

[India mulls over next step on Pakistan](#)

Hindu, 1 September 2009

New Delhi: With Prime Minister Manmohan Singh likely to have another "sidelines" meeting with the President or the Prime Minister of Pakistan during the Commonwealth summit in Trinidad November-end, India is considering the strategy it should adopt in the interim to make that high-level encounter more meaningful — and less controversial — than the July 16 Sharm el-Sheikh event. Since Prime Ministers have always driven Pakistan policy and Dr. Singh is an outlier in his own government on the question of engagement with Islamabad, this strategy is being worked out at the highest level, with the Ministry of External Affairs playing only a limited role

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/01/stories/2009090158130100.htm>

[Pakistan action of modifying missile not in India's interest: Admiral Mehta](#)

Hindu, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: With Pakistan being accused by the United States of modifying missiles supplied by it to bring India in its range, the outgoing Navy Chief viewed the development as one against the country's national interests. Admiral Sureesh Mehta, who laid down office on Monday, said New Delhi was reiterating that the military supplies have nothing to do with Pakistan's self-defence.

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/01/stories/2009090156161000.htm>

[Army tanks battle night-blindness](#)

Times of India, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: A majority of Army tanks continue to grope in the dark, stricken as they are with an acute case of night blindness, in yet another example of the Indian defence establishment's sheer inability to take timely decisions in tune with strategic concerns. Army's long-standing objective to equip its mechanized forces, including the over 1,600 T-72 tanks which form the backbone of the country's armoured might, with advanced night-fighting capabilities is still a long distance away from fruition, say sources. For instance, Army's case for acquiring 700 TISAS (thermal imaging stand alone systems) and 418 TIFACS (thermal fire control systems) for its T-72 fleet at a cost of around Rs 1,150 crore is still hanging fire at the commercial negotiations stage

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/India/Army-tanks-battle-night-blindness/articleshow/4957199.cms>

[India plays down Chinese incursions](#)

Times of India, 1 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Monday sought to play down incursions by the Chinese into its territory with highly placed government officials stating that this was a fallout of the absence of "mutually agreed" Line of Actual Control (LAC) between the two countries. This was

even as Indian Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor admitted incursion by a Chinese chopper two months ago. While the number of Chinese incursions into Indian territory remains as high as last year, Indian officials said that such "transgression" must be seen in the proper context. "The fact is that we don't yet have a mutually agreed LAC. We have proposed an early clarification from China on LAC, but so far there has been no response from Beijing," a top government official said

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-plays-down-Chinese-incursions/articleshow/4955829.cms>

[Search for 'honourable exit' for Advani](#)

Hindu, 2 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Supporters of Leader of the Opposition L.K. Advani in the BJP are looking for an "honourable exit" for him. No definite time frame has as yet been fixed but there is talk of Mr. Advani announcing his "decision" to quit on his birthday on November 8. He will be 82 that day

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/02/stories/2009090258310100.htm>

[We can tackle drought, says Manmohan Singh](#)

Hindu, 2 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said the effects of the global meltdown had begun to wear out and asserted that UPA II was in a commanding position to tackle drought. Terming the pessimism about the economy unwarranted, Dr. Singh, chairing the first full-fledged meeting of the Planning Commission in his second tenure here, said: "We are in a very strong position to manage the consequence of drought. Our food stocks in particular are very high. We should not be over-pessimistic." The country had a buffer stock of 50 million tonnes of foodgrains, enough to meet the requirements of the Public Distribution System for 13 months

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/02/stories/2009090257940100.htm>

[Drought may hurt growth: Ahluwalia](#)

Hindu, 2 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Calling for a bold and clear disinvestment programme to meet the resource gap in the next two fiscals, Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Montek Singh Ahluwalia on Tuesday expressed fears that drought could lead to a fall in growth in the next two quarters from the 6.1 per cent logged during the first quarter this fiscal. However, he said, 2009-10 might end with a 6.3 per cent expansion. "The growth rate may turn worse in the current and next quarter because of the impact of drought."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/02/stories/2009090255371000.htm>

[Sethna backs Santhanam](#)

Hindu, 2 September 2009

Mumbai: The former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman, Homi

Sethna, on Tuesday backed the former DRDO scientist, K. Santhanam's assessment that the 1998 Pokhran nuclear test was not a full success and criticised the former President, A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, for rubbishing the claim. "I fully support Mr. Santhanam and I stand by his statement that India needs to conduct more nuclear tests," Dr. Sethna, the guiding force behind India's first nuclear test in 1974, told PTI

