

The Hindu, 1 February 2007

Hotlink improves coordination: Coast Guard chief

NEW DELHI: As the peace process between India and Pakistan makes progress, a maritime hotline link inaugurated recently has helped reduce incidents of inadvertent crossing of the sea boundary between the neighbours, said the Coast Guard Director-General, Vice-Admiral Rusi Contractor, here on Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 1 February 2007

Help secure release of Aung San Suu Kyi: Tutu

NEW DELHI: Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu on Wednesday urged India to help secure the release of Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi.....

The Hindu, 1 February 2007

Indian women police going places

Monrovia: The United Nation's first women-only peacekeeping contingent-made up of about 100 Indian policewomen-arrived in Liberia on Tuesday, officials said.....

The Indian Express, 1 February 2007

EU-India science meet from Feb 7

NEW DELHI, JANUARY 31: The first-ever EU-India ministerial meeting on science will be held in Delhi next week with Nobel laureates from member countries of the EU along with other scientists participating in a two-day event.....

The Indian Express, 1 February 2007

New Lankan FM calls for greater economic cooperation

New Delhi, Jan 31: On his India visit, within 72 hours of being appointed the foreign minister of Sri Lanka, Rohitha Bogollagama today updated Prime Minister Manmohan Singh about the peace process in the island nation, besides calling for greater economic cooperation between the two countries.....

The Hindu, 2 February 2007

India, China can do wonders in IT, says Liu Hongcai

HYDERABAD: India is strong in software and China in hardware and if both nations come together in the Information Technology sector, the formidable combination could do wonders, Liu Hongcai, Vice Minister, International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China observed here on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 2 February 2007

Libya seeks India's participation in trans-national oil pipeline

DUBAI: Libya has sought India's participation in a trans-national pipeline that would bring Libyan oil to the energy hungry markets in Asia. According to the official Libyan news agency, Jana, the Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Murli Deora, who is on a visit to Libya, was briefed about the proposed oil pipeline that would transit thorough Libya, Sudan and Djibouti and terminate at the Gulf of Aden.....

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The Indian Express, 2 February 2007

US to issue 800000 visas this year

New Delhi:: There's good news for Indians who want to travel to the United States this year. The American embassy is expected to issue as many as 800,000 visas.....

The Indian Express, 2 February 2007

India, Russia ink cultural agreement

New Delhi, February 1: In an attempt to revive the cultural ties between India and Russia, the UPA Government has signed a multi-dimensional agreement with Russia. Both the countries have decided to work towards cooperation in the field of fine arts, culture, education, films, media, science, sports and youth exchange.....

The Indian Express, 2 February 2007

Setback, but India firm on UN call

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 1: The violence that broke out between the Hizbollah and the Israeli Defence Forces last year, in which a battalion of Indian Army UN peacekeepers were caught in the middle, had threatened to endanger New Delhi's reassessment of its position on force deployment in other people's wars.....

The Hindu, 3 February 2007

Relations with India have never been so good, says Musharraf

RAWALPINDI: Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf on Friday said relations with India should not become hostage to acts by "confrontationists" who were against the peace process.....

The Hindu, 3 February 2007

Gaddafi for exchanges between India, Libya at 'highest level'

DUBAI: Building on its warm historical ties, Libya has declared its intention to forge a closer economic relationship with India. The visiting Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Murli Deora called on the Libyan President, Muammar Gaddafi on Thursday night.

Mr. Deora handed over a letter from Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to Col. Gaddafi....

The Indian Express, 3 February 2007

New treaty to give Bhutan more freedom in foreign policy

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 2: Marking a significant change in its approach towards smaller neighbours, India will sign the amended version of its 1949 treaty with Bhutan next week.....

The Indian Express, 3 February 2007

Those who see violence as only J&K option can't be on board: Musharraf

Rawalpindi, February 2: In an echo of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq and sending out a strong message to militants, Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf said today that those who believe in violence as the only option to resolve the Kashmir issue.....

The Indian Express, 3 February 2007

India Inc concerned over US Farm Bill

New Delhi, February 2 : As the US Farm Bill 2007 is reauthorised, the industry here is concerned that the US may try to shift farm subsidies from the "Amber" and "Blue" Box to the "Green" Box against the spirit of the Doha round of negotiations.....

