

[President Patil to discuss defence, energy coop with Russia](#)
Times of India, 2 September 2009

A range of bilateral issues including defence and energy cooperation will top the agenda of President Pratibha Patil's talks with the Russian leadership as she visits Moscow on Wednesday as part of the 'Year of India' celebrations in the country. During her five-day state visit, Patil will discuss issues like defence and energy during her talks with President Dmitry Medvedev and Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, Indian Ambassador to Russia Prabhat Prakash Shukla said in Moscow

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/india-news/india/President-Patil-to-discuss-defence-energy-coop-with-Russia/Article1-449297.aspx>

[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>

[Anti-terror cooperation: PC to visit US](#)
Times of India, 5 September 2009

WASHINGTON: US-India cooperation on the issue of Pakistan's cross-border terrorism and money laundering will top the agenda during home minister P Chidambaram's visit to Washington next week. Chidambaram is expected here on September 8, just as Washington DC returns to life after a long, Labor Day weekend holiday, for meetings with his US counterparts, including interior secretary Ken Salazar, secretary of state Hillary Clinton, and key officials of US intelligence and law enforcement agencies

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/news/india/Anti-terror-cooperation-PC-to-visit-US/articleshow/4974551.cms>

[India to supply 500 MW power](#)
Daily News, 5 September 2009

A high profile Indian delegation is due in Sri Lanka at the end of this month to strike the historic deal to begin the construction of Indo-Sri Lanka Electricity Interconnection project. Under this project the country will receive electricity of 500 mega watts (MW) initially. Sri Lanka through this agreement, expects to add 1,000 mega watts to the National Grid to meet the demand for electricity with the liberation of the Northern Province from the clutches of terrorism

<http://www.dailynews.lk/2009/09/05/news01.asp>

[Nepal deplores attack on Indian priests, promises action](#)
Hindu, 6 September 2009

KATHMANDU: Indian priests Raghavendra Bhatta and Girish Bhatta, who were attacked by Maoists on Friday, performed puja at the Pashupatinath temple here amid tight security. The Armed Police Force mobilised a special platoon for the newly appointed Indian priests. Minister for Federal Affairs, Constituent Assembly, Parliamentary and Cultural Affairs Minendra Rijal visited the temple to assess the security situation when the priests began their job

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/06/stories/2009090657690100.htm>

[India expresses concern at attack on priests](#)
Hindu, 6 September 2009

NEW DELHI: India on Saturday viewed with serious concern the attack on the two newly appointed Indian priests at the Pashupathinath temple in Kathmandu on Friday and said the "unprovoked and criminal act of violence" caused deep anguish. "We strongly believe that this unprovoked and criminal act of violence goes against the grain of the civilisational ties of friendship that have existed since time immemorial between the peoples of Nepal and India," the External Affairs Ministry spokesperson said in a statement

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/06/stories/2009090657710100.htm>

[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>

[Dhaka, Delhi to review all bilateral issues](#)
Daily Star, 6 September 2009

The Foreign Ministers of Bangladesh and India hold bilateral talks in New Delhi on Tuesday (Sept 8) for a review of the entire range of bilateral issues as well as finding out newer avenues of cooperation between the two next-door neighbours. Foreign Minister Dipu Moni goes to Delhi tomorrow to hold the meeting with new Indian External Affairs Minister SM Krishna at Hyderabad House, diplomatic sources said

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=104598>

[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>

[Shyam Saran, Menon for talks with China on security architecture](#)

Hindu, 13 September 2009

NEW DELHI: In the backdrop of a debate on the future direction of Sino-Indian relations, two former Foreign Secretaries, Shyam Saran and Shiv Shankar Menon, have advocated separately that New Delhi collaborate with Beijing along with other stakeholders in shaping the security architecture in the Indian Ocean region. The suggestions came a week apart, with Mr. Menon suggesting here on Friday that India should initiate a discussion on a collective security arrangement between major powers whose bulk of energy and trade flows through the Indian Ocean

<http://www.hindu.com/2009/09/13/stories/2009091360090900.htm>

[Non-tariff barriers seen as obstacles](#)

Daily Star, 13 September 2009

The breakthroughs made in the recent Indo-Bangladesh foreign minister level talks on Bangladesh's connectivity with Nepal and Bhutan will not work if infrastructure constraints and non-tariff barriers in India are not removed, experts and businessmen said. If everything works properly, Bangladesh might be able to capture new markets in Nepal, Bhutan and northeast India and revive the Mongla Port, they said

<http://thedailystar.net/story.php?nid=105630>

[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>

[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>

[US general criticises Indian influence in Afghanistan](#)
Dawn, 24 September 2009

WASHINGTON, Sept 23: India's increasing influence in Afghanistan is jeopardizing US efforts to defeat the Taliban and Al Qaeda extremists, warns Gen Stanley McChrystal, the top US and Nato commander in the war-ravaged country. The suggestion to scale back India's growing influence in Afghanistan is included in an assessment submitted to US President Barack Obama on Wednesday

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/us-general-criticises-indian-influence-in-afghanistan-499>

[Does India favour talks with Taliban?](#)
Dawn, 25 September 2009

NEW DELHI, Sept 24: Has India changed its stance towards a military solution to end the bloody rebellion in Afghanistan? In his interview to the Wall Street Journal in New York, Indian Foreign Minister S. M. Krishna appeared to canvass for a political solution for the Afghan violence, but his ministry on Thursday said he was misquoted

<http://www.dawn.com/wps/wcm/connect/dawn-content-library/dawn/the-newspaper/front-page/does-india-favour-talks-with-taliban-599>

[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>

[IAF strengthening air defence radars along LAC with China](#)
Hindustan Times, 25 September 2009

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is strengthening its air defence in Ladakh along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China by putting in place a series of special mountain and light-weight radars. Western Air Command (WAC) chief Air Marshal N A K Browne told reporters in New Delhi on Friday that different types of radars would be put in place along the 667-km LAC with China, the air defence of which is WAC's responsibility

<http://www.hindustantimes.com/IAF-strengthening-air-defence-radars-along-LAC-with-China/H1-Article3-457996.aspx>

[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>