



The Hindu, 1 June 2007

**Gas pipeline deal draft to be ready by June 30: Iran**

DUBAI: A top Iranian official has said that the contract for the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline will be finalised by June 30.....

The Hindu, 1 June 2007

**Nuclear talks begin**

New Delhi: India and the United States held one round of technical discussions on Thursday afternoon on their draft nuclear cooperation agreement but have yet to begin the hard grind towards resolving their differences on the major issues separating them....

The Indian Express, 1 June 2007

**123, go**

The India-US statement and the subsequent discussions have generated a lot of discussion, charges and counter-charges.....

The Indian Express, 1 June 2007

**Germany's first step to get India into G-8**

NEW DELHI, MAY 31: With an eye to increasing the G-8 membership in the future and include countries like India, Germany, the current chair of the group, is pushing for a proposal to institutionalise the relationship with the Outreach 5 countries as a first step towards this "integration process....

The Hindu, 2 June 2007

**Nuclear talks to enter third day**

New Delhi: Negotiations between India and the United States over the terms of their proposed nuclear cooperation agreement will carry on for a third day, official sources said on Friday night.....

The Indian Express, 2 June 2007

**Differences narrow on n-deal, negotiators work overtime**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1: India and the United States have covered crucial ground in the ongoing negotiations on the nuclear deal with US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns bringing ?fresh ideas? to the table on resolving tricky issues including that of granting India reprocessing rights.....

The Indian Express, 2 June 2007

**SAARC nations to have varsity based in New Delhi**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 1: The plan to establish a South Asian University (SAU), as agreed upon by all the member countries during the 14th SAARC Summit held in New Delhi

this April, is finally going ahead....

The Times of India, 2 June 2007

**Only India can get involved**

COLOMBO: No country but India can involve in Sri Lanka's ethnic conflict, President Mahinda Rajapakse said in an interview published on Friday, adding that there was a need to weaken the Tamil Tigers.....

The Times of India, 2 June 2007

**Lobby groups push for US, UK visa schemes**

NEW DELHI: In the past, the 'H factor' has largely driven the immigrant dreams of a large number of Indian techies. The H-1B visa that allows US companies and universities to employ skilled foreigners for speciality occupations and UK's highly skilled migrant programme (HSMP) scheme.....

The Times of India, 2 June 2007

**'Fusion of ideas' to clinch Indo-US nuke deal**

NEW DELHI: "Ideas" on how to "solve" the reprocessing deadlock flew thick and fast even as US undersecretary of state Nick Burns on Friday kept up the optimistic line, saying, "We're working very hard, we're working very well.....

The Indian Express, 2 June 2007

**Tech teams iron out 123 agreement**

NEW DELHI, MAY 31: With the reprocessing issue to be taken up in detail tomorrow at the talks between Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon and US Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns, technical teams from both sides met on Thursday and cleared differences on some of the other pending issues in the 123 bilateral agreement.....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**The stalemate and beyond**

After three days of "intensive, productive and constructive" negotiations on their proposed nuclear cooperation agreement, India and the United States have reached an impasse, though it is too early to say whether this impasse is fatal or not.....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**PML chief sees India's hand behind protests**

ISLAMABAD: President of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League Chaudhary Shujat Hussain has thrown his weight behind the allegations that a purported campaign to malign the armed forces in the anti-government protests was being carried out at the behest of India.....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**UAE sees greater role for India in Iraq**

DUBAI: The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has advocated a greater Indian role in defusing tensions in Iraq and Palestine and in addressing the security concerns of the

region.....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**Air battles: India to help Sri Lanka**

SINGAPORE: The "rise of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) air power in Sri Lanka is of concern to India also." Emphasising this, Defence Minister A.K. Antony said in Singapore on Sunday that India "will give Sri Lanka reasonable support for that....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**Peace along border with China: Antony**

SINGAPORE: Defence Minister A.K. Antony on Sunday expressed satisfaction that "there is, by and large, peace and tranquillity along the India-China border, even though there is no well-defined Line of Actual Control (LAC).....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**Promote greater cultural interaction within SAARC**

Shimla: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee on Sunday said there should be regular interactions among parliamentarians, journalists and civil society from SAARC countries as they truly represented public opinion.....