The Hindu, 5 February 2007

India and the challenge of global warming

"WARMING OF the climate system is unequivocal," said the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its latest assessment report, pointing to increased global air and ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising sea levels.....

The Hindu, 5 February 2007

India must have a proactive agenda in Iran

PRANAB MUKHERJEE'S first official visit to Tehran as External Affairs Minister on Tuesday comes at a time when tension between Iran and the United States is slowly edging towards breaking point.....

The Times of India, 5 February 2007

China's anti-satellite test worries India

NEW DELHI: India for the first time on Sunday expressed its deep disquiet about last month's ASAT (anti-satellite) test when China destroyed an aging satellite in space with a DF-21 missile.....

The Times of India, 5 February 2007

Pak-India joint panel to meet next month

ISLAMABAD: A meeting of the Pakistan-India Joint Commission headed by foreign ministers of both the countries, formed to promote bilateral cooperation in diverse fields, will be held in New Delhi next month.....

The Hindu, 6 February 2007

Light at end of tunnel: Musharraf

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf flew off to Turkey and Iran on Kashmir Solidarity Day, with the words that the focus of the annual event had shifted from confrontation to reconciliation.....

The Indian Express, 6 February 2007

Tehran lowers gas price but Delhi wants a better deal, not in favour of 25-yr pact

Tehran, February 5: Iran has lowered its offer price for natural gas that would flow through Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline but India is yet to take a call, as the price is still higher than what it wants to pay.....

The Indian Express, 6 February 2007

ISRO chief Nair slams China's anti-satellite missile test

Bangalore, Feb 5: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief has slammed China for its anti-satellite missile test, terming the shooting down as against international convention

The Indian Express, 6 February 2007

Airbus sees brisk demand from India

MUMBAI, February 5 : Airbus sees demand for aircraft growing quickly in India, led by travel and freight traffic, and says it will look to source more materials, design and engineering services from the country.....

The Indian Express, 6 February 2007

US cos eyeing \$30 bn defence procurement

NEW DELHI FEBRUARY 5: Encouraged by US-India nuclear partnership, a delegation of 52 US companies have flocked to Bangalore for Aero-India 2007.

The Hindu, 7 February 2007

Military means not a solution to Iran crisis, says India

TEHRAN: Amidst rising tensions in the Persian Gulf following the deployment of a second American aircraft carrier group in the region, India on Tuesday declared its opposition to the use of force as a means of resolving the Iranian nuclear issue.....

The Hindu, 7 February 2007

Joint anti-terror meet on March 6

NEW DELHI: The India-Pakistan joint anti-terrorism mechanism will hold its first meeting in Islamabad on March 6, the External Affairs Ministry announced on Tuesday. K.C. Singh, Additional Secretary (International Organisations) in the Ministry, will lead the three-member delegation.....

The Hindu, 7 February 2007

West Asia remains outside Manmohan Singh's agenda

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee left for Iran on Tuesday, but West Asia still awaits a visit by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh since he took office in

May 2004. So far, there is no indication that Dr. Singh plans to do so.....

The Indian Express, 7 February 2007

India stalls Ban's reform plans

United Nations, February 6: As protracted negotiations on Secretariat reforms began, India extracted a promise from UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to preserve unity of command both at the headquarters and at field level in any restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO).....

The Indian Express, 7 February 2007

Pakistan for early meeting on Siachen

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan's Foreign Ministry confirmed on Tuesday that the India-Pakistan joint anti-terror mechanism will hold its first meeting on March 6 and 7 here, and hoped that as agreed by the Foreign Ministers of the two countries, officials would soon hold a meeting to discuss the Siachen issue.....

The Times of India, 7 February 2007

India important ally in trade, security: US

WASHINGTON: The White House has said the civilian nuclear agreement with India is "exceedingly important" to the United States even as it increasingly sees New Delhi as a "vital and important" partner in matters such as Doha Round of trade talks.....

