

The Hindu, 1 April 2007

SAARC committee approves Iran plea

NEW DELHI: Iran's application for observer status in the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation was unanimously approved by the SAARC Foreign Secretaries at their Standing Committee meeting on Saturday.....

The Hindu, 1 April 2007

U.S. warship at Mumbai port

MUMBAI: The U.S. Navy's amphibious ship, USS Dubuque has arrived in Mumbai on a goodwill visit. The warship is of special interest to the naval personnel here for it belongs to the Austin class....

The Hindu, 1 April 2007

India to remove port curbs on Sri Lanka tea, apparel

COLOMBO: India has agreed to remove port restrictions on tea and apparel from Sri Lanka under the Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (FTA).....

The Hindu, 1 April 2007

'U.S. acted in good faith in 123 talks'

WASHINGTON: The United States has said it acted in good faith in the negotiations on the proposed 123 agreement with India to operationalise civil nuclear cooperation.....

The Indian Express, 1 April 2007

India to advance zero-tariff SAFTA date

DELHI, MARCH 31 :In its efforts to reach out to smaller neighbours, India has decided to propose a zero tariff regime on positive list for the least developed countries of the bloc under the South Asian Free Trade Area Agreement (SAFTA) by 2008.....

The Indian Express, 1 April 2007

Indian Govt officials certified equipment that was sold illegally for Tejas aircraft: FBI

NEW DELHI, NEW YORK, MARCH 31:As New Delhi prepares to counter the FBI grand jury indictment alleging that Indian space and defence organisations illegally procured missile and navigation technology from the US, what is worrying South Block is the reference to two government officials in the "conspiracy..."

The Hindu, 2 April 2007

India embarks on series of joint naval exercises

NEW DELHI: The Navy has embarked on a series of exercises with navies from the U.S., Japan, Russia, China, the Philippines, Vietnam and New Zealand. Senior officers made it clear that there was no intention of passing on a.....

The Hindu, 2 April 2007

Colombo awaits Delhi response

NEW DELHI: India is receptive to the idea of coordinated patrolling of the Palk Strait, Sri Lanka Foreign Minister Rohitha Bogollagama said after a meeting with External

Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday.....

The Hindu, 2 April 2007

`Every possibility is open on fighting terror'

NEW DELHI: Every possibility is open on fighting terrorism, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon said two days before leaders of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meet here for their 14th summit meeting.....

The Hindu, 2 April 2007

China for boosting SAARC ties

ISLAMABAD: Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing reiterated on Sunday that Beijing wants to use its observer status at SAARC to contribute to "the development and prosperity" of South Asia.....

The Indian Express, 2 April 2007

Take bus from Lahore to Agartala via Dhaka: ADB has a Saarc plan

NEW DELHI, APRIL 1: A bus service from Lahore to Agartala, right across Bangladesh. Road corridors from Indian ports to landlocked Bhutan and Nepal. A train service from Colombo to Chennai.....

The Times of India, 2 April 2007

Myanmar navy chief in India

NEW DELHI: Continuing with the high-level military engagement with Myanmar as part of the policy to counter strategic inroads being made into that country by China and Pakistan, India is all set to welcome the Myanmarese navy chief.....

The Times of India, 2 April 2007

Iran to be observer at Saarc meet

NEW DELHI: Iran is set to be the new observer at Saarc and, apart from the UN, may end up sharing the table with the US at one of the few multilateral organisations in the world.....

The Times of India, 2 April 2007

Tata pays \$1.3b for stake in Indonesian mines

MUMBAI: Tata Power Company (TPC) has shaken hands with Indonesia's Bumi Resources and agreed to pay \$1.3 billion (approximately Rs 4,830 crore) for a 30% stake in two coal mines controlled by Bumi....

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

Australia ready to sell uranium to India

MELBOURNE: Australian Prime Minister John Howard has expressed his willingness to sell uranium to India provided New Delhi adhered to strict safeguards, and said he would also back the India-U.S. nuclear deal.....

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

India moots legal assistance treaty

NEW DELHI: India has proposed that the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations adopt a legal assistance treaty to fight terror effectively, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon told presspersons here on Monday after a meeting of the grouping's Council of (Foreign) Ministers.....

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

Ban on FDI from Bangladesh may go

NEW DELHI: On the eve of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit, India is seriously considering removing investment restrictions on Bangladesh. Along with Pakistan, Bangladesh is banned from making foreign direct investments (FDI) in India.....

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

SAARC urged to adopt pro-people policies

NEW DELHI: Describing the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) meets as mere ceremonial occasions, the People's SAARC-- comprising Parliamentarians, writers, women's rights activists and civil society organisations.....

The Hindu, 3 April 2007

India will further liberalise visa restrictions: Pranab Mukherjee

NEW DELHI: Hinting at removal of irritants to free movement of mediapersons and products across South Asia, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Monday said, "Unilaterally, India will further liberalise its visa restrictions.....

The Indian Express, 3 April 2007

Pakistan signals key ice-breaker for thaw in Siachen

NEW DELHI, APRIL 2: Ahead of Indo-Pak talks on the Siachen issue, Islamabad has indicated its willingness to explore options on authenticating troop positions and is expected to come up with 'some ideas' on this when Defence Secretaries of the two countries meet on April 6.....