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/02/stories/2009090260741300.htm>

[Pakistan not serious about punishing 26/11 plotters: PC Hindustan Times, 2 September 2009](#)

Days after India handed over a fresh dossier to help make out a case against Jamaat-ud-Dawah (JuD) chief Hafiz Saeed, Home Minister P Chidambaram slammed Pakistan for not acting against the perpetrators of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks. India has already given half-a -dozen dossiers and clarifications to Islamabad over the last eight months on the role of Pakistani citizens in the Mumbai attack "Pakistan is not serious about prosecuting and punishing those responsible for perpetrating the Mumbai attack," he told a press conference. Chidambaram also said the terror infrastructure, that was used to carry out attacks like the one in Mumbai, was intact. "That is my complaint against Pakistan and that is my disappointment with Pakistan," he said

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/Pakistan-not-serious-about-punishing-26-11-plotters-PC/H1-Article1-449335.aspx>

[Pakistan rapidly ramping up India-specific nuclear arsenal Times of India, 2 September 2009](#)

WASHINGTON: Pakistan's rapidly ramped up nuclear arsenal is now 70-90 strong with increasingly sophisticated bomb designs and smart delivery systems aimed primarily at India, two US researchers have said, even as Islamabad is running from pillar to post seeking foreign aid to stem an economic collapse. In a paper written for the Bulletin for Atomic Scientists, Robert Norris of the Natural Resources Defense Council and Hans Kristensen of the Federation of American Scientists say Pakistan is "busily enhancing its capabilities across the board," with new nuclear-capable ballistic missiles being readied for deployment, and two nuclear capable cruise missiles under development

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Pakistan-rapidly-ramping-up-India-specific-nuclear-arsenal/articleshow/4961056.cms>

[Two Maoists killed in encounter Hindu, 3 September 2009](#)

KOLKATA: Two suspected Maoists were killed and two more arrested after a long-drawn exchange of fire between security forces and the rebels in the Madhupur forest, 20 km from Lalgah, in West Bengal's Paschim Medinipur district on Wednesday. District Superintendent of Police Manoj Kumar Verma told The Hindu from Midnapore that the Maoists opened fire on the security forces during a routine combing

operation, and heavy gun battle ensued when the security personnel retaliated

[Massive search operations on as helicopter with YSR goes missing in heavily forested area](#)

Hindu, 3 September 2009

HYDERABAD: Andhra Pradesh was plunged into a crisis after Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, who completed just 110 days in office in his second term, went missing along with two key aides and pilots in a helicopter somewhere in the vicinity of the dense Nallamala forest on Wednesday morning. A sombre and uncertain mood prevailed among leaders across the political spectrum as search operations launched on an unprecedented scale by land and air through the day failed to yield any results as the missing Bell-430 helicopter could not be located since it lost contact with air traffic control authorities at 9.35 a.m

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/03/stories/2009090357810100.htm>

[No more nuke tests needed, says Kakodkar](#)

Times of India, 3 September 2009

MUMBAI: Joining issue with an ex-DRDO scientist that Pokhran-II was not a full success and India needs to go for a few more nuclear tests, atomic energy commission chief Anil Kakodkar on Wednesday said the country has strong simulation capability and that additional tests were not required. "We have enough data. We have comprehensive simulation capability and therefore there is no need for any more tests," Kakodkar said days after K Santhanam ignited a controversy that Pokhran-II was a fizzle and did not give the desired yield

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/No-more-nuke-tests-needed-says-Kakodkar/articleshow/4966230.cms>

[YSR's body recovered, brought to Hyderabad](#)

Hindu, 4 September 2009

HYDERABAD: All of 24 hours after the helicopter in which he was travelling went missing, the body of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy was recovered from its wreckage on Thursday morning. Within six hours, Finance Minister Konijeti Rosaiah (77) was sworn in Chief Minister at a hurriedly organised and low-key ceremony, by Governor N.D. Tiwari at the Raj Bhavan

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/04/stories/2009090458250100.htm>

[Lakhs pay tearful homage to YSR](#)

Hindu, 5 September 2009

HYDERABAD: Lakhs of people paid their last respects to Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy when his body was taken round the State capital and later laid to rest in his Idupalapaya Estate, a favourite sojourn of YSR, in his native Kadapa district. Tearful mourners thronged the sprawling estate nestled between hills when YSR's body was buried with state honours keeping with the decision

of the Union government. Army jawans carried the coffin from the helipad and it was lowered into the grave amid prayers by Christian priests and a gun salute by the State police