The Hindu, 9 February 2007

India, Bhutan update friendship treaty

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee and Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchuck signed a new friendship treaty between the two countries on Thursday in the presence of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. It updates the August 4, 1949 friendship treaty.....

The Hindu, 9 February 2007

Set up world knowledge forum: Kalam

NEW DELHI : President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on Thursday wanted India and European Union to identify and implement 25 research projects that would take the benefits of scientific development to the grass roots levels....

The Hindu, 9 February 2007

CPI (M) objects to Mulford statements on Pranab's Iran visit

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has taken serious objection to the "threatening" statements by the United States Ambassador, David Mulford, on External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee's Iran visit. It sought a strong stand from the Government against the Bush administration's military mobilisation to intimidate Iran.....

The Hindu, 9 February 2007

India to join Madrid trade mark system

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Thursday approved India's accession to the Madrid Protocol on International Registration of Marks. As a consequence, a Bill will be

introduced in Parliament to amend the Trade Marks Act, 1999.....

The Indian Express, 9 February 2007

Use Italy as a port to enter European markets: CII to India Inc

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 8: In the backdrop of India's improving trade ties with major economies of the world, ties with Italy is a story of mixed results. Bilateral trade at \$4.37 billion in 2005-06 has been steadily rising but is a victim of high volatility.....

The Hindu, 10 February 2007

U.N. reform to figure during Prodi's visit

Rome: Romano Prodi (68), who begins a five-day state visit to India on Friday, took over as Italy's centre-left Prime Minister in April 2006 after beating his long-time rival Silvio Berlusconi with a wafer thin lead of 24,000 votes.....

The Hindu, 10 February 2007

"In India as in Italy, democracy is a difficult exercise"

Italy's centre-left Prime Minister on Saturday begins a five-day state visit to India during which he will visit Chennai, Bangalore, Kolkata, Mumbai, and New Delhi, in that order. He will address students in Chennai, receive an honorary doctorate from Kolkata University, and witness the signing of several Indo-Italian contracts in Mumbai.

The Hindu, 10 February 2007

India a real partner: Romano Prodi

Rome : "I want to send a strong signal that India is not a potential but a real partner, politically, culturally and economically," Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi told The Hindu in an exclusive interview.....

The Indian Express, 10 February 2007

Close to reaching free trade deal with ASEAN, says Pranab

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 9: The UPA government hopes to conclude shortly the negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) with the ASEAN, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Friday.....

The Hindu, 12 February 2007

Prodi: work to conclude Doha Round talks

BANGALORE: Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi has said the continuing stalemate in the multilateral trade talks in the Doha Round of talks is "damaging" to all countries, and made a strong case for early conclusion of the negotiations.....

The Hindu, 12 February 2007

Somnath meets Saudi Minister

DUBAI : India and Saudi Arabia are looking at ways to cement their partnership in the oil sector and education.....

The Hindu, 12 February 2007

Indo-Russian meet to unveil roadmap to boost trade

MOSCOW : An Indo-Russian business forum meeting in Delhi early next week will discuss a roadmap to boost trade between the two countries.....

The Indian Express, 12 February 2007

Li Zhaoxing's visit to boost Sino-Indian ties

New Delhi, Feb 11: India and China are planning to strengthen their bilateral ties through a series of initiatives, including increasing of air links between the two countries and easing of visa regimes, besides establishing a hotline between the foreign ministers of the two countries.....

The Hindu, 13 February 2007

Baglihar: Pakistan wanted construction stopped

NEW DELHI: India has claimed a "moral victory" in the determination of the World Bank-appointed neutral expert that it could complete the 450 MW hydropower project in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir, because Pakistan had wanted it to stop construction of the project till the differences were sorted out.....

The Hindu, 13 February 2007

Baglihar dam: India claims moral victory

NEW DELHI: India claimed a "moral victory" on Monday in its dispute with Pakistan over the Baglihar dam, on the Chenab in Jammu and Kashmir, after the World Bank-appointed neutral expert held that India had not violated the Indus Waters Treaty, 1960.....