The Indian Express, 4 June 2007

**1, 2, 3... to infinity**

A Fractious focus on technical trivia, we have repeatedly underlined on these pages, had marked India's negotiating style in the implementation of the historic nuclear deal signed by President George W. Bush and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in July 2005. Until now, at least...

The Indian Express, 4 June 2007

**Can't set time-frame to seal N-deal: Pranab**

SHIMLA, JUNE 3 : India today ruled out the possibility of setting a time-frame for sealing the nuclear deal with the US, while admitting that some legal constraints and differences were delaying the process.....

The Hindu, 4 June 2007

**Shimla Declaration drops Kashmir reference**

SHIMLA, JUNE 3 : The SAARC parliamentarian's conference today dropped its reference to the Kashmir issue in the draft declaration and agreed to leave it to bilateral negotiations between India and Pakistan.....

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

**SAARC delegates hail peace process**

SHIMLA: Although India and Pakistan delegations, comprising members of parliaments from different political parties, could not make much progress on the contentious Kashmir issue, delegates from the SAARC.

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **ONGC, Petrobras sign agreement**

NEW DELHI: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) and Brazilian oil company Petroleo Brasileiro SA (Petrobras) on Monday signed an agreement that will give the two companies stakes in each other's exploration blocks.....

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **India, Brazil consolidate strategic ties**

NEW DELHI: In a joint declaration days ahead of the G-8 summit to which they have both been invited as "outreach" partners, India and Brazil blamed "unsustainable production and consumption patterns in the developed world for the problem of climate change and said perpetuation of poverty in developing countries was not the solution.....

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **Brazil emerges India's largest Latin American trade partner**

NEW DELHI: The Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Kamal Nath, on Monday said Brazil has emerged as India's largest trading partner in Latin America with bilateral trade crossing the record \$2 billion mark in 2006.

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **Brazil emerges India's largest Latin American trade partner**

NEW DELHI: The Union Commerce and Industry Minister, Kamal Nath, on Monday said Brazil has emerged as India's largest trading partner in Latin America with bilateral trade crossing the record \$2 billion mark in 2006.

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **Indonesia for defence tie-up with India**

SINGAPORE : Indonesia is exploring the possibility of accessing India's know-how in "network centric warfare" and also entering into joint production arrangements in the overall defence domain.....

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **Indian POWs families visit Karachi prison**

ISLAMABAD: A group of relatives of Indian soldiers missing since 1971 War on Monday visited the central prison in Karachi. They spoke to five Indian inmates, besides verifying records. But they did not get any lead on their suspicion that their kin could have been in the jail.....

The Hindu, 5 June 2007

### **Indian water experts to visit PoK for inspection**

NEW DELHI: Indian water experts will visit Pakistan's site of the Neelam-Jhelum project (Kishanganga in India) near Muzaffarabad in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) later this year to assess Pakistan's claims on the agriculture and hydroelectric uses in the valley....

The Indian Express, 5 June 2007

### **Ahead of G-8, Putin warns US on missile defence**

Moscow, June 4 : Just days before Russian President Vladimir Putin travels to the G-8 summit in Germany, he warned that Moscow could take 'retaliatory steps' if the US proceeds with plans to build a missile defense system for Europe, including possibly aiming nuclear weapons at targets on the continent.....

The Indian Express, 5 June 2007

**\$10-bn trade with India achievable by 2010: Silva**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4: Setting off his three-day visit, the Brazilian president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, today addressed a business meeting jointly organised by industry bodies.....

The Indian Express, 5 June 2007

**SAARC to set up House panel**

SHIMLA, JUNE 4: In a major step towards formation of an Intra-Parliamentary Union in South Asia, the SAARC parliamentarians conference has decided to set-up a South Asian Parliamentary Commission under Lok Sabha Speaker Somnath Chatterjee and appoint a group of experts to prepare a roadmap for the proposed forum.....

The Indian Express, 5 June 2007

**India, Brazil agree on peaceful use of n-energy**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 4 : India and Brazil today emphasised the need for cooperation in the field of peaceful use of nuclear energy. The joint declaration between the two countries, which followed the meeting between visiting Brazilian President Luiz Inacio....

The Hindu, 6 June 2007

**No nuclear talks with Bush at G8: Menon**

New Delhi: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh would have a "pull aside" meeting with U.S. President George Bush during the G8 `outreach' meeting in Germany on June 8 but the two leaders are unlikely to discuss the India-U.S. nuclear deal in any detail.....