The Times of India, 3 April 2007

India vows more military aid, training to Myanmar

NEW DELHI: India has promised more military aid and training to Myanmar as part of its policy to counter strategic inroads being made into that country by China and Pakistan.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

Trust deficit reduced: Aziz

New Delhi: Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz acknowledged here on Tuesday that Islamabad and New Delhi had managed to reduce some of the "trust deficit" between them, resulting in more interaction and movement of people and goods than five years ago.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

SAARC has a bright future through cooperation, says Li

NEW DELHI: The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation has a bright future if it continued with institutional development, accelerated cooperation and greater opening, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said at the 14th SAARC summit on Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

Duty-free access for some SAARC states: India

NEW DELHI: Setting the tone for the 14th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said India would allow "zero-duty access" for goods from Bangladesh.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

CPI (M): take speedy steps to overcome Supreme Court stay

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) on Tuesday demanded that the Centre take steps speedily to overcome the court stay on implementing reservation for Other Backward Classes in higher education institutions.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

India and U.S. to cooperate in the environmental sector

NEW DELHI: "We have to live in a global environment just as we live in a global economy. Issues such as global climate change, regional and long-range transport of air pollutants, protection of our international waters and safe disposal of hazardous waste cannot be addressed by one or even a handful of nations.....

The Hindu, 4 April 2007

"Russia, Japan are promising textile markets"

MOSCOW: Indian textile exporters will target Russia and Japan as they are the most promising markets, Textiles Minister Shankersinh Vaghela said here on Tuesday after talks with Russian officials and businessmen.

The Indian Express, 4 April 2007

Observers make most of Saarc forum

NEW DELHI, APRIL 3 : Observer countries-- in the Saarc summit for the first time--are making use of the forum to maximise bilateral ties. With China, Japan and the Republic of Korea being represented at the Foreign Minister level, there is an obvious scurry among member countries for bilateral meetings...

The Indian Express, 4 April 2007

IOC monopoly ends, Nepal can now buy fuel from anywhere

NEW DELHI, APRIL 3: Indian Oil Corp (IOC) has lost the monopoly status that it held since 1974 on supplies to petroleum products to Nepal. Last week, Nepal Oil Corp (NOC) inked a new agreement with IOC that allows NOC to import processed petroleum products from any other country.....

The Indian Express, 4 April 2007

Arrests not linked to efforts on n-deal, says US; court process on

NEW YORK, April 3: Parthasarthy Sudarshan, CEO of Cirrus Electronics, who was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on March 23 on charges of allegedly exporting sensitive missile technology to three Indian defence establishments in violation of US laws, was produced in a District Court in Washington this afternoon.....

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

SAARC calls for convention on international terrorism

NEW DELHI: Leaders of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) nations have decided to make "tangible progress" in the next six months on four issues that affect their people's daily lives -water, energy, food and environment.....

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

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The Hindu, 5 April 2007

Manmohan, Aziz discuss gas pipeline

NEW DELHI: " India and Pakistan will press ahead with a proposed gas pipeline from Iran," an official Pakistani statement said after talks between Prime Ministers Manmohan Singh and Shaukat Aziz here on Wednesday morning....

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

Sri Lanka: India for negotiated settlement

NEW DELHI: India had assured the Sri Lankan Government of "full assistance" after the recent air attack by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) on a military base near Colombo's international airport.

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

Trade talks with ASEAN `positive'

SINGAPORE: India and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have averted a crisis in their negotiations for a free trade agreement.....

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

Pakistan asked to reduce transit fee

NEW DELHI: India has asked Pakistan to scale down the transit fee and transportation tariff that it is demanding for wheeling natural gas from Iran through the overland pipeline in the \$7-billion deal stating that the present situation made the project unviable from India's point of view.....

The Hindu, 5 April 2007

'SAARC has enormous potential'

New Delhi: Lack of democracy and inconsistencies in trade have prevented the SAARC from realising its full potential, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Boucher said here on Wednesday.....

The Indian Express, 5 April 2007

To avoid risk, better to buy gas at our Pak border, not from Iran: Ministry tells Govt

New Delhi, April 4: After his 50-minute meeting with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in New Delhi today, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said both sides had agreed to move 'very quickly' on the India-Pakistan-Iran pipeline project to iron out glitches including over transit fees.....

The Hindu, 6 April 2007

Kashmir solution must be saleable on both sides: Aziz

NEW DELHI: Any solution of the Jammu and Kashmir dispute should be "saleable" by the leaders of India and Pakistan to their peoples, the Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz emphasised in an exclusive interview to The Hindu in New Delhi on Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 6 April 2007

Siachen: Pakistan's offer on troop authentication

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has agreed to authenticate troop positions on the Siachen glacier, demanding in return an Indian agreement for "a time-bound" withdrawal of troops to "pre-conflict positions" and a commitment.....