The Hindu, 13 February 2007

ONGC to ink pact with Italy's ENI

NEW DELHI: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) will sign agreements with ENI on Wednesday to take 20-25 per cent stake in a Congo oil block and in return give the Italian firm 30-35 per cent stake in its Mahanadi basin block.....

The Indian Express, 13 February 2007

World Bank to step up India lending to \$4 billion in next three years

New Delhi, February 12: Announcing the appointment of Isabel Guerrero, a Chilean national who recently was the World Bank's country director for Mexico and Columbia, as the new country director of India, Praful C. Patel.....

The Hindustan Times, 13 February 2007

PM likely to visit Saudi Arabia in May

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh is likely to visit Saudi Arabia in May as relations between the two countries are poised to strengthen in coming months.....

The Hindustan Times, 13 February 2007

China, India, Russia agree on Iran issue: Chinese expert

India, Russia and China have a near identical approach towards resolving the Iranian

nuclear impasse and will advocate a negotiated solution within the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).....

The Hindustan Times, 13 February 2007

New thinking on "Look East" policy

Networking cultural and travel corridors between Northeast India (NEI) and the larger Southeast Asian and Southwest China destinations.....

The Hindustan Times, 13 February 2007

Chinese foreign minister to have talks on Tuesday

India and China will on Tuesday take more trust-building steps like launching a hotline between their foreign ministers and holding talks on implementing a 10-point plan to deepen economic and strategic ties.....

The Hindustan Times, 13 February 2007

China for early, fair settlement of Sino-Indian boundary issue

On the eve of Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing's talks with the Indian leadership in New Delhi, Beijing has indicated that it sought an early but fair settlement of the.....

The Hindu, 14 February 2007

Anti-satellite test is not directed at any country, says Li Zhaoxing

NEW DELHI: Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing told External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday that Beijing's January 11 anti-satellite test (ASAT) was not directed against any country.....

The Hindu, 14 February 2007

WTO talks: US wants India to play a leadership role

New Delhi, Feb. 14 (PTI): The US on Tuesday said India must play a leadership role for achieving a global trade-liberalising agreement among 150 WTO members under the Doha Round of negotiations.....

The Hindu, 14 February 2007

Ready to work with West Bengal: Prodi

KOLKATA: Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi said here on Tuesday that his Government was ready to work with West Bengal in specific areas such as agro-business, leather, mechanical and engineering segments.....

The Hindu, 14 February 2007

Pakistan wants to monitor compliance on Baglihar

ISLAMABAD: Expressing surprise at New Delhi's welcome to the Baglihar dam verdict, and indicating that Pakistan does not trust India to implement it, a senior official of the water ministry said the government would seek access to the project to monitor compliance with the neutral expert's determinations.....

The Hindu, 14 February 2007

India, Russia to work towards CEPA

NEW DELHI: Russia has decided to settle the rupee-rouble debt issue by agreeing to finance investments in India. The projects in which this outstanding debt, estimated at \$1 billion, would be channelised are to be identified later. Both sides had earlier decided in-principle to invest the money in India but differed over the projects that could be funded.....

The Indian Express, 14 February 2007

At meeting with Pranab, Li Zhaoxing addresses worries on missile test

New Delhi, February 13: Taking note of India's concern at China testing an anti-satellite missile system, the Chinese side provided a suo moto briefing during the talks between External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee and visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing today.....

The Indian Express, 14 February 2007

India to tell Pak: Expert's reading is way out for stalled river projects

NEW DELHI, February 13 : With good news on the Baglihar front, India is wasting no time in reiterating its stand on other disputes with Pakistan over water projects on the Indus.....

The Hindu, 15 February 2007

India, Russia, China agree cooperation holds the key.....

NEW DELHI: Cooperation, rather than confrontation, should govern the approaches to regional and global affairs, the Foreign Ministers of India, China and Russia, Pranab Mukherjee, Li Zhaoxing and Sergei Lavrov, agreed at a meeting here on Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 15 February 2007

U.S. reconciled to partnerships in wholesale segment

NEW DELHI: In view of the "lively and energetic" debate in India over opening up of the multi-brand retail segment to foreign investment, the U.S. is now reconciled to partnerships with Indian companies in the wholesale segment, as it would "represent a very effective outlet for farm produce.....