The Hindu, 6 June 2007

**Manmohan sent strong message through Burns**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh used the "courtesy call" Washington's top nuclear negotiator made on him on Saturday night to convey to the United States "in the clearest manner possible" that the nuclear deal would not be acceptable to either Parliament.....

The Hindu, 6 June 2007

**Russia bans Indian rice**

Moscow/New Delhi: Russia banned imports of rice, groundnut and sesame seeds from India on Tuesday after finding pests in some consignments, even as New Delhi sought time till November saying the new crop would be free from the problem.....

The Hindu, 6 June 2007

**India should not return to bad neighbour policy: JVP**

COLOMBO: The Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) on Tuesday came out strongly

against the recent statement of National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan that Sri Lanka should look to India alone for its defence needs and not go to China and Pakistan. It said, "India should not return to the bad neighbour policy....

The Indian Express, 6 June 2007

**Nuclear deal stuck on reprocessing, PM will tell Bush: over to you, now**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 5: With apprehensions over the US Congress's attitude towards granting India the right to reprocess spent fuel holding up negotiations on the nuclear deal, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will use his brief meeting with US President George W Bush in Germany.....

The Hindu, 7 June 2007

**Train service to resume soon**

DHAKA: The much-awaited Dhaka-Kolkata train service is expected to begin next month. It was stopped after the 1965 India-Pakistan war. Delhi and Dhaka signed an agreement in 2001 to resume the service.

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

**China draws another hardline on Arunachal**

BERLIN, JUNE 6: Signalling a gradual hardening of its position on Arunachal Pradesh, new Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi has conveyed to Indian counterpart Pranab Mukherjee in Hamburg last week that 'mere presence' of populated areas would not affect Chinese claims on the boundary.....

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

**Pak yet to respond on Samjhauta, 7/11 leads**

BERLIN, JUNE 6: Three months after the last meeting of the Indo-Pak anti-terror mechanism, New Delhi has not received any response from Islamabad on the information it gave in the first meeting. This includes the 7/11 blasts and attack on the Samjhauta Express.....

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

**G8: India arms itself with energy efficiency figures**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 : In the G8 summit starting today, India is going to come under increasing pressure to cut carbon emissions. In the last few days, it has hardened its stand further and has figures to support that its consumption of energy per dollar worth of GDP growth is equal to that of developed countries like Germany.....

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

**India to press for lifetime fuel supplies**

BERLIN, JUNE 6: While Prime Minister Manmohan Singh will look to get US President George W Bush to support India's case for reprocessing rights in the nuclear deal when he meets him on Friday, efforts are underway to at least win an assurance that India's strategic fuel reserves will not be affected if New Delhi were to test a nuclear device.....

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

### **Time for US wheat to meet Indian standards**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 6: Months after India accepted US standards to allow its mangoes to enter American markets, it is time for US wheat to meet Indian standards. The US is learnt to have agreed to meet Indian requirements during an interaction Agriculture Secretary P K Mishra had with officials in Washington last month.....

The Indian Express, 7 June 2007

### **Gen J J Singh says ISI, Pak army helping infiltration**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 6 : With a three-fold increase in infiltration bids across the LoC in the month of April as compared to last year, Army Chief General J J Singh has said that reports indicate support of the ISI and elements of the Pakistan Army in pushing militants into India.....

The Hindu, 8 June 2007

### **China our greatest neighbour: Manmohan**

Berlin: As the leaders of eight of the top industrialised countries (G8) hammered out an agreement at the German resort town of Heiligendamm on a timetable to cut back on greenhouse gas emissions, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called on Chinese President.....

The Hindu, 8 June 2007

### **Kashmiri reported killed in Afghanistan**

NEW DELHI: A teenager, who vanished from his north Kashmir home six years ago, has been reported killed in a firefight with United States troops in Afghanistan.

The Hindu, 8 June 2007

### **Nepal, India hold meeting on power exchange**

KATHMANDU: A meeting of the Nepal-India Power Exchange Committee kicked off here on Thursday to deal with problems related to sharing of electricity between the two countries.....

