in the Chandimandir-based Western Command have been indicted by a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for procurement of golf carts in the guise of vehicles for transportation of patients in hospitals and track-laying recee vehicles, causing a loss of Rs 1.17 crore to the public exchequer. The government's curious explanation — that "commercially available golf carts facilitated noiseless reconnaissance in close proximity of the enemy and helped in quick laying of track material" — failed to cut ice with the CAG

<http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/news/top-story/lt-gen-spent-rs-1cr-on-golf-carts-cag.aspx>

### **[Two CPI-M activists lynched by Maoists in Lalgarh](#)**

**Hindustan Times, 11 July 2009**

Maoist rebels abducted and lynched two Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M) activists in Lalgarh on Friday night, even as the joint security operation to nab the ultras in and around the enclave of West Midnapore district continued. A group of the left-wing radicals raided the Chandra area near the Kotwali police station of the district and took away Baren Mahato and Gurucharan Mahato at gunpoint

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionOnPage&id=56ba2b9c-f305-405b-97ab-095a1e8dd6b4&Headline=Two+CPI->

M+activists+lynched+by+Maoists+in+Lalgarh

### [PM confident India can sustain 8-9 per cent growth](#)

**Hindustan Times, 11 July 2009**

Notwithstanding the uncertainty surrounding the global economic recovery, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday said India should be able to sustain a growth rate of 8 to 9 per cent GDP growth. He said he was confident that India would come out of this crisis stronger but the road ahead was also going to be difficult to traverse

### [India's first anti-terror test fails, Govt directs urgent measures](#)

**Hindu, 12 July 2009**

India's first anti-terror test fails, Govt directs urgent measures

The first major test of India's supposedly faster, smarter anti-terror system turned out to be a grand fiasco, it has now emerged. On February 2, television and newspapers reported what appeared to be a well-coordinated operation by India's security agencies to a mid-air hijack scare aboard an IndiGo flight the previous day

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=HomePage&id=ba96ac90-ce4e-4e71-99d3-999b2a205001&Headline=India's+first+anti-terror+test+fails,+Govt+directs+urgent+measures>

### [Pakistan should take credible action against terrorists: Manmohan](#)

**Hindu, 12 July 2009**

New Delhi: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Saturday that India was "willing to walk more than half the distance" to normalise relations if Pakistan reaffirmed that it would bring the perpetrators of the Mumbai massacre to justice and would not allow its territory to be used for terrorist attacks against India. The Prime Minister was replying to a question on what India's stand would be in his scheduled meeting with Pakistan Prime Minister Syed Yousuf Raza Gilani in his interaction with journalists on board the special aircraft on the trip back from the G8 and G5 summit meetings in L'Aquila, Italy. Prefacing his answer with the remark that one could choose friends but not neighbours, he went on to say that if India were to realise its development ambitions and realise its place in the comity of nations it had to work with its neighbours to bring about peace and amity in South Asia

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/12/stories/2009071258580100.htm>

### [Media misrepresented key facts on Shopian rape-murder](#)

**Hindu, 12 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Ever since May, when the bodies of two women washed up near Shopian, journalists have chronicled the multiple failures of administration and policing that allowed the tragic deaths to spark off some of the worst street violence ever seen in Jammu and Kashmir. Following the release of the findings of the Justice Muzaffar Jan Commission of Enquiry on Friday, the Jammu and Kashmir government has announced that it intends to prosecute four police officials for some of those failures. But both journalists and the Jammu and Kashmir government have maintained a stoic silence on one institution blamed by Justice Jan for spreading falsehood and inciting violence: the media itself

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/12/stories/2009071255830800.htm>

### [India and Pakistan to 'delink' action on terror from dialogue](#)

**Hindu, 17 July 2009**

Sharm-el-Sheikh: The leaders of India and Pakistan took a modest step towards thawing the bilateral relationship, frozen since the Mumbai terrorist attacks, with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his Pakistani counterpart Yousaf Raza Gilani, agreeing that dialogue between their two countries "is the only way forward." And though the joint statement issued after their meeting here on the sidelines of the Non-Aligned summit said nothing about when and how the Composite Dialogue process would resume, the two Foreign Secretaries have been tasked with meeting "as often as necessary" in the run-up to a review by the Indian and Pakistani Foreign Ministers in New York this September