[Gujarat ban on Jaswant book struck down](#)

Hindu, 5 September 2009

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat High Court on Friday struck down the August 19 notification of the State government banning the publication, sale and distribution of the expelled BJP leader, Jaswant Singh's book on Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Sources in the government said the Home Department was working out details for issuing another notification to continue the ban. The government was taking cautious steps in issuing a new notification in view of the court's critical remarks that there was "non-application of mind" on its part while issuing the first notification, the sources added

[Re-energising Doha Round, India leads the way](#)

Hindu, 5 September 2009

NEW DELHI: The 'successful' conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting on re-energising the Doha Round of WTO talks has put India in a commanding position as it has assumed the leadership of not only getting the talks moving but also becoming the voice of the developing nations, poor countries and various regional blocks. The two-day Ministerial engagement witnessed "informal talks" between India and various regional blocks on how to cater to the interests of the poor and developing countries and ensure that their issues and concerns are addressed without any compromise

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/05/stories/2009090560111300.htm>

[Pak army resorting to firing to push in militants: Army Chief](#)

Hindustan Times, 5 September 2009

Observing that ceasefire violations by Islamabad were on the rise, Army Chief Gen Deepak Kapoor said the Pakistan army was resorting to firing on the border to push in maximum militants before winter to "disrupt" the peaceful environment of Jammu and Kashmir. "The attempts of ceasefire violation have increased because this enables infiltration to be carried out when the firing is on and can be used as a diversionary tactic," he told reporters when referred to ceasefire violations by Pakistan and rise in infiltration by militants

[Talks only after action by Pakistan: Krishna](#)

Hindu, 6 September 2009

BANGALORE: External Affairs Minister S.M. Krishna on Saturday blamed Pakistan for the "abrupt suspension" of the composite dialogue and said talks would resume only if Islamabad satisfied New Delhi's requirements by acting sternly against those responsible for the Mumbai terror attacks. Pakistan recently blamed India for the delay in resumption of talks between the Foreign Secretaries and said restarting dialogue would benefit both countries

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/06/stories/2009090657580100.htm>

[May have to revisit nuclear no-first use policy: Army chief](#)
Times of India, 6 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor may have opened a fresh discussion on India's nuclear posture and preparedness with his recent remarks that if reports of Pakistan's expanded arsenal are correct, then New Delhi may well have to reconsider its strategic stance. The Army chief's latest remarks with regard to a report by Federation of American Scientists which said the Pakistani arsenal could be as large as 70-90 warheads — he had earlier said if true this went beyond deterrence — has further spurred the debate in the strategic community

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/May-have-to-revisit-nuclear-no-first-use-policy-Army-chief/articleshow/4977129.cms>

[India conveys concern to US over Harpoon modification by Pak](#)

Times of India, 6 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India has conveyed its concerns to the US over reported modification of American Harpoon missiles illegally by Pakistan with an apparent objective of targeting this country. The concerns were shared by National Security Adviser M K Narayanan and Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao with US Ambassador Timothy J Roemer when the latter met them on Tuesday, official sources said here today

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-conveys-concern-to-US-over-Harpoon-modification-by-Pak/articleshow/4976434.cms>

[Jet Airways standoff continues: talks today](#)

Hindu, 11 September 2009

NEW DELHI: As the stalemate continued for the third day on Thursday between Jet Airways and its agitating pilots and as travellers faced a harrowing time due to large-scale cancellation of flights, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh made enquiries about the crisis. With no breakthrough in sight, Dr. Singh, at a Cabinet meeting, asked Civil Aviation Minister Praful Patel how bad the situation had turned for passengers. Though the possibility of government intervention was discussed, official sources said no view was taken on it

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/11/stories/2009091157890100.htm>

[Dalai Lama may visit Tawang in November](#)

Times of India, 11 September 2009

GUWAHATI/NEW DELHI: Amid reports of a Chinese military build-up in Tibet, the Dalai Lama has decided to visit Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh, which China claims as its own, in November. The proposed visit comes exactly a year after the exiled Tibetan leader dropped his plan to visit Tawang "because of the Lok Sabha

elections".