The Hindu, 8 June 2007

### **India, China key in climate change fight: Bush**

Berlin: As Prime Minister Manmohan Singh prepares to ask the developed world at the G8 summit on Friday to share responsibility for fighting climate change, U.S. President George W Bush on Thursday insisted that efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions would not succeed until India and China were involved.....

The Indian Express, 8 June 2007

### **On G8 sideline, efforts on to take N-deal along**

BERLIN:: Eager to attain some progress on the Indo-US nuclear deal in Heligendamm, hectic efforts were underway to schedule meetings with top officials accompanying US President George W Bush before the two leaders pull aside talk tomorrow.....

The Indian Express, 8 June 2007

### **On climate change, Delhi underlines its disapproval, reaches out to UN Secy-Gen**

BERLIN, JUNE 7: While German Chancellor Angela Merkel today claimed that G8 leaders had reached an understanding on climate change, India pulled out its cards on the sidelines with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh conveying to UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon that it was the United Nations which was the right forum to settle this issue.....

The Times of India, 8 June 2007

**Bush, PM will try to end nuke deal logjam today**

BERLIN/NEW DELHI: On the eve of a crucial meeting to resolve the impasse over the nuclear deal, India appears willing to walk a few steps more to assuage US proliferation concerns on reprocessing in return for a unambiguous recognition of its right to use spent fuel.....

The Times of India, 8 June 2007

**India losing interest in joint terror mechanism**

BERLIN/NEW DELHI: Three months after the first meeting of the India-Pakistan joint anti-terror mechanism, the second meeting has not been scheduled and appears to be a fading twinkle in the eye....

The Hindu, 9 June 2007

**Bush-Manmohan meeting positive**

Berlin: It was always going to be a short meeting given the complex schedules of the more than dozen leaders gathered at the G8 summit.....

The Hindu, 9 June 2007

**Healing touch from across the border**

ISLAMABAD: Two doctors from Srinagar who have joined a hospital in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are a sign of the strengthening of the peace process, PoK Prime Minister Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan said on Friday....

The Hindu, 9 June 2007

**India comes out with fresh proposal**

Berlin: India on Friday offered to set up a dedicated safeguarded facility for reprocessing spent fuel in an effort to break the logjam over a proposed agreement and make operational the civil nuclear deal with the United States.....

The Hindu, 9 June 2007

**Patil emerges frontrunner**

NEW DELHI: The Congress has begun the process of consulting allies in the United Progressive Alliance on the presidential candidate even as Congress president Sonia Gandhi left for a short tour of The Netherlands on Friday.....

The Hindu, 9 June 2007

**Nuclear deal: on the brink of disaster**

THOUGH NOT finalised, during the recent New Delhi discussions, the 123 agreement is likely to be signed during Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Washington later in the year....

The Indian Express, 9 June 2007

**To take on China, Govt plans 5 leather parks**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 8: The government has identified locations for setting up five integrated leather parks (ILPs). Initially, the government would set up ILPs at Chennai, Kolkata,, Kanpur, Agra and Tada near Nellore in Andhra Pradesh....

The Indian Express, 9 June 2007

**doable, agree PM and Bush, advisors back to work**

BERLIN, JUNE 8: With Indian and US National Security Advisors instructed to hold talks on the margins of the G-8, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and US President George W Bush today parted on the note that.....

The Hindu, 11 June 2007

**U.S. presidential campaign and India**

WITH THE U.S. 2008 presidential campaign in full swing, nearly 20 Republican and Democratic contenders (and possibly more to join soon) are already crisscrossing the country and outlining their policy positions and platforms.....

The Indian Express, 11 June 2007

**As thaw sets in, more Chinese and Pakistani tourists visit India**

NEW DELHI: : The race between India and China to be the biggest economic power in Asia notwithstanding, one sector that is surely enjoying the fruits of growth in both the countries is tourism....

The Indian Express, 11 June 2007

**N-deal: No compromise on right to reprocess, says Pranab**

New Delhi, June 10: With Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and US President George Bush agreeing on the margins of G-8 in Germany that the civil nuclear deal is do-able, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee today said Washington should not transfer its problems to New Delhi.....

The Times of India, 11 June 2007

**Concessions have to come from US**

NEW DELHI: External affairs minister Pranab Mukherjee has made it clear that reprocessing right to India will have to be specific to it by the US, since New Delhi was not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT)...