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/17/stories/2009071757750100.htm>

### [Where is Kashmir, ask Pakistani media](#)

**Hindu, 17 July 2009**

ISLAMABAD: The true import of the India-Pakistan joint statement following the meeting of the Prime Ministers of the two countries in Sharm-el-Sheikh seemed not to have sunk in fully here yet, with immediate reactions tending to pick instead on why there was no mention of Kashmir in the joint statement. As evident from the statement, India has made several significant shifts, including an agreement to continue with the composite dialogue format against the earlier thinking that a new framework was required for engaging with Pakistan post-26/11. Most importantly, there was an agreement that terrorism and talks must be delinked

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/17/stories/2009071760021000.htm>

### [No dilution of our stand: Manmohan](#)

**Hindu, 18 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: A day after meeting Pakistan Prime Minister Yusuf Raza Gilani in Egypt, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told Parliament on Friday that the joint statement delinking the composite dialogue process from action by Islamabad on combating India-directed terrorism did not amount to diluting New Delhi's stand. Delinking the composite dialogue and action by Pakistan against terrorism "only strengthens our commitment that meaningful process of engagement cannot move forward unless and until Pakistan takes measures to control terrorism," the Prime Minister said responding to customary clarifications in the Rajya Sabha on a statement on his recent visits to Italy, France and Egypt

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/18/stories/2009071858930100.htm>

### [Chandrayaan falters as 'star sensors' fail](#)

**Hindu, 18 July 2009**

Bangalore: Less than nine months after India's first lunar satellite Chandrayaan-I was launched in the glare of media flash bulbs, the chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation announced that the satellite's 'star sensors' – vital in determining the orientation – had failed. Describing the failure a "handicap," Madhavan Nair told journalists at the ISRO headquarters on Friday, that Chandrayaan's orientation had been set right by activating contingency "gyroscopes" on board

### [Dismantle terror outfits, Hillary tells Pakistan](#)

**Hindu, 19 July 2009**

Mumbai: United States Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said on Saturday the U.S. was supportive of the steps that India and Pakistan were taking to tackle terror.

"India is a sovereign state, capable of protecting its interests. Any decision between India and Pakistan to explore issues is up to the two governments. The U.S. is not involved in promoting any particular position," she said. Asked at a press interaction at the Taj Mahal Palace and Tower hotel here whether the U.S. would step up pressure on Pakistan, Ms. Clinton did not give a direct reply. She called upon Pakistan to dismantle terror outfits such as the Lashkar-e-Taiba

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/19/stories/2009071957460100.htm>

### [Indigenous nuclear submarine goes on trial](#)

**Hindu, 19 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will launch India's first indigenous nuclear-powered submarine at Vishakapatnam for trial on July 26. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy conveyed this to journalists here on Saturday after meeting Dr. Singh to discuss various issues pertaining to the State. Top defence and Navy officials will participate in the programme

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/19/stories/2009071958490500.htm>

### [Space agreement to help launch 'India-U.S. 3.0'](#)

**Hindu, 20 July 2009**

New Delhi: Despite last-minute wrinkles, India is still looking to sign an end-use monitoring agreement to ease the sale of U.S. military hardware during the visit here of Hillary Clinton, but the highlight of Monday's discussions between External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna and the U.S. Secretary of State will be the unveiling of a new strategic dialogue architecture and the signing of an agreement to facilitate the launch of U.S. satellites and satellites with U.S. components on Indian launch vehicles

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/20/stories/2009072057530100.htm>