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Dalai-Lama-may-visit-Tawang-in-November/articleshow/4996028.cms>

[New N-E division with eye on China?](#)

Times of India, 11 September 2009

KOLKATA: The Army is creating a new Mountain Division for the Northeast, headquartered in central Nagaland or the adjoining areas of Upper Assam. Although it will be stationed in an area when the Army is engaged in counter-insurgency operations, sources say the division could also have the task of keeping an eye on the Chinese border in neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh, sources indicated

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/New-N-E-division-with-eye-on-China/articleshow/4995973.cms>

[Delhi offers transit, power](#)

Daily Star, 11 September 2009

In a major breakthrough in bilateral relationship, India has agreed with Bangladesh to facilitate Bangladesh's transit to Nepal and Bhutan, provide at least 100MW power on priority basis, increase trade and communication facilities and resolve other outstanding issues

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=105302>

[Security threats from Pakistan have not lessened: Chidambaram](#)

Hindu, 12 September 2009

Washington: Security threats to India from militant groups operating from Pakistani soil have not diminished, Home Minister P. Chidambaram said on Friday. He also said that there was an increase in infiltration from Pakistan in the last four months. He conveyed New Delhi's concerns during meetings with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and top security officials of the Obama administration

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/12/stories/2009091258020100.htm>

[Jet Airways impasse continues](#)

Hindu, 12 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Marathon talks to end the impasse between the management of Jet Airways and its pilots before the Chief Labour Commissioner remained inconclusive on Friday. The talks will continue in Mumbai on Saturday. The deadlock has caused large-scale disruption of flights, affecting nearly 14,000 passengers daily for the past four days. On average 200 Jet flights, including those on international routes, have been cancelled as hundreds of pilots reported sick

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/12/stories/2009091257780100.htm>

[BSF strikes back as Pak fires rockets into Punjab border](#)

Times of India, 12 September 2009

AMRITSAR: Pushed to the wall by Pakistan on Friday night, when it reportedly fired two rockets into border villages of Punjab — the second such provocation in two months — India for the time is said to have struck back with machine guns. The unsettling attack from a belligerent neighbour came on a day when the Border Security Force had deployed its first batch of women along the border. No causality was reported till news last came in at 11.45 pm, stating that Pakistan had fired three more rockets which were yet to be traced

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/BSF-strikes-back-as-Pak-fires-rockets-into-Punjab-border/articleshow/5001451.cms>

[Deal on sharing Teesta water soon: Dhaka won't hand over Anup Chetia, says Dipu Moni](#)

Daily Star, 12 September 2009

Foreign Minister Dipu Moni yesterday said a treaty would soon be signed with India on sharing the water of common river Teesta. "We discussed and agreed to sign a deal on sharing water of the river Teesta," Dipu Moni, who returned home on Thursday after a four-day visit to India, told journalists at the ministry

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=105480>

[India lodges protest against rocket attacks](#)

Hindu, 13 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday lodged a protest with Pakistan over the rocket attacks from its side on Friday night. The rockets exploded on farm land in the Attari area of Amritsar district of Punjab. "There were four rocket attacks from Pakistan at about 10 p.m. The BSF immediately retaliated with machine gun and mortar fire," BSF DIG Mohammed Aqueel told The Hindu on the phone from Amritsar. The 107 mm rockets fell on paddy fields and their impact was reduced in rain and water. He said there was no loss of life or damage to property

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/13/stories/2009091357100100.htm>

[China objects to Dalai Lama's plan to visit Arunachal](#)

Hindu, 13 September 2009

Beijing/New Delhi: China has objected to the Dalai Lama's proposed trip to Arunachal Pradesh in November, but India has made it clear that the Tibetan spiritual leader was free to travel anywhere in the country. The Dalai Lama intends to travel to Arunachal in the middle of November, which the so-called Tibetan government-in-exile says has nothing to do with politics

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/13/stories/2009091360241000.htm>

[LeT behind Pak rocket fire?](#)

Times of India, 13 September 2009

AMRITSAR: Lashkar-e-Taiba has emerged as the main suspect behind the Friday night's rocket fire into Indian villages from Pakistan side after Pak Rangers claimed their troops had no role in the incident. Four rockets had smashed into villages in Punjab, shattering the late night calm as they exploded in the fields and triggered a major scare. The attack had forced BSF — perhaps for the first time — to retaliate with machine gun and mortar fire

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/LeT-behind-Pak-rocket-fire/articleshow/5004651.cms>

[Lashkar, Jaish still active: Chidambaram](#)