The Hindu, 15 February 2007

India-China Year of Friendship launched

NEW DELHI: India and China will soon increase the diplomatic presence in each other's countries by opening consulates in Guangzhou and Kolkata, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee announced here on Wednesday.....

The Hindustan Times, 15 February 2007

Spain wants to invest in India

Spain wants to invest in India and export its knowledge skills. India hopes to gain from Spain's expertise, and use the country as a bridge for trade with Latin America. Suryakanthi Tripathi, Indian Ambassador to Spain.....

The Hindustan Times, 15 February 2007

India, Japan can rule Asian economy post-CEPA: Envoy

Japan is confident that a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement currently being negotiated with India would help the two countries dominate Asia's economic output in the future....

The Hindustan Times, 15 February 2007

India, China, Russia for multi-polar world

New Delhi, February 14, 2007. Firming up counter-terrorism strategies by cooperating more closely is an area where the India, China, Russia trilateral forum could yield substantive results.....

The Hindu, 18 February 2007

Play active role to defuse situation in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh: CPI (M)

NEW DELHI: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Polit Bureau on Saturday said the Government should play an active role in defusing the situation in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh as developments in these two countries could have repercussions in India.....

The Hindu, 18 February 2007

Address energy, transit problem, Pranab urges SAARC nations

MUMBAI: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Saturday urged SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) nations to address the problems of energy shortage.....

The Indian Express, 18 February 2007

Pak plans new visa rules

Islamabad, February 17: After rejecting a number of Indian proposals, Pakistan is likely to put forward some new ideas to liberalise the visa regime during Foreign Minister Khurshid M Kasuri's three-day visit to New Delhi next week.....

The Indian Express, 18 February 2007

Having decided to sack Mulayam, Cong hardsells, works on its timing

New Delhi, February 17: After a day of hectic lobbying with allies, supporters and even opponents, the Congress is convinced that it has enough legal and political support to dismiss the Mulayam Singh government in Uttar Pradesh.....

The Hindu, 19 February 2007

Road map for ties with Riyadh: Ahamed

PALAKKAD: Union Minister of State for External Affairs E. Ahamed said here that the Union Government was "busy preparing a road map for cooperation between India and Saudi Arabia at the civil society level".....

The Indian Express, 19 February 2007

Pranab in Dhaka today: working with caretakers till parties return

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 18: It was supposed to be a routine business call in Dhaka tomorrow by the External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee. But the visit has now

acquired a political significance way beyond the delivery of a formal invitation to the Bangladesh government to join a summit of the South Asian leaders here in early April.....

The Hindu, 20 February 2007

Manmohan's assurance to Shaukat Aziz

NEW DELHI : India will do everything possible to punish the perpetrators of the "heinous" terrorist act on the Samjhauta Express, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told his Pakistani counterpart Shaukat Aziz in a telephone conversation on Monday.....

The Hindu, 20 February 2007

Stage set for SAARC meet

NEW DELHI : With External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee personally inviting Chief Adviser of the Bangladeshi Caretaker Government Fakhruddin Ahmed for the 14th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation summit, the stage is set for the April 3 and 4 SAARC meeting in New Delhi.....

The Hindu, 20 February 2007

Keep the peace process on track

IN TERMS of the choice of both target and timing, it is not difficult to surmise that Sunday night's bomb blast on board the link train of the Samjhauta Express was aimed primarily at stopping the peace process between India and Pakistan.....

The Hindu, 21 February 2007

Kasuri: urgent need for anti-terror cooperation

NEW DELHI: The bomb attack on the Samjhauta Express "can only add" to the urgent need for cooperation in counter-terrorism, Pakistani Foreign Minister Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri told presspersons on Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 21 February 2007

Security Council condemns train bombing

United Nations, Feb. 21 (AP): The U.N. Security Council late Tuesday condemned the terrorist bombing of a Pakistan-bound train in India that killed 68 people and called for the perpetrators and sponsors to be brought to justice.....