The Hindu, 6 April 2007

OVL makes new oil discovery in Egypt

NEW DELHI: ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) and its partner IPR Red Sea have made a significant new oil field discovery in their first exploration well North Ramadan-1A in the North Ramadan Concession, Gulf of Suez, Egypt, according to an official release here on Thursday.....

The Indian Express, 6 April 2007

PM sees hope for thaw in Siachen

NEW DELHI, APRIL 5: With Pakistan indicating willingness to explore options on authentication of troop positions in Siachen, as The Indian Express reported on Wednesday, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.....

The Hindu, 7 April 2007

India, Pakistan discuss Siachen

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan discussed ways to take forward the issue of "authentication" of troop positions on Siachen on the first day of talks between the two Defence Secretaries for demilitarising the glacier.....

The Hindu, 7 April 2007

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The Hindu, 7 April 2007

India to collaborate with South Africa, Brazil, in nanotechnology

KALPAKKAM: A 12-member overseas delegation is at the Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR) on a tri-lateral collaborative programme among the Departments of Science and Technology of India, Brazil and South Africa.....

The Indian Express, 7 April 2007

China pips India in Nasdaq race

New Delhi, April 6: The competition between India and China for space in the world markets is getting fiercer by the day. In the latest round, China has edged ahead of India in one of the world's most respected stock exchanges, Nasdaq, which has decided to launch a dedicated index of Chinese companies listed in the US....

The Indian Express, 7 April 2007

Baha'is to seek India's help against harassment in Iran

New Delhi, April 6 : The Baha'i community here plans to seek India's help against the reported harassment of the students of this community in Iran. The community feels India can use its good offices with Iran in pressing for the request.....

The Indian Express, 7 April 2007

Siachen talks begin, Defence Secy says headed for resolution

Islamabad, April 6 : Top Defence officials of India and Pakistan today held talks on demilitarisation of the Siachen Glacier with New Delhi expressing optimism about resolution of the problem dogging the two countries in the world's highest battlefield....

The Hindu, 8 April 2007

India, Singapore working on defence pact

SINGAPORE: India and Singapore "are working on a long-term defence cooperation agreement quite expeditiously now.....

The Hindu, 8 April 2007

India-Russia ties to grow stronger, says Lavrov

MOSCOW: Relations between Russia and India have stood the test of time and have acquired a strategic dimension that will grow stronger in the 21st century, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.....

The Hindu, 8 April 2007

Mission to 'India's Silicon Valleys'

SINGAPORE: The Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCCI) and the Singapore Indian Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SICCI) have decided to "fly in formation" to explore the business potential in 'India's Silicon Valleys'.

The Hindu, 8 April 2007

Siachen talks end without troop pullout agreement

April 7: Belying expectations, the talks on demilitarisation of Siachen glacier today failed to make headway with Pakistan turning down Indian demand for authentication of the

troop positions held by both sides before any withdrawal of forces begins....

The Hindu, 8 April 2007

Official named by FBI in indictment was DRDO counsellor in Indian Embassy
APRIL 7:As New Delhi begins working on its response to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation's indictment for the alleged illegal transfer of dual-use items to Indian defence and space entities.....

The Hindu, 9 April 2007

No thaw on Siachen
Belying hopes of a breakthrough, India and Pakistan have once again failed to reach an agreement on the withdrawal of forces from the Siachen Glacier.....

The Indian Express, 9 April 2007

Stop Sangh from stoking unrest in Nepal terai, Koirala tells PM, Atal
NEW DELHI, APRIL 8: Nepal Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala has sought the help of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and former Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee to rein in the RSS and VHP from stoking the Madeshi movement that is currently sweeping the country's terai region.....

The Times of India, 9 April 2007

Myanmar ditches India for China in gas deal
NEW DELHI: India has lost the match to China for getting natural gas from Myanmar. Despite India's efforts at pampering the ruling junta with increased military aid''

The Times of India, 9 April 2007

Rift may lead to India losing Kazakh oilfield
NEW DELHI: If L N Mittal is the face of India in Kazakhstan, Hema Malini could well be India's brand ambassador in Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan.....

The Times of India, 9 April 2007

Indians are stubborn, arrogant: Pak officials
ISLAMABAD: Pakistani officials talking to the Indian side on reducing military presence on the Siachen glacier in the Himalayas found the Indians "stubborn" and "rather arrogant," media reports said on Sunday.....

The Times of India, 9 April 2007

Indo-Pak talk failed on troop pullback
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and India failed to make any progress at talks on withdrawing troops from the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield, a Pakistani government official said.....

The Hindu, 10 April 2007

Siachen: Pakistan says political will must for progress
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday said it had expected a "forward movement" during the April 6-7 Siachen talks with India, but political will was a must for progress.....

The Hindu, 10 April 2007

India, Pakistan change baggage rules for rail passengers

ISLAMABAD : Passengers travelling between India and Pakistan by train are known for carrying tonnes of baggage, but under new rules between the two countries, taking anything beyond 35 kg in second class, and 50 kg in first class is going to be prohibitively expensive.....

The Hindu, 10 April 2007

Raja for closer ties with China, Pakistan

PATNA: All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation (AIPSO) presidium member and Communist Party of India national secretary D. Raja on Monday called for further strengthening of ties with neighbours including China and Pakistan.....