Hindu, 15 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Expressing concern over cross-border terrorism, Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday cautioned that terrorist groups, including the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and the Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), were persisting in their attempts to launch terror attacks against India with the support they found among disgruntled elements within India

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/15/stories/2009091557580100.htm>

[Pakistan asks India to share "actionable" intelligence](#)

Hindu, 15 September 2009

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan, once again, reminded India on Monday of the agreement at Sharm-el-Sheikh to share "actionable" intelligence to prevent future terrorist attacks, and urged re-activation of the joint anti-terror mechanism and composite dialogue for "pragmatic co-operation" in dealing with terrorism. The reminder came after remarks by Home Minister P. Chidambaram about the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed planning possible terror strikes against India

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/15/stories/2009091557520100.htm>

[Nepal, India for frank talks on bilateral issues](#)

Hindu, 15 September 2009

Nepalese President Ram Baran Yadav (left) welcomes India's Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao and Indian ambassador Rakesh Sood in Kathmandu on Monday.

KATHMANDU: Nepal and India want to be "more open" in discussions on bilateral issues, according to Nepal's Foreign Minister Sujata Koirala and India's Foreign Secretary Nirupama Rao. "We should be more open and hold frank discussions about our bilateral issues," Ms. Koirala said adding that Ms. Rao also held similar views. "If our distance increases, others would try to take advantage of it," she pointed out. An agreement was reached to execute the projects mutually-agreed upon during Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal's recent visit to India

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/15/stories/2009091559251200.htm>

[Infiltration rising: Manmohan](#)

Hindu, 16 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Sounding a note of caution against certain "worrisome developments" having an impact on internal security, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Tuesday said infiltration from across the Line of Control and also via Nepal, Bangladesh and the sea was going up. "Encounters with armed militants have become more frequent in recent weeks and months. Secessionist and militant groups within the State are again attempting to make common cause with outside elements and have embarked on a series of protest movements."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091657780100.htm>

[Tough seat-sharing talks likely between Congress, NCP](#)

Hindu, 16 September 2009

New Delhi: Tough negotiations are on the cards between the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) over seat-sharing in the coming Maharashtra Assembly elections as the first round of formal talks between the two parties got under way on Tuesday night in Mumbai. Sources in the Congress said the party was willing to concede 109 to 115 seats to the NCP, which had contested 122 seats in 2004. The talks signalled a willingness by the two parties to sew up an alliance, but the Congress appeared reluctant in the face of the NCP's pleas for early sealing of a pact even at the cost of some seats for itself

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091657720100.htm>

[Report on firing across LAC incorrect, says MEA](#)

Hindu, 16 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Tuesday described as "incorrect" a news report that two jawans of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police were injured in firing from across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. "A media report about two ITBP jawans having been injured due to firing from across the LAC has come to notice. The report is factually incorrect," External Affairs Ministry spokesman Vishnu Prakash said

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/16/stories/2009091659671000.htm>

[India has failed to tackle Red Terror, says PM](#)

Hindustan Times, 16 September 2009

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh acknowledged on Monday that Maoist violence had increased and the government had failed to check Maoist influence effectively. "We haven't achieved as much success as we would have liked," he said, addressing a gathering of the chiefs of central and state police forces on Tuesday. "It is a matter of concern that despite our best efforts, the level of violence in the affected states continues to rise."

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/India-has-failed-to-tackle-Red-Terror-says-PM/H1-Article1-454173.aspx>

[Centre may stop land acquisition in Naxal-hit areas](#)

Hindustan Times, 16 September 2009

The Central government is considering an amendment to the Land Acquisition Act to stop state government's from acquiring land for private projects in the country's 90 districts worst hit by Naxal violence. Violent backlashes in Singur, Nandigram and Lal Garh areas of West Bengal since 2007 over land acquisition by the state government for private sector projects apparently led to the change in government thinking.