The Times of India, 11 June 2007

**Don't transfer your problems, Pranab tells US**

NEW DELHI: A day after PM Manmohan Singh indicated that tough negotiations would be needed on the Indo-US civilian nuclear cooperation deal, Pranab Mukherjee urged Washington not to "transfer its problems" to New Delhi....

The Hindu, 12 June 2007

**India, Russia joint effort to boost trade, services**

NEW DELHI: India and Russia will be setting up a 'Joint Task Force' to ensure implementation of various programmes aimed at taking the bilateral trade to \$10 billion by 2010. Both nations will be exploring the feasibility of concluding the Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA).....

The Indian Express, 12 June 2007

**120 Indians quit Nigeria oil firm after abductions**

LAGOS:: Around 120 Indians working for Eleme Petrochemical Company in southern Nigeria have left the region or the country following two kidnappings, a company spokesperson said on Monday.....

The Indian Express, 12 June 2007

**Denmark puts adoptions from India on hold**

COPENHAGEN, June 11 : Denmark today suspended all adoptions from India after a news report claimed that some of the children who have been adopted in the Scandinavian country could have been abducted.....

The Indian Express, 12 June 2007

**Global entertainment majors busy chalking out mega plans for India**

MUMBAI, June 11: Global media and entertainment firms are racing for a piece of the fast-growing Indian market and the pace will quicken because of new technologies in India and tougher restrictions in China.....

The Indian Express, 12 June 2007

**With eye on trade, India plans new bridge to Bangladesh**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 11: In an attempt at 'bridging' the gap with close neighbour and trading partner Bangladesh, India is planning to construct a two-lane bridge over River Umngot at Dawki....

The Hindu, 13 June 2007

**Conduct terrorism cases by juries**

Toronto: Trials in high-profile terrorism cases should be conducted by a panel of judges and have a better chance of winning public approval if verdicts are delivered by juries, a former judge, who sparked a storm by acquitting two men in the Air India (Kanishka) bombing, has said.....

The Indian Express, 13 June 2007

**India leads world charge against China dumping**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12: Even as Sino-Indian bilateral trade relations gather steam around discussions on a possible Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the two Asian giants, India continues to be at the forefront of initiating anti-dumping investigations against China

The Indian Express, 13 June 2007

**India, US to discuss nuclear terrorism, global challenges**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12 : Amid growing concerns over nuclear proliferation and the

threat of nuclear terrorism, India and the United States will meet here on Wednesday to discuss these global challenges....

The Indian Express, 13 June 2007

**Taiwan acts tough on visas for 2 archers from Sikkim, India calls off its tour**

New Delhi, June 12 : India has called off a tour by its junior archers to Taiwan for an international tournament there after the Taiwan Trade and Cultural office here denied visa to two archers from Sikkim, demanding additional proof of nationality, apart from their Indian passports.....

The Indian Express, 13 June 2007

**For first time, India and China are on the same side of the save-tiger table**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 12: India, faced with the problem of a shrinking tiger population, and China, the hotbed of an illegal trade in tiger parts, have always been on opposite sides of the table on the issue. But for the first time, both have come together at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) at the Hague tomorrow....

The Hindu, 14 June 2007

**At less than 1% of GDP, flow of FDI to India is a trickle**

New Delhi, June 13: Amid all the noise about record-breaking foreign direct investments inflow into the country, no one seems to be asking if this amount is anywhere near enough.....

The Indian Express, 14 June 2007

**India set to sign new initiative to protect n-material, facilities**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 13: In what will send a strong signal to the international community as well as to Capitol Hill in Washington, the Cabinet in its meeting on Friday will look to ratify a 2005 amendment to an IAEA Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials.....

The Hindu, 15 June 2007

**India to apply for membership in Washington Accord**

NEW DELHI: Two years after its application for provisional membership in the Washington Accord was rejected for want of sponsors, India is all set to approach the 18-year-old grouping next week with a fresh application seeking recognition for its engineering programmes accredited by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).....

The Hindu, 15 June 2007

**Manmohan breaks tradition: Pakistan paper**

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh broke "established tradition and norm" by not sending a message of goodwill to his counterpart Shaukat Aziz while flying over Pakistani air space on his way to Germany for the G-8 summit or on his way back, a Pakistani newspaper said on Thursday....