The Indian Express, 10 April 2007

Air Force bails out Air India with pilots

NEW DELHI, APRIL 9: With Air-India running short of pilots, the Indian Air Force has finally agreed to release its pilots to the carrier in a phased manner.....

The Hindu, 11 April 2007

Indian mission car hijacked in Colombo

COLOMBO: An Indian High Commission staff car, on its way to the Colombo International Airport, was hijacked and the driver abducted by five armed persons in the Seeduwa police area here on Monday night.....

The Hindu, 11 April 2007

Pakistan nod for pact to share gas

ISLAMABAD: A Cabinet committee on economic affairs, chaired by Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, on Tuesday gave the green signal for a gas-sharing agreement with India in the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline project.....

The Hindu, 11 April 2007

India, China urged to enhance regional economic cooperation

NEW DELHI: India and China should take the lead in enhancing regional economic cooperation in Asia, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said at a track-two Malaysia-India strategic dialogue on Tuesday.....

The Indian Express, 11 April 2007

Indo-US defence JWG reviews ties, regional security

NEW DELHI, APRIL 11: In its first meeting since its formation in June 2005, the Indo-US Defence Joint Working Group met here today to review the performance overseen by the Defence Policy Group.....

The Indian Express, 11 April 2007

Govt told us will help in FBI case, says Cirrus India unit

BANGALORE, APRIL 10: The Government has promised to take diplomatic steps to

prove that Indian officials and Bangalore-based representatives of Cirrus Electronics, the company at the centre of an FBI probe into US defence export law violations....

The Times of India, 11 April 2007

Siachen: Pak only willing to 'record' Indian positions

NEW DELHI: At last weekend's talks between India and Pakistan on Siachen, Pakistani defence officials said they could agree to "record" the present Indian positions, and "authenticate" future Indian positions after redeployment.....

The Times of India, 11 April 2007

Cuban foreign minister arrives on Wednesday

NEW DELHI: Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque comes on his first visit to India on Wednesday that is expected to energise "historic and friendly" ties between the two countries.....

The Times of India, 11 April 2007

China's growing military clout worries India, US

NEW DELHI: India and the US came together on Tuesday to discuss China's massive modernisation of its military capabilities....

The Hindu, 12 April 2007

China-Japan sign energy pact

SINGAPORE: China and Japan on Wednesday agreed to work out guidelines for a healthy development of their strained ties. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao met in Tokyo to build a strategic relationship for regional stability and decided upon a bilateral economic dialogue.....

The Hindu, 12 April 2007

India to conduct naval exercises with China

Beijing: Less than a year after India and China signed a landmark memorandum of understanding on defence cooperation, the Indian Navy and its Chinese counterpart will conduct a series of naval exercises, starting on April 12.....

The Indian Express, 12 April 2007

Time Warner to take Bollywood hits to US

New York: : Los Angeles-based Time Warner Cable has tied up with BODWOD' a company that holds exclusive rights to popular Indian movies from studios like Adlabs and UTV' to bring the latest Bollywood hits in US shores through International Movies on Demand.....

The Indian Express, 12 April 2007

Indo-Pak relations far from good neighbourly

New Delhi, April 11: Foreign Secretary Shiv Shanker Menon has said though differences and issues between India and Pakistan, including Jammu and Kashmir, are being discussed at an 'unprecedented' level, the relations between the two countries are 'not normal, let alone good neighbourly....

The Indian Express, 12 April 2007

US diplomat plays down Karat's comment

Kolkata, April 11: Hurt but not affected: Henry V Jardine, the US consul general in Kolkata, is not eager to give too much prominence to the report of Brinda Karat that alleges an American conspiracy behind the mayhem in Nandigram.....

The Hindu, 13 April 2007

India, Azerbaijan rediscover ancient bonds

BAKU (AZERBAIJAN): India and Azerbaijan are brainstorming ways to rediscover their centuries-old commercial and cultural bonds.....

The Hindu, 13 April 2007

18 new Sukhoi fighters to replace old ones

MOSCOW: India has signed a deal with Russia for replacing 18 used Su-30K fighter jets with an equal number of new Su-30MKI planes.....

The Hindu, 13 April 2007

India agrees to waive \$62 million in Cuban debt

NEW DELHI: India has agreed to waive \$62 million in Cuban commercial debt ' \$29 million in principal and \$33 million in interest, officials in the External Affairs Ministry told this correspondent on Thursday.....

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

Pact to transfer convicts between India and France

New Delhi: : In what is a first with any country, the Union Cabinet today cleared the decks for a pact with France to facilitate transfer of Indians convicted there back home.....

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

India signs deal with Russia to swap fighter jets

MOSCOW, APRIL 12: India and Russia have signed a \$500-million deal for swapping 18 Sukhoi fighter jets in service with IAF for the latest version of air superiority multi-role warbirds tailored to meet Indian requirements, a media report here said today.....

The Indian Express, 13 April 2007

India faces overheating risk: IMF

NEW DELHI, APRIL 12: Even as the Indian economy records impressive growth, the challenges lie in dealing with overheating in the face of accelerating inflation, booming credit and soaring asset prices.....