[China-ULFA link exposed](#)

Times of India, 16 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Times Now has accessed details that shows how the Chinese are training ULFA terrorists in a number of camps. While the Indian government has been very quick to reject reports of Chinese firing in Sikkim, of greater concern is an exclusive report by Times Now that blows the lid off a deadly Chinese game plan to sever the north east from the Indian mainland. Times Now has learned after the deadly Kachen Rebels in Myanmar, China is now out to get the menacing ULFA on its side. The idea is to sever the northeast from the rest of India

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/China-ULFA-link-exposed/articleshow/5015004.cms>

[Russia ready to help India build its own advanced radar](#)

Hindu, 21 September 2009

MOSCOW: As the race to secure the Indian Air Force's \$10-billion tender for 126 combat jets reached the crucial stage of flight trials, Russia, on top of a full technology transfer, is offering India help in building its own advanced radar. This would put India in the elite league of manufacturers of some of the most sophisticated defence equipment

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/21/stories/2009092150410100.htm>

[Army holds war games to secure the country's coastline](#)

Hindustan Times, 22 September 2009

To counter terror threats in the backdrop of the Mumbai attacks, top army generals have evolved detailed plans to secure the country's coastline from Gujarat to Orissa and refine the force's amphibious warfare tactics. The strategies were fine-tuned by top brass including Army chief General Deepak Kapoor during a two-day table-top war game in Pune last week, army sources in New Delhi said on Monday. Plans for the Southern Command to protect the coastline from both conventional and asymmetric threats were discussed threadbare, they said

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/newdelhi/Army-holds-war-games-to-secure-the-country-s-coastline/Article1-456353.aspx>

[No borders for smugglers in Leh](#)

Hindustan Times, 22 September 2009

The age-old barter system is back along the Sino-Indian border but

with a twist as Indian traders smuggle daily needs into Tibet in exchange for fancy Chinese goods through the Line of Actual Control. The area — Changthang — is located southeast of Ladakh and has been a haven for smugglers who carry essential commodities like rice, wheat, vegetables having longer shelf-life, cigarettes and “bidi” and cooking oil. And in return, the Indian smugglers flood the market with Pashmina shawls, Chinese crockery, toys, electronic items and blankets, say civil and military officials in Ladakh area

[Top Maoist leader arrested in Delhi](#)

Hindustan Times, 22 September 2009

A joint Andhra Pradesh and Delhi police team arrested Kobad Ghandy, 60, on Sunday, the highest ranking Maoist to have been held so far. He was captured from Bhikaji Cama Place in south Delhi. He is a member of the Communist Party of India (Maoist) politburo and associated with the Naxalite movement for the last three decades

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/newdelhi/Highest-ranking-Maoist-leader-arrested-in-Delhi/Article1-456658.aspx>

[Chidambaram wants Pakistan to question Saeed on 26/11](#)

Hindu, 22 September 2009

CHENNAI: Union Home Minister P. Chidambaram on Monday demanded that Pakistan question Hafiz Saeed, founder-leader of the Jamat-ud-Dawa/Laskhar-e-Taiba, for the November last Mumbai terror attacks. Asked whether India was satisfied with Pakistan's action against him, he said: “He has been charged under two FIRs unrelated to 26/11 [the Mumbai attacks]. If this is a face-saving technique, I have no objection. My demand is that he be interrogated for the 26/11 attacks... on his role in the 26/11 attacks.”

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/22/stories/2009092257730100.htm>

[CCS discusses Navy's new acquisition plan](#)

Hindustan Times, 23 September 2009

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) on Tuesday discussed acquisition of 10 warships and 80 radars for the Navy aimed at strengthening coastal security, identified as a priority after the Mumbai attacks. The 10 warships -- six frigates with advanced stealth features and four corvettes -- would be built indigenously beginning 2010 and would be delivered before 2017, Defence Ministry sources said. These warships would be built at an average cost of Rs 2,800 crore each, they added.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/newdelhi/CCS-discusses-Navy-s-new-acquisition-plan/Article1-456962.aspx>

[Arms dropped from Pak army post into Indian village](#)

Daily Excelsior, 23 September 2009

JAMMU, Sept 22: A series of new strategies have been detected by

security forces on Line of Control (LoC) being used by Pakistani troops to facilitate infiltration attempts and smuggle arms and ammunition to Indian territory from Pakistan during the last few days. As the militants stationed at launching pads, close to Army posts across LoC, were finding it difficult to intrude into Indian territory due to a variety of reasons including alertness of troops, border fencing and installation of sophisticated gadgetry, Pakistan army was desperate to devise new technique to infiltrate the militants

[Over 100 pilots have applied for VRS: IAF chief](#)

Times of India, 24 September 2009

GANDHINAGAR: Over 100 pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) have applied for voluntary retirement scheme (VRS), Air Chief Marshal P V Naik said here on Wednesday. "We have very steep pyramid structure (in the Air Force) where there are less avenues of promotions," Naik said in reply to a question on how many pilots of the Air Force have applied for VRS