The Hindu, 21 February 2007

Positives from the peace process

"YOU GUYS killed a whole bunch of our guys today," was the remark of a Pakistani friend as news came in about the attack on the Samjhauta Express. Thankfully, that notion has not yet entered the realm of public discourse on Sunday's terrible incident....

The Hindu, 22 February 2007

India, Pakistan ink pact on reducing nuclear risk

NEW DELHI: Indian and Pakistani officials signed an agreement on "Reducing the Risk from Accidents Relating to Nuclear Weapons" in the presence of Foreign Ministers Pranab Mukherjee and Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri at Hyderabad House on

Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 22 February 2007

India imposes ban on nuclear trade with Iran

NEW DELHI: India has imposed a ban on the "direct or indirect" export of all items that could contribute to Iran's nuclear fuel enrichment-related, reprocessing or heavy water-related activities as well as development of nuclear weapon delivery systems.....

The Hindu, 22 February 2007

On the India-Pakistan frontier, a fragile peace

MATKULA POST (JAURIAN): Seen through the narrow observation slits in the bunkers around the Matkula Post, Pakistan appears like a scene from a nature programme: an sprawl of serene green fields, punctuated only by the occasional peasant or farm animal.....

The Hindustan Times, 22 February 2007

No joint probe, India tells Pakistan

India has turned down a proposal from Pakistan for a joint investigation into the blasts on the Delhi-Attari Express. But it has said it will share information with the India-Pakistan joint anti-terrorism mechanism that will meet in Islamabad on March 6.....

The Hindustan Times, 22 February 2007

India, Pakistan sign N-risk reduction treaty

In a major confidence-building measure, India and Pakistan on Wednesday signed an agreement to reduce the risk from accidental use of nuclear weapons.....

The Hindu, 23 February 2007

Nuclear accord designed to promote stable environment

NEW DELHI: The objective behind the Agreement on Reducing the Risk from Accidents Relating to Nuclear Weapons, signed between India and Pakistan on Wednesday is to promote a stable environment of peace and security in the region.....

The Hindu, 23 February 2007

Pipeline talks with Pakistan positive

ISLAMABAD: Talks between India and Pakistan on the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline, which began here on Thursday were "positive." They covered several issues, including pricing and transit fees to Pakistan, officials said.....

The Indian Express, 23 February 2007

Kasuri to Mirwaiz: India, Pak on same wavelength

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 22 : In his talks with Kashmiri separatist leaders today, Pakistan Foreign Minister Khursheed Mahmood Kasuri said Islamabad and India were working towards increasing people-to-people contact between the divided parts of Kashmir.....

The Hindu, 23 February 2007

India seeks Islamabad's help in investigations

New Delhi, February 22: The Indian Government today reiterated its resolve to bring the perpetrators of Samjhauta Express attack to book and expressed hope that the Pakistani authorities would extend necessary help in the probe.....

The Hindu, 24 February 2007

Position on nuke testing not to hinder deal: U. S.

Washington: The United States has said fuel assurances and the issue of nuclear testing will not come in the way of the civilian nuclear deal with India, which it hoped, would be implemented by this year end.....

The Hindu, 24 February 2007

India, Pakistan buy time to study transit fees

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan ended their fourth bilateral negotiations on the Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline on Friday with an agreement on the principles for calculating transportation costs, but buying time until mid-March to examine each other's proposals for the separate issue of transit fees.....

The Hindu, 24 February 2007

Sri Lankan issue: Government won't overlook national interest

CHENNAI: Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi on Friday made it clear that the Tamil Nadu Government would not overlook the national interest and security issues even as it appealed to the Government of India to protect Sri Lankan Tamils.....

The Hindustan Times, 24 February 2007

Nuclear tests not to hinder deal, says Burns

Washington, February 23, 2007. The US has said fuel assurances and the issue of nuclear testing will not come in the way of the civilian nuclear deal with India, which it hoped, would be implemented by this year end.....

The Indian Express, 25 February 2007

Tajik air base is ready, gives India its first footprint in strategic Central Asia

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 24: India's first ever air base in Central Asia at Ayni in Tajikistan is now ready and the Defence Ministry has sought a mandate from the Cabinet Committee on Security to begin operations.....