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

Attitude to India changing: Brazil

NEW DELHI: The attitude of other countries to India's quest for crossing the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) hurdle to permit civilian nuclear cooperation is changing, Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim told a press conference here on Friday.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

India is special; we welcome you, says Uzbekistan

TASHKENT: India and Uzbekistan are making fresh efforts to deepen the ties at a time when Tashkent is looking eastwards and has taken a strategic decision to work closely with Russia.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

"Indian demands can torpedo nuclear deal"

Washington: The landmark nuclear accord between New Delhi and Washington risks collapse as Indian demands, including the right to continue testing nuclear weapons, undermine the U.S. rationale for seeking the deal, according to a report in USA Today on Friday.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

U.S. reacts cautiously to Agni III missile test

Washington: The United States has reacted cautiously to the test-firing of Agni III missile by India, stating that countries in the region should not take any action that would destabilise the balance in Asia.....

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

Ugandan police assure security to Indians

Kampala: The Ugandan police said on Friday that they would deploy security personnel at shops and homes of people of Indian origin here, after a protest by environmentalists turned violent with demonstrators targeting Indians on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

"There's a growing fascination with India in the U.S."

Do American universities need to market in India when it accounts for the biggest foreign presence on your campuses? It's not a matter of marketing simply to attract more Indian students.

The Hindu, 14 April 2007

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The Indian Express, 14 April 2007

India, China will talk border again, in the Nilgiris

NEW DELHI, APRIL 13: Within three months of the last round of boundary talks, India and China have decided to hold another round of negotiations between the two Special Representatives next week.....

The Hindu, 15 April 2007

Indians safe, Ugandan Government assures Centre

NEW DELHI: Uganda has said firm action would be taken against perpetrators of

violence and adequate security given to businesses, following the killing of an Indian national in a protest demonstration on Thursday in Kampala.....

The Hindu, 15 April 2007

India-Russia ties enduring, says Pranab

MOSCOW: Strategic partnership between India and Russia is unprecedented in its substance and endurance in the diplomatic record of independent India, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee has said....

The Hindu, 16 April 2007

India to step up ties with Azerbaijan

NEW DELHI: India and Azerbaijan have agreed to cooperate in several areas including oil and gas with the corporate sector set to play a greater role.....

The Hindu, 16 April 2007

"India is top priority for Belarus"

Denounced by the United States as "Europe's last dictator" and targeted by the west for the next "orange revolution" in the former Soviet Union.....

The Hindu, 16 April 2007

Pakistan resents Rahul's remarks

ISLAMABAD: Whether Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's statement, counting the 1971 break-up of Pakistan among his family's "achievements," will win the party votes in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections is uncertain, but it definitely has not won him friends here.....

The Hindu, 16 April 2007

United States, India taking steps on 123 Agreement: Lavin

Washington: The United States has said that it was taking steps with India to finalise the civilian nuclear initiative by coming to an understanding on the 123 Agreement that was currently under discussion.....

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

Positive movement in resolution of issues with India: Musharraf

ISLAMABAD: President Pervez Musharraf told a conference of senior military officials that there was progress in the resolution of the Kashmir issue with India and expressed the hope that moderate forces would join hands to defeat extremism, which was the biggest threat to the country at the moment.....

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

Trilateral naval exercise in Pacific Ocean

TOKYO: Japan's Maritime Self-Defence Force and the United States and the Indian navies held a joint maritime drill on Monday in the Pacific Ocean off central Japan's Boso Peninsula.....

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

Extradition pact with Belarus

NEW DELHI : India and Belarus on Monday agreed to set up a joint commission on military-technical cooperation and signed an extradition treaty.....

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

India's "real motive" is out: Pakistan

ISLAMABAD: On Day 2 of the cross-border controversy set off by Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, the official Pakistan line changed a shade to concede that India may not have been fully responsible for its 1971 division and the creation of Bangladesh.....

The Hindu, 17 April 2007

LNG supply: Iran seeks private partner in India

NEW DELHI: Iran is looking for a private Indian partner to sell liquefied natural gas, even as a government-to-government LNG deal, agreed to in 2005, for an annual supply of five million tonnes of LNG, remains to be implemented.....

The Indian Express, 17 April 2007

Relations good but China's strength is a worry: Antony

New Delhi, April 16: Hailing the larger role played by the armed forces in resolving conflicts and defusing regional tension, Defence Minister A K Antony today said India's strategic interests extended far beyond the South Asian region.....

The Times of India, 17 April 2007

Shabana-starrer wins best film award in NY

MUMBAI: Shabana Azmi and awards have almost become synonymous. So it comes as no surprise that her new film, "Loins Of Punjab Presents", has won the best feature film honour at the 2007 First Run Festival in New York.....

The Times of India, 17 April 2007

Uganda riots abate, India assured of PIO safety

NEW DELHI: The riots in Uganda targeting Indians abated on Saturday after the government took control, patrolling troubled areas in the capital city of Kampala.....