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Over-100-pilots-have-applied-for-VRS-IAF-chief/articleshow/5046777.cms>

[PSLV puts Oceansat-2 and six nano satellites in orbit](#)

Hindu, 24 September 2009

SRIHARIKOTA: Three days after its 16th birthday, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle on Wednesday roared its way to success from the Sriharikota spaceport and put in orbit India's Oceansat-2 and six foreign nano satellites. This was the 15th successful flight of the launch vehicle in a row

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/24/stories/2009092461350100.htm>

[No increase in Chinese incursions, says Army Chief](#)

Hindu, 24 September 2009

JAIPUR: Army Chief General Deepak Kapoor on Wednesday said there was no increase in Chinese incursions this year, and asked the media to be "responsible" in reporting the "sensitive" issue. "There have not been more incursions or transgressions as compared to last year. They are at the same level. So, there is no cause of worry or concern," Gen. Kapoor said when asked about the situation on the India-China border

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/24/stories/2009092450380100.htm>

[Government rubbishes claims that Pokhran-II was failure](#)

Hindustan Times, 24 September 2009

The government has rubbished the claim by a retired senior scientist that the nuclear tests India conducted 11 years ago were a failure and questioned the timing of his statement. "He is a perennial doubter. Why has he waited for five years of the UPA (United Progressive Alliance) government to make the claim?" a top government official said referring to the claim by the former scientist with a state-run agency.

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india/Government-rubbishes-claims-that-Pohkhran-II-was-failure/Article1-457401.aspx>

[India to US: Don't tell us to sign NPT](#)

Hindu, 25 September 2009

Pittsburgh: India's response to the U.S.-sponsored resolution on non-proliferation may be worded diplomatically but there is no disguising the sharp differences between Washington and New Delhi that have opened up on a host of nuclear issues. These range from the role of the Security Council and the right of countries not to sign treaties to the emphasis on non-proliferation at the expense of disarmament

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/25/stories/2009092561610100.htm>

["Give us some time to probe Saeed's role in 26/11"](#)

Hindu, 25 September 2009

New York: Ahead of two key bilateral meetings here, Pakistan on Thursday sought more time to investigate the role of detained Jamat-ud-Dawa chief Hafiz Saeed in the November last Mumbai terror attacks. It, however, claimed that India had so far provided it with only "leads" and not "credible tangible evidence."

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/25/stories/2009092558660100.htm>

[Assam to recruit surrendered militants](#)

Hindu, 25 September 2009

Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi said the government will raise two new battalions of the Assam Police by recruiting surrendered militants. The battalions would be raised as part of State government's plan to rehabilitate those youth who gave up insurgency or were confined to designated camps after signing agreements with the government to end hostilities

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/25/stories/2009092560871100.htm>

[India expresses concerns over latest US aid to Pak](#)

Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009

With the US Senate voting to triple the non-military aid to Pakistan at \$1.5 billion, India on Friday once again expressed concern over such funds being diverted by Islamabad to support hostile operations against it. External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, who is here to participate in the opening session of United Nation General Assembly, said New Delhi was concerned as former Pakistan President Parvez Musharraf had himself disclosed that US aid to fight terrorists were used to bolster defences against India

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/americas/India-expresses-concerns-over-latest-US-aid-to-Pak/Article1-457818.aspx>

[IT Act will be amended to tackle cyber crime: Moily](#)

Times of India, 25 September 2009

MANGALORE: Union minister for law and justice M Veerappa Moily said the government would bring in amendments to Information Technology and Extradition Act to make them more effective in tackling cyber crime. On the sidelines of a function in Mangalore on Wednesday, he said the IT Act of 2008 requires certain provisions to deal with cyber crime. The amendments are being drafted and could be completed in a couple of months

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/IT-Act-will-be-amended-to-tackle-cyber-crime-Moily/articleshow/5048201.cms>

[Probe team to quiz KP on role in Rajiv killing](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

CHENNAI: The Rajiv Gandhi assassination case is back under the spotlight. The Multi-disciplinary Monitoring Agency — constituted in 1998 to probe the conspiracy angle in the case, and which got a fresh lease of life with the nabbing of Selvarasa Pathmanathan or KP by the Sri Lankan government recently — is all set to despatch a team to Colombo to question the former chief arms procurer of LTTE, who tried to lead the remnants after the outfit's fall in May