The Hindu, 16 June 2007

**Warrant was flawed: Argentine court**

NEW DELHI: It was on technical grounds that a court in El Dorado, Argentina, rejected the request of the Central Bureau of Investigation for extradition of Italian businessman and Bofors payoffs case accused Ottavio Quattrocchi.

The Hindu, 16 June 2007

**U.N. tribute to Mahatma**

United Nations: In a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of brotherhood and peace, the U.N. General Assembly on Friday declared October 2, his birth anniversary, as the "International Day of Non-Violence"....

The Hindu, 16 June 2007

**Cabinet approves ratification amending IAEA convention**

NEW DELHI: The Union Cabinet on Friday approved ratification of the amendment to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material, which seeks to strengthen the international legal framework

The Hindu, 16 June 2007

**India, Russia sort out differences on flights**

MOSCOW: India has secured Russia's commitment to allow unrestricted use of its airspace for Indian flights to Europe.....

The Hindu, 16 June 2007

**India, Indonesia to enhance defence ties**

SINGAPORE: India agreed to enhance its military-to-military engagement with Indonesia, as they concluded their first-ever Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) meeting in Jakarta on Thursday....

The Hindu, 18 June 2007

**U.S. needs to make changes in deal: scientists**

Mumbai: Senior nuclear scientists say unless the U.S. makes substantial changes in its civil nuclear deal with India, back and forth negotiations on the 123 agreement are meaningless.....

The Hindu, 18 June 2007

**Security strengthened on borders with Nepal, Bhutan**

Siliguri (West Bengal): Vigil along borders with Nepal and Bhutan has been strengthened to restrict entry of Bhutanese people of Nepali origin and Nepali Maoists.....

The Hindu, 18 June 2007

**Managing foreign exchange reserves: where India cannot match China**

INDIA AND China are being compared yet again, although this time it is neither on economic growth rates nor on development of infrastructure facilities.....

The Hindu, 19 June 2007

### **Britain pledges support to India on permanent UNSC seat**

London, June 19 (PTI): Britain has pledged its full support to India in its bid to become a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council. "India will play a lead role in the 21st century and the UK supports India in its bid to become a permanent member of UN Security Council.....

The Indian Express, 19 June 2007

### **US should be open to farm subsidy cuts: Kamal Nath**

MONTREAL: : India hopes the US will propose substantial reductions to farm subsidies this week as top trade officials from four countries seek a breakthrough in world trade talks at a meeting in Europe. I do hope the US comes with a bag full of things tomorrow (Tuesday), said commerce and industry minister Kamal Nath.....

The Indian Express, 19 June 2007

### **Central, West Asia projects in mind, India cosies up to Singapore**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 18: With Singapore eyeing strategic investments in Central and West Asia, India is looking to join hands by strengthening co-ordination at the political level with Singapore so that meaningful investment alliances can take shape in quick time.....

The Hindu, 20 June 2007

### **Singapore, India set up joint panel**

SINGAPORE: India and Singapore on Tuesday fashioned a strategic partnership in all but name. They also set up a Joint Ministerial Committee to monitor and enhance their "multidimensional" ties.

The Indian Express, 20 June 2007

### **India's man at the UN to head IGNCA**

New Delhi, JUNE 19: The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) today geared up for a fresh innings with a significant change of guard. A newcomer to the organisation, bureaucrat and India's longest-serving permanent representative at the United Nations Chinmaya Gharekhan, was unanimously elected the president at the first meeting of the trust today.....

The Indian Express, 20 June 2007

### **India, Singapore to revive Netaji's legacy**

New Delhi, June 19: India and Singapore today agreed to revive the legacy of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, by establishing a high-level strategic dialogue between the two countries.....

The Indian Express, 20 June 2007

### **Kuwait threatens to stop all flights after Govt says don't hit our UAE business**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 19: Setting off a diplomatic row, Kuwait has threatened to stop all flights to India from July 1 alleging that New Delhi is going back on commitments in the air bilateral agreement between both countries....

The Indian Express, 20 June 2007

**Obama admits: Hillary (D-Punjab) was dumb**

NEWTON (IOWA), JUNE 19: Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama said his campaign made a dumb mistake when it circulated a memo criticizing rival Hillary Rodham Clinton's financial ties to India.....