The Times of India, 17 April 2007

Uzbekistan invites India for gas exploration

NEW DELHI: Gas-rich Uzbekistan has invited India's Gas Authority of India Ltd (GAIL) for exploration activities.....

The Hindu, 18 April 2007

India, Russia to hold war games

MOSCOW: India and Russia will conduct joint naval war games off the Russian coast in the Far East on next week, the Russian Pacific Fleet press service announced.....

The Hindu, 18 April 2007

Deora likely to visit Pakistan, Iran

NEW DELHI: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora is likely to visit Pakistan

and Iran to firm up a \$145 billion deal to import natural gas from Iran through the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline.....

The Indian Express, 18 April 2007

India, US, 123... testing

After the recently concluded bilateral talks between the Indian and US government officials it was stated that the two sides hoped to conclude an US-India agreement for civil nuclear.....

The Hindu, 19 April 2007

ISRO chief dismayed at China's anti-satellite tests

NEW DELHI: Expressing dismay at the anti-satellite test conducted by China recently, Chairman of the Indian Satellite Research Organisation (ISRO), G. Madhavan Nair, said space scientists would ask their counterparts in China to avoid such tests.....

The Hindu, 19 April 2007

Join global policing of sea lanes, U.S. asks India

NEW DELHI: The United States has asked India to join a worldwide network to combat illegal activity on the high seas.....

The Indian Express, 19 April 2007

Rare manuscript to get new life in the US

Pune, April 18: It's an old story with a new twist. When spiritual leader and scholar Shri Madhavacharya (1238-1317) penned the Sarvamoola Grantha'a collection of 36 works that are commentaries on important scriptures'he couldn't have imagined that the palm leaves he wrote on would survive 700 years.....

The Indian Express, 19 April 2007

Bhutan wait longer for milk powder

New Delhi, April 18: India will resume export of milk powder to Nepal, but exports to Bhutan may have to wait a fortnight as the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) forgot to include the tiny nation in the proposal for tomorrow's Cabinet Committee on Prices (CCP).....

The Indian Express, 19 April 2007

'Need to know China's intent in Indian Ocean'

NEW DELHI, APRIL 18: Unwilling to hazard a guess on what is the Chinese design behind its increasing footprint in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), United States Navy Chief Admiral Michael G. Mullen today said that the unclear strategic intent of the Chinese Navy needed to be known.....

The Indian Express, 19 April 2007

Two days after Algoma, Essar bags US firm

MUMBAI, APRIL 18: Two days after buying Canadian firm Algoma Steel for \$1.58 billion (Rs 6,636 crore), the Essar group has signed an agreement to acquire Minnesota Steel LLC, a US-based steel company which controls iron ore resources of over 1.4

billion tonnes.....

The Hindu, 20 April 2007

China hopes boundary talks will be positive

Beijing: China on Thursday hoped that the coming boundary talks with India would be constructive and some "positive results" could emerge out of the exercise in view of a joint decision to expedite the negotiation process.....

The Hindu, 20 April 2007

Indian officials cautious about clinching civilian nuclear deal

NEW DELHI: Caution appears to be the guiding principle in South Block as Indian and U.S. officials grapple again with the text of a possible civilian nuclear cooperation agreement between the two countries in Cape Town, South Africa.....

The Hindu, 20 April 2007

Sri Lanka to open second tourist office in south India

NEW DELHI: Sri Lanka Tourism plans to open its second office in south India to enhance its presence and target arrivals from the country to the island at 1.5 lakh by this year-end.....

The Hindu, 21 April 2007

India, Pakistan close to agreement on Kashmir: Kasuri

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and India have almost reached an "agreement" to resolve the Kashmir issue and it is being given a final shape, Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri said in an interview to The Nation here.....

The Hindu, 21 April 2007

Deora holds talks in Syria

DAMASCUS: Syrian Minister for Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sufian al-Alaw and his visiting Indian counterpart Murli Deora on Thursday discussed cooperation in the oil and gas fields and sharing expertise.....

The Indian Express, 21 April 2007

Can't change our law (on testing) to meet Indian demands on N-deal: US

WASHINGTON, APRIL 20: The United States has told India that it will not make changes in its law to meet Indian demands in negotiations over a US-Indian civilian nuclear cooperation agreement, the State Department said on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 22 April 2007

India links truck service to SAFTA

NEW DELHI: Across the Line of Control (LoC) truck service, agreed upon in principle two years ago, is now being linked by New Delhi to Pakistan's non-implementation of the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) in the case of India.....

The Hindu, 22 April 2007

India, Syria make breakthrough in hydrocarbon ties

NEW DELHI : Taking further India's quest for energy security, the delegation led by a Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, Murli Deora, has made a major breakthrough in cooperation between New Delhi and Damascus in a number of projects in the hydrocarbon sector.....

The Hindu, 22 April 2007

India to export paddy seeds to Brazil

NEW DELHI: For the first time, India will export paddy seeds to Brazil. The decision was taken during a meeting of the working group on plant health issues held here recently.....

The Indian Express, 22 April 2007

India plans 3rd research base in Antarctica

New Delhi, APRIL 21: India is planning to open its third research station in Antarctica and hopes to get the necessary environmental clearance in this regard during the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) that the country is hosting later this month.....