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Probe-team-to-quiz-KP-on-role-in-Rajiv-killing/articleshow/5058466.cms>

[ISRO rethinks on Chandrayaan-II experiments](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

BANGALORE: The discovery of water molecules on Moon by Chandrayaan-1 is all set to alter the course of Chandrayaan-2 scheduled for 2013. Isro chairman G Madhavan Nair announced the significance of the discovery for India's future Moon missions at the Isro headquarters, Bangalore, on Friday, hours after Nasa publicly acknowledged Isro's partnership in this discovery

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/ISRO-rethinks-on-Chandrayaan-II-experiments/articleshow/5057855.cms>

[PC reviews security ahead of anti-Naxal offensive](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

RANCHI: Union home minister P Chidambaram on Friday said Maoists' penetration into civil society is a serious impediment to anti-Naxal operations. "But this would not stop the government from taking action against the Maoists," he said. The home minister, who was on a whirlwind tour of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand on Friday ahead of a major offensive against the outlawed outfit in the two states, said the Left extremism is the biggest challenge to democracy and rights bodies should condemn the armed liberation struggle

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/PC-reviews-security-ahead-of-anti-Naxal-offensive/articleshow/5057838.cms>

'2nd central varsity for J&K in lieu of IIM that was promised'

Times of India, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI: HRD minister Kapil Sibal on Friday said the second central university to be set up in Jammu and Kashmir will be in lieu of the IIM that was promised to the state. Sibal made it clear that there was no question of agreeing to similar demands from other states. Asked specifically about the demand for a separate central university in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand, Sibal said, "We will not entertain such a demand."

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/2nd-central-varsity-for-JK-in-lieu-of-IIM-that-was-promised/articleshow/5057672.cms>

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NEW DELHI: IAF is slowly but surely bolstering its operational capabilities along the borders with China and Pakistan. If specialised mountain and other radars are being inducted to make Indian airspace more impregnable, then plans are also afoot to deploy more Sukhoi-30MKI fighters along the eastern and western fronts. "We need to engage everyone in our neighbourhood but also keep our gun-powder dry," says Air Marshal N A K Browne, chief of the Western Air Command (WAC), which is operationally crucial since its area of responsibility stretches from Ladakh to Bikaner

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/IAF-to-up-vigil-along-LAC-to-counter-China/articleshow/5057553.cms>

India to drive tough bargain as US pushes hard for CTBT

Times of India, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI: With Anil Kakodkar, secretary in the Department of Atomic Energy, and R Chidambaram, principal scientific adviser, publicly stating that India did not need any more nuclear tests, there appears to be greater confidence and less fear of international pressure on India to sign the CTBT. It's an issue that's been thrown up in sharp relief after US President Barack Obama led the entire UN Security Council to call for universal adherence to NPT and promised to push through the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT)

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/India-to-drive-tough-bargain-as-US-pushes-hard-for-CTBT/articleshow/5057708.cms>

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[Pak violates ceasefire norms to help infiltration: Army chief](#)

Times of India, 26 September 2009

JAIPUR: Army chief Gen Deepak Kapoor on Wednesday said Pakistan had violated ceasefire norms recently with an intention to push in additional terrorists to Jammu and Kashmir before the onset of winter. The Chief of Army Staff, however, said India's troops were quite alive to such tactics and giving befitting reply to contain intrusion to the valley

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Pak-violates-ceasefire-norms-to-help-infiltration-Army-chief/articleshow/5047897.cms>

[Centre unleashes ad war against Maoists](#)

Hindu, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI: Taking the fight against left-wing extremism to a new frontier, the Union Home Ministry has sought to actively involve the print media directly by issuing advertisements depicting "cold-blooded killings" of innocent citizens by naxalites. The first in a series of advertisements appeared in all national dailies on Sunday which carried seven photographs of innocent women, men and children who were brutally killed by naxals over the past three years

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/21/stories/2009092150410100.htm>

[Nyoma to be full fledged airbase](#)

Daily Excelsior, 26 September 2009

NEW DELHI, Sept 20: With the first successful landing of an AN-32 at Nyoma airstrip in eastern Ladakh, the IAF is all set to convert the Advanced Landing Ground (ALG) into a full-fledged airbase for fixed wing transport aircraft in the next couple of years. The work on converting the Nyoma airstrip, just 23 km from Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China, into an airbase, where the AN-32s can be based and operated, had already begun, IAF officials said here today