### [India unable to accept any legally binding cut in greenhouse gas emissions: Ramesh](#)

**Hindu, 20 July 2009**

GURGAON: India and the United States have agreed to join hands to combat the threat of climate change and its consequences and forge ahead in energy efficiency and sustainable development. India has, however, clarified that it is not in a position now to accept any legally binding reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, who discussed climate change with Indian officials at the ITC Green Building here on Sunday, said she hoped India and the U.S. would be able to amplify the partnership

### [Kakodkar sounded warning on NPT link to ENR](#)

**Hindu, 20 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: The United Progressive Alliance government may insist it is "not concerned" by the recent American move to get the G8 to prohibit the sale of enrichment and reprocessing (ENR) items to India pending a similar ban by the Nuclear Suppliers Group. But six months ago, Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Anil Kakodkar publicly drew attention to the restrictive moves afoot and warned that what Washington was pushing was "contrary to the spirit" of India's bilateral agreement with the United States. In his inaugural address to a seminar on Global Nuclear Challenges, organised by the Centre for Air Power Studies on January 10, Dr. Kakodkar spoke of "credible but unofficial information" that the Consultative Group of

the NSG was "moving very close to the decision that ENR technologies would be available on the condition that one must have signed the NPT [Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty]."

### [It will be \\$2.9 billion for Gorshkov](#)

**Hindu, 20 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: India is all set to finalise the price tag of aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya (Admiral Gorshkov), which would be closer to the revised demand made by Russia at \$2.9 billion. Authoritative sources in the Ministry of Defence say the figure is likely to be finalised next week when negotiators end discussions. The Russian negotiators arrived here on July 10 and originally intended to stay till July 17. The team has conveyed that the cost had been calculated as per the standards specified by its government and there was little room to de-escalate the cost, revised from its original price of \$1.5 billion. This figure too had been later changed to \$2.2 billion

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/20/stories/2009072060702000.htm>

### [Lakhvi mastermind of Mumbai attacks: Pak admits in dossier](#)

**Times of India, 20 July 2009**

In the 36-page dossier, that contains some annexures, Pakistan has informed India about the case details of five terrorists, including Lashkar-e-Taiba commander and "mastermind" Zaki-ur Rahman Lakhvi, who have been arrested, sources said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS-India-Lakhvi-mastermind-of-Mumbai-attacks-Pak-admits-in-dossier/articleshow/4795874.cms>

### [Multi-crore illicit drugs business thriving in India](#)

**Times of India, 24 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Watch out! The next time you buy your baby a cough syrup or get yourself any medication, make sure to get a proper bill else you could fall prey to the multi-crore clandestine business of spurious, misbranded and adulterated drugs. While the top players of the over Rs 85,000 crore pharmaceutical business are up in arms over what they call rampant spread of counterfeit drugs (allegedly 20 to 25 per cent of total pharma sales) in the country, enforcement agencies and some pharma associations say the situation is not that alarming

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Multi-crore-illicit-drugs-business-thriving-in-India/articleshow/4814913.cms>

### [Our laws older than our country](#)

**Hindustan Times, 24 July 2009**

Do you know how many laws our country has? Probably not. And the answer is going to make you sit up in surprise. 2,000. But nearly two-thirds of them have not been used even once during the last 60 years. The debate generated by a Delhi High Court judgment that legalised homosexuality among consenting adults turned the spotlight on the Indian legal system that relies on laws — majority of which were framed in the 19th century. All major laws in the country — criminal or civil — borrowed from the British legal system are 100 to 150 years old

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=791a5077-cb5b-491b-b0ab-a4dd0f678ad7&Headline=Our+laws+older+than+our+country>

### [Judiciary, Govt killing RTI Act: Panel member](#)

**Hindustan Times, 24 July 2009**

The government and judiciary pose a serious threat to the Right to Information (RTI), and if citizens do not step in, it faces the danger of being destroyed, a Central Information Commissioner (CIC) has warned. The widely prevalent and dangerous trend of resistance to transparency in their functioning by "those in power" will gradually kill the RTI Act, CIC, Shailesh Gandhi (62), said in a rare outburst while talking to Hindustan Times