The Indian Express, 22 April 2007

US agrees to keep tests out, DAE wants more

NEW DELHI, APRIL 21: Making some headway on the difficult issues slowing down negotiations on the nuclear deal, the US is said to have agreed to India's demand not to convert New Delhi's policy of unilateral moratorium on nuclear testing into a legally binding commitment in the bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement. In other words, India will have its right to test.....

The Hindu, 23 April 2007

India proposes to buy Liquefied Petroleum Gas from Algeria

NEW DELHI: An Indian delegation led by Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora on Sunday met Algerian Prime Minister Abdelaziz Belkhadem and offered to buy Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) from Algeria on long-term contract basis.....

The Hindu, 23 April 2007

India, New Zealand to study potential for free trade pact

Melbourne: India and New Zealand have agreed to study the potential for a free trade agreement (FTA) and what it could mean, said New Zealand Trade Minister Phil Goff on Sunday after talks with his Indian counterpart Kamal Nath in Wellington.....

The Indian Express, 23 April 2007

Fortune smiles on Indians, six company heads top US list

New York, April 22 : Cola queen Indra Nooyi is not the only person of Indian origin heading a behemoth like PepsiCo in the US ' she is in company with five others at the top of the latest Fortune league of American corporate giants.....

The Hindu, 24 April 2007

'Talks held in open, friendly atmosphere'

NEW DELHI: The next round of boundary talks between the Indian and the Chinese Special Representatives, M.K. Narayanan and Dai Bingguo, will be held in China, a press statement issued after the 10th round of talks said on Monday.....

The Hindu, 24 April 2007

Kalam to address European Parliament tomorrow

NEW DELHI: President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam will address the European Parliament in Strasbourg on Wednesday, the first ever by an Indian President to the largest union of democratic States in the world.....

The Hindu, 24 April 2007

Murli Deora calls on Mubarak

NEW DELHI: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora on Monday called on Egyptian President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak and delivered him a personal message from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, reiterating the traditional friendly ties between the two nations.....

The Hindu, 24 April 2007

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The Indian Express, 24 April 2007

Cross-border trains: India, Pak mull sharing passenger details

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23: In order to enhance security mechanisms on two cross-border trains ' Samjhauta Express and Thar Express ' security agencies in India and Pakistan are mulling over introducing an Advance Passenger Information System (APIS) wherein both sides exchange passenger details prior to the arrival of these trains in their respective territories.....

The Indian Express, 24 April 2007

Top Myanmar Gen in Delhi with military shopping list

NEW DELHI, APRIL 23:: A senior Myanmar General met the Indian Army brass in Delhi on Monday to present a list of military hardware.....

The Hindu, 25 April 2007

India feels U.S. backsliding on prior commitments

NEW DELHI: As Indian officials complete their assessment of the latest round of technical negotiations with the United States over the implementation of the July 2005 nuclear agreement, the words that comes up most frequently to summarise the obstacles in the way are the "Hyde Act".....

The Hindu, 25 April 2007

Major obstacles persist in nuclear deal

New Delhi: Despite four days of talks in Cape Town last week, India and the United States have failed to narrow their differences on the conditions under which bilateral civilian nuclear cooperation can take place.....

The Hindu, 25 April 2007

Boundary talks candid, frank: China

Beijing: China on Tuesday described the latest round of Sino-Indian boundary talks as "candid and frank," with the two sides committed to make joint efforts for resolution of the border issue.....

The Indian Express, 25 April 2007

WTO panel to examine duties on EU spirits

GENEVA: The World Trade Organization (WTO) established a panel today to examine India's import duties on European wines and spirits, formally starting an investigation that could soon involve the US.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

LNG deal: Deora to persuade Iran

NEW DELHI: Amid reports that the Iranian Supreme Economic Council had refused to ratify the June 2005 agreement for supply of gas to India and was seeking a higher price, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora is making an unscheduled stopover at Tehran to "convince" the Iranian authorities to honour the \$22 billion deal for import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Iran.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

Fall-back safeguards, NSG, sequencing remain areas of concern in nuclear talks

New Delhi: Apart from big-ticket obstacles like the "right of return" and fuel supply assurances, negotiators from India and the U.S. have not managed to bridge their differences on the sequencing of next steps in the implementation process for the Indo-U.S.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

Kalam: EU, India radiate a message to the world

STRASBOURG: President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Wednesday said the European Union was an "inspirational model" worthy of emulation by every region of the world, and asked the European Parliament to initiate three important Indo-European missions that could contribute to global peace and prosperity.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

Cabinet panel for wider consultations

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs (CCPA) on Wednesday night decided to convene a meeting of all constituents of the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) and supporting Left parties on Thursday to evolve a suitable response.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

Talks with IAEA only after 123 negotiations conclude

New Delhi: The United States may want India to speed up its discussions with the International Atomic Energy Agency but the Government has decided to postpone detailed technical talks with the IAEA on safeguards until after the bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement has been finalised.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

How India & Canada manage diversities

LESTER PEARSON'S relationship with India was initially close. The Canadian diplomat Escott Reid wrote in his memoirs "Envoy to Nehru" that Pearson and India's first Prime Minister were largely responsible for the Korean armistice signed in July 1953.....