The Hindustan Times, 25 February 2007

Final EU report on Kashmir will be fair, accurate and balanced

Member of the European Parliament Richard Howitt said the final report on Jammu and Kashmir, to be adopted by the European Union.....

The Hindustan Times, 25 February 2007

Global hospitality majors make a beeline for India

Mumbai, February 24, 2007. 'Come, sleep with the best' was the smart catchline of the Hyatt Group of Hotels some years ago.....

The Hindustan Times, 25 February 2007

Italian co in talks with Reliance Retail for car services

New Delhi, February 25, 2007. Italian automotive firm Corghi SpA is understood to be in talks with Reliance Retail, which plans to offer vehicle servicing of customers while they shop in its hypermarkets and supermarkets.....

The Hindu, 26 February 2007

Praise for police unit in Liberia

New York: The all-woman police unit from India serving in Liberia has been praised for its work in the peacekeeping mission by the United Nations envoy in the country.....

The Indian Express, 26 February 2007

Indian docs in UK get temporary relief from immigration laws

London, February 25 : In a temporary relief to the beleaguered Indian doctors, Britain has decided to keep the new immigration laws in abeyance for the first round of recruitment this year in the National Health Service.....

The Indian Express, 26 February 2007

India puts final touches on claim doubling its area under the sea

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 25: India is in the advanced stages of finalising its claim on the continental shelf under the sea-in accordance with provisions of a UN law-that will almost double the country's sea area but also, and more significantly, could go a long way in resolving a key territorial dispute with Pakistan....

The Hindustan Times, 26 February 2007

Indian Army Chief begins visit to Maldives

As part of moves to bolster security dialogue and interaction with immediate neighbours, Army Chief Gen JJ Singh has begun a weeklong visit to Maldives.....

The Hindustan Times, 26 February 2007

Bhutan EC delegation in India to witness polls

A seven-member team from the Election Commission of Bhutan on Tuesday witnessed the assembly polls in Punjab to get first-hand information of the electoral process ahead of the Himalayan kingdom's first general election next year.....

The Hindustan Times, 26 February 2007

New analysis: March to be crucial month for Indo-US nuclear deal

The coming month will be crucial to the final success of the Indo-US nuclear deal, say both Indian and US officials. The 123 Agreement will see week-long negotiations starting March 5.....

The Indian Express, 27 February 2007

NTPC bids for power unit in Egypt

MUMBAI: National Thermal Power Corp. Ltd. on Monday joined many utilities in the race for British power investment firm Globeleq's assets by bidding for a unit in

Egypt.....

The Indian Express, 27 February 2007

India tops consumer confidence index for a second year

MUMBAI, February 26 : India has topped ACNielsen's 46-country Consumer Confidence Index for the fourth half in a row with an all time high score of 137, showing that consumers here remain bullish about the economy despite a volatile market.....

The Hindustan Times, 27 February 2007

India, SA for joint fight against maritime terrorism

New Delhi, February 26, 2007. The Men in Blue will have to slog it out in the Caribbean to counter the South African challenge during the ICC Cricket World Cup next month.....

The Hindu, 28 February 2007

Australia ready to work with India at WTO talks

CHENNAI: Australia is keen on a good outcome to the Doha round negotiations of the World Trade Organisation and willing to work with India to try and broker solutions that might be acceptable to other trading countries, says the Australian Trade Minister Warren Truss.....

The Hindu, 28 February 2007

Menon discusses U.N. reforms with Ban

United Nations: Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon held wide-ranging discussions with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday.....

The Hindu, 28 February 2007

India denies reports in Pakistan newspapers

ISLAMABAD : Reports in Pakistani newspapers that India had pulled off the plug on tariff concessions to Pakistan under the South Asia Free Trade Area agreement were "wrong," the Indian High Commission said here on Tuesday.....

The Indian Express, 28 February 2007

Nath, Brazil minister to discuss future of G-20

NEW DELHI, FEBRUARY 27 : Commerce and industries minister Kamal Nath is off to Geneva to meet Brazilian counterpart Celso Amorim amidst reports of divisions in G-20 ahead of the resumption of talks at the Doha round of WTO.....