### [Decline in infiltration along Indo-Bangla border: Govt](#)

**Times of India, 24 July 2009**

SHILLONG: There has been a decline in the number of foreign nationals arrested for infiltrating along the Indo-Bangla border, an official statement said on Thursday. Till June this year, 991 foreign infiltrators were held along the Indo-Bangla border while 2559 such persons were apprehended last year. In 2007 and 2006, the figures were 4206 and 5130 respectively, the statement issued by Union home ministry said here. The government has adopted a "multi-pronged approach" to contain cross-border infiltration which includes round the clock surveillance and patrolling on the borders and establishment of observation posts, the statement said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Decline-in-infiltration-along-Indo-Bangla-border-Govt-/articleshow/4813206.cms>

### [Strategic Andaman&Nicobar military command floundering with low force-levels](#)

**Times of India, 24 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: India's first and only regional 'theatre command' in the strategically-located Andaman and Nicobar Islands, created as part of the national security reforms after the 1999 Kargil conflict, is floundering and that too badly. There is growing disquiet among the top military brass about the unified Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC), where Navy, IAF and Army assets are under the operational control of a single commander, especially with all the three Services pulling in different directions. "ANC is in a bad shape. It requires many more aircraft, warships and troops but IAF, Navy and Army all remain extremely reluctant to part with any of their 'assets'," admitted a senior officer

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Strategic-AndamanNicobar-military-command-floundering-with-low-force-levels/articleshow/4812910.cms>

### [India aims to bring together Karakoram communities](#)

**Times of India, 24 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: India is reaching out to the communities in the Karakoram areas — stretching from Swat, Buner, Waziristan, Balochistan and Xinjiang to Gilgit, Hunza and Baltistan in the Northern Areas to Jammu & Kashmir. Significantly, most of these areas lie within the territory of the erstwhile Jammu & Kashmir state. India claims "legitimate interest in territories and peoples that are part of India but under illegal occupation, both to the west as well as to the east".

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/India-aims-to-bring-together-Karakoram-communities/articleshow/4812870.cms>

### [Supreme Court directive on bail in Shopian case](#)

### **Hindu, 25 July 2009**

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday asked the two senior police officers arrested in connection with the alleged rape and murder of two women in Shopian to approach the Sessions Court in Jammu and Kashmir for bail. A Bench, comprising Chief Justice K. G. Balakrishnan and Justice P. Sathasivam, passed the order while disposing of special leave petitions filed by Superintendent of Police Javed Iqbal Mattoo and DSP Rohit Baskotra, praying for bail and challenging the High Court order directing their arrest

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/25/stories/2009072558250100.htm>

### **CAG picks holes in Gorshkov acquisition**

#### **Hindu, 25 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: With cost overruns and delay affecting the acquisition of aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya (Admiral Gorshkov), the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on Friday said the Navy's decision to go in for a second-hand ship has become questionable, and that the objective of its induction has been defeated. "The objective of inducting an aircraft carrier in time to fill the gap in the Indian Navy has not been achieved. The cost of acquisition has more than doubled to \$1.82 billion (Rs. 7,207 crore) in four years. At best, the Indian Navy would be acquiring, belatedly, a second-hand ship with a limited life span, by paying significantly more than what it would have paid for a new ship," the CAG said in its latest report to Parliament

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/25/stories/2009072556341100.htm>

### **ISI spreading terrorism in India, says US**

#### **Times of India, 25 July 2009**

WASHINGTON: A top US military strategist has affirmed ahead of a meeting with the visiting Indian Army Chief that Pakistan has been fomenting terrorism in India and Afghanistan, endorsing New Delhi's and the Indian Army's long-held view at a time when the two neighbours are sparring over the issue. ( Watch ) The damning public US indictment of Pakistan's use of terrorism came from US Admiral Mike Mullen, who told the Arabic television network Al Jazeera hours ahead of his meeting with General Deepak Kapoor on Thursday that in the long run the ISI has to change its strategic thrust, which has been to foment chaotic activity in its border countries.