The Indian Express, 26 April 2007

India, Pak should unite against US pressure: Rehman

NEW DELHI: : Urging India to form a 'joint strategy' for reducing the influence of western powers, Pakistan Leader of Opposition Maulana Fazlur Rehman today said the two countries should unite to fight the growing US pressure in the region.....

The Hindu, 26 April 2007

Mittal buys 50% Lukoil stake in Kazakh company for \$980 mn

Moscow/ New Delhi, April 25: In his first major oil deal, billionaire Lakshmi N Mittal has acquired Russian oil firm Lukoil's 50 per cent stake in a Kazakhstan oil firm for \$980 million (Rs 4,000 crore)....

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

Parliamentary panel supports India-U.S. civilian nuclear deal

NEW DELHI: A Parliamentary panel has supported the India-United States civilian nuclear deal to plug the gap in the country's energy requirements but cautioned the Government against any let-up in the quest for self-reliance.....

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

Indian mangoes now for burger land

NEW DELHI: People in the land of the hamburger can finally gorge on some succulent mangoes now from India. Efforts made by the Indian Government have borne fruit and mangoes of various hues and sizes are on their way to the United States after meeting the country's import plant health requirements.....

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

President reiterates India's stand on nuclear programme

ATHENS (GREECE): President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Thursday asserted that India had always stood for nuclear non-proliferation and its nuclear programme was meant for peaceful purposes.....

The Hindu, 27 April 2007

Deora meets Ahmadinejad on LNG project

NEW DELHI: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora on Thursday met Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and sought an assurance for early implementation of

the June 2005 agreement providing for supply of 5 million tonnes of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) to India at a total cost of \$22 billion.....

The Indian Express, 27 April 2007

India was in touch with me during ban: Hasina

London, April 26 : The Indian government was in touch with former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina when she was in London after the Awami League leader was banned from returning home by the caretaker military-backed government.....

The Indian Express, 27 April 2007

Iran must use N-power for peace: Kalam

ATHENS, APRIL 26: President Dr A P J Abdul Kalam on Thursday reiterated India's commitment to nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation while making a joint statement with Greek President Karlos Papoulias.....

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

Indian team studies Pakistan tea market

ISLAMABAD: Spurred by a 50 per cent jump in tea exports to Pakistan, a delegation of Indian growers, traders and exporters led by the Tea Board is here for the first time since 2004 to explore business opportunities and increase the market share.....

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

Kalam wraps up tour of Greece with a visit to the Acropolis

ATHENS: President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Friday wrapped up his three-day tour of Greece with a visit to the Acropolis hill, the 'Sacred Rock' of Athens and by far the most important historical site in the city.....

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

Envoys can issue visas to foreign scholars

NEW DELHI: Indian ambassadors and high commissioners are empowered to grant one-time, five-year visas to foreign scholars.....

The Hindu, 28 April 2007

We have a very clear approach on nuclear talks, says Menon

NEW DELHI: "What Parliament tells us and what our Government decides is what guides our negotiators," Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon told the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs about the ongoing talks with the United States on civilian nuclear cooperation.....

The Indian Express, 28 April 2007

Vodafone allowed majority stake in HEL

NEW DELHI: The Centre on Friday paved the way for the U.K.-based Vodafone to take control of Hutch-Essar Ltd. (HEL) with the Foreign Investment Promotion Board (FIPB) approving the British telecom major's application for buying a majority stake in the country's fourth-largest mobile operating services entity.....

The Hindu, 29 April 2007

U.S. hopes India `will move quickly' on n-deal

Washington: Ahead of talks between India and the U.S. here next week on the civil nuclear issue, a senior American official has sought to put the onus on New Delhi, saying it should "move quickly" to help complete a bilateral agreement to make the initiative a reality.....

The Hindu, 29 April 2007

External Affairs Ministry could double in size in five years

NEW DELHI: The Government is examining the possibility of "more than doubling" the size of the External Affairs Ministry over the next five years, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon has told a Parliamentary panel. At present, the Ministry's strength is 4,746.....

The Indian Express, 29 April 2007

123: Now Menon to sort out the ABCs

DELHI, APRIL 28: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Special Envoy on Indo-US nuclear deal Shyam Saran has significantly given way to Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon as the lead negotiator for the 123 bilateral agreement with Washington with the former now concentrating on dialogue with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) and border infrastructure.....

The Hindu, 30 April 2007

India still hopeful of getting gas from Myanmar

NEW DELHI: Notwithstanding the decision of Myanmar to sell natural gas found in its offshore area to China, India has not given up hope with officials asserting that the last word had not been said on the issue and intensive discussions were going between the Myanmar Government and Indian authorities to clinch the deal in favour of India.....

The Hindu, 30 April 2007

'India, Greece can be partners in development'

ATHENS: "There is always more to explore, Five senses to explore, One country to adore," proclaim hoardings as one drives into the city from the Eleftherios Venizelos Airport.....