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/ISI-spreading-terrorism-in-India-says-US-/articleshow/4818425.cms>

### **Honour over love: Over 100 killed every yr**

#### **Times of India, 25 July 2009**

CHANDIGARH: Love doesn't come easy in Jatland. It never did in the countryside, where honour takes precedence over feelings. Neither Ved Pal Mor, who was killed on Thursday, understood it nor scores of nameless others who died in the last decade. Monitoring such cases for quite some time, Jagmati Sangwan, state president of All India Democratic Women Association (AIDWA), estimated that at least 100 boys or girls every year are being murdered or forced to commit suicide due to love affairs in the state

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Honour-over-love-Over-100-killed-every-yr/articleshow/4818395.cms>

### **[Glaring lapses in Gorshkov, Scorpene, Hawk defence deals: CAG](#)**

**Times of India, 25 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Sleazy wheeling and dealing, huge delays and financial irregularities continue to pervade all defence deals. The Comptroller and Auditor General has now hammered the defence establishment for glaring lapses in the two biggest naval projects — acquisition of Russian aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov and indigenous construction of six French Scorpene submarines. This comes even as India under Russian pressure is getting ready to shell out almost \$2 billion (Rs 9,680 crore) over and above what was initially a 'fixed price contract' of \$974 million for Gorshkov's refit, while the Rs 18,798-crore project to construct six Scorpenes at Mazagon Docks has slipped two years behind schedule, as first reported by TOI

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Glaring-lapses-in-Gorshkov-Scorpene-Hawk-defence-deals-CAG/articleshow/4818004.cms>

### **[Congress core group in huddle over Indo-Pak joint statement](#)**

**Hindustan Times, 25 July 2009**

The Congress core group — that includes Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi — met on Friday in the backdrop of the Opposition onslaught and the party's reported unease over the Indo-Pak joint statement delinking terror from the composite dialogue and the reference to Balochistan in the document. The meeting was still on till late at night. Though there is no confirmation, there is speculation that it discussed the issue that would also be debated in Parliament on July 29

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=5e8d108a-5ff4-446d-ad43-af0274e8cb14&Headline=Congress+core+group+in+huddle+over+Indo-Pak+joint+statement>

### **[No government-party rift over Pakistan: Manmohan](#)**

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has dismissed reports of differences between his government and the party over the recent India-Pakistan joint statement and maintained that he had the "relevant answers" to all objections and doubts expressed about that statement. Speaking to journalists after a function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Saturday, the Prime Minister said divergence of views on this subject was a "media creation."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072657780100.htm>

### **[Maoists free policeman; security to be stepped up](#)**

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

Kolkata: Belying fears, Maoists on Saturday released the policeman they abducted on Friday evening at Pirrakhuli, 14 km from Lalgargh in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district. . In a press statement issued later, Maoist leader Bikash stated that "the policeman was released following discussions with local people, media and intellectuals."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072659810800.htm>

### **[Nuclear submarine all set to enter waters](#)**

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

CHENNAI: The mood is upbeat in the Navy, the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) and the Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDO) with the indigenously developed nuclear-powered submarine, INS Arihant, (destroyer of enemies) all set to enter the water from the dry-dock at Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The submarine is already fitted with a miniaturised nuclear-powered reactor developed by BARC at Kalpakkam, 60 km from Chennai

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072659860900.htm>

### [Rs.5,500-crore Plan for J&K](#)

**Hindu, 26 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: After four days of consultations, the Planning Commission and the Jammu and Kashmir government on Saturday agreed on a Rs.5,500-crore Plan for the current fiscal

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/26/stories/2009072650060100.htm>

### [It's a RAW deal for intel agency](#)

**Times of India, 26 July 2009**

NEW DELHI: At a time when Pakistan has for the first time managed to bring its troubled Baluchistan province in the official dialogue framework with India, it's perhaps ironical that India's external intelligence agency RAW is fighting hard to maintain even the basic operational efficiency because of acute staff shortage. A government analysis of the functioning of the agency has revealed that the agency needs to increase its staff intake by at least 10-15% in the next five years to carry out its work properly. Time and again Pakistan has blamed RAW for fomenting trouble in the region and, in what is being described as a diplomatic victory for Islamabad, India relented last week when it agreed to discuss the issue of Baluchistan

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Its-a-RAW-deal-for-intel-agency/articleshow/4820936.cms>

### [Baglihar's unit resumes generation](#)

**Daily Excelsior, 26 July 2009**

JAMMU, July 25: The 150 Mega Watt (MW) unit of Baglihar Hydro Electric Project, which was shut down by the Power Development Corporation (PDC) on July 10 following a technical snag, resumed electricity generation today. An official spokesman said that an engineer of V A Tech Company from Germany, who arrived here yesterday, rectified the fault this morning following which the 150 Mega Watt unit resumed electricity generation from 11.50 am

Baglihar's unit resumes generation

### [India has no aggressive designs, says Manmohan](#)

**Hindu, 27 July 2009**

VISAKHAPATNAM: At the stroke of noon on Sunday, India demonstrated its capability to indigenously build and operate a nuclear-powered submarine with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh launching INS Arihant for sea trials here. Tugged gently from its dry-dock base, the 110-metre-long, 11-metre wide vessel can displace 6,000 tonnes of water. Its journey towards the sea is the first step before eventual induction into the Navy that Dr. Singh said marked "years of hard work, dedication and perseverance."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072757640100.htm>

### **[Nuclear-powered submarine to be fitted with ballistic missiles](#)**

**Hindu, 27 July 2009**

CHENNAI: A nuclear-powered submarine is a much more complex platform than any other vessel and India building one on its own is a great achievement. This is the unanimous assessment of officials, be they from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Department of Atomic Energy or the Indian Navy. What enhances the scale of the achievement is that INS Arihant, India's nuclear-powered submarine, will be fitted with India's own K-15 ballistic missiles that can be launched from under water. The K-15 missiles, which are already under production, can carry both conventional and nuclear warheads. They have a range of 700 km. They are 10.4 metres tall and weigh 6.3 tonnes each

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072760301000.htm>

### **[Two CRPF jawans killed in Maoist attack](#)**

**Hindu, 27 July 2009**

RAIPUR: A day before the Maoist martyrs' week begins, rebels blasted a van carrying Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans between Gidam and Barsur villages in the Bastar forests of Chhattisgarh on Sunday, killing two and injuring seven of them. Reinforcements were being rushed from different locations to the site. The jawans were on a routine patrol when their vehicle was ambushed at around 7 p.m

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072757580100.htm>

### **[IAF played a 'pivotal' role in Kargil victory](#)**

**Hindu, 27 July 2009**

DRASS: While the Army jawans fought the Pakistani troops on the ice-covered heights of Drass and Kargil, the Indian Air Force (IAF) was called in for its "most difficult operation ever," — to carry out precision strikes without breaching the Line of Control (LoC). "The fighter planes changed the course of the battle and the use of precision weapons destroyed the enemy fortification," recalled Air Officer Commanding, Jammu and Kashmir, Air Marshal J. Chauhan

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/07/27/stories/2009072756001200.htm>

### **[SAARC meet: New Delhi for Pak-Bangla train via India, Nepal](#)**

**Hindustan Times, 27 July 2009**

In a bid to strengthen intra-regional connectivity and unite hearts of people of South Asia, India has proposed a demonstration train between Pakistan and Bangladesh via its territory and that of Nepal. The Indian proposal for running a trial train from Pakistan to Bangladesh via India and Nepal was welcomed by the SAARC member states at the meeting of their Transport Ministers in Colombo on Saturday

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/StoryPage/StoryPage.aspx?sectionName=IndiaSectionPage&id=77ff43e8-67eb-4ab0-a72a-b4bae1713ba7&Headline=SAARC+meet+New+Delhi+for+Pak-Bangla+train+via+India+Nepal>