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**WTO probes on Indian wine duties**

GENEVA: The World Trade Organization (WTO) on Wednesday set up a panel to examine India's wine and distilled spirits tariffs at the request of the United States. Washington has complained that India imposes excessive duties on alcohol.

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**Bush-Manmohan meeting in August**

NEW DELHI: Indian and the U.S. diplomats are working on the possibility of a summit meeting between Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and President George W. Bush in August, a senior U.S. diplomat said here.....

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**Step up engagement with ASEAN: Singapore**

SINGAPORE: Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong on Wednesday encouraged India to sustain its engagement with East Asia, including the 10-member Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), in a manner that would bring even more mutual benefits. Singapore is a founding member of the ASEAN. External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, who called on Mr. Lee, reciprocated the sentiment.....

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**Israel welcomes immigration with a rider**

Guwahati: Israeli ambassador in India David Danieli said that Bnei Menashe, the descendants of the Tribe of Manasseh one of the 10 lost Israeli tribes living in Mizoram and Manipur are welcome to immigrate to his country provided they converted to Judaism

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**China to build highway to Everest base camp**

Beijing: Less than a year after the opening of the Qinghai-Tibet railway, China confirmed plans for construction of yet another engineering feat: a 110-km black-topped tarmac road to the Everest base camp

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

**New cultural pact with China**

NEW DELHI: Continuing with the 1998 cultural agreement between the two countries, India signed a fresh Cultural Exchange Programme agreement with China on Wednesday for another two years.

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

### **Rig Veda in UNESCO list hailed**

NEW DELHI: India on Wednesday welcomed the inclusion of the 3,000-year-old manuscripts of the Rig Veda by UNESCO in its cultural list for posterity

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

### **We don't believe in containing any country**

SINGAPORE: India harbours no intention of allowing itself to be utilised by any power to contain any other power, External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee said on Wednesday.

The Hindu, 21 June 2007

### **Pact on pipeline likely by mid-July**

NEW DELHI: An agreement on construction of the \$7 billion India-Pakistan-Iran gas pipeline is likely by mid-July, according to Petroleum Minister Murli Deora

The Indian Express, 21 June 2007

### **Pak says no to authentication of troop positions in Siachen**

Thursday, June 21, 2007. ISLAMABAD, JUNE 20: Pakistan has ruled out authentication of troop positions in Siachen, rejecting India's condition for resolution of the issue....

The Hindu, 23 June 2007

### **Talks with Dhaka on June 25, 26**

DHAKA: Dhaka and New Delhi are set to begin two-day Foreign Secretary-level talks here on June 25 after over two years.

The Hindu, 23 June 2007

### **Bid to resolve log-jam in India-Russia defence ties**

NEW DELHI: Ahead of visits to Moscow by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Defence Minister A. K. Antony, Defence Secretary Shekhar Dutt is in Russia to sort out the logjam in defence ties between the two nations.

The Hindu, 23 June 2007

### **India warns U.S., EU as G-4 talks collapse**

NEW DELHI: A day after the G-4 Trade Ministers talks at Potsdam in Germany failed to make any headway, India on Friday warned the U.S. and the European Union (EU) against their concerted efforts to divide the developing nations by creating differences and declared that the Groups role in building a consensus in the stalled WTO negotiations had come to an end

The Indian Express, 23 June 2007

### **It is the end of the day for G4: Nath**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 22: In a move that can jeopardise the success of the Doha round at WTO forever, India on Friday said the G4 which has been negotiating intensely to find a solution to the deadlock has reached the end of its road....

The Indian Express, 23 June 2007

### **Thailand's Look West to meet India's Look East**

AGARTALA, JUNE 22: Thailand is looking forward to a convergence of its Look West policy with India's Look East policy with the Northeastern region becoming the most vital bridge between the two, Commerce Minister of Thailand Krik-Krai Jirapet said here on Friday.

The Indian Express, 23 June 2007

### **Fake notes: BSF will take up issue with Bangla Rifles**

SHILLONG, JUNE 22: Two youths apprehended by the Border Security Force (BSF) recently have revealed that Fakirapur in Dhaka and Jhinaghati in Sherpur district are the two places in Bangladesh where fake Indian currency notes are being printed. The two, Risang and Kingkong Sangma, said after printing, the fake notes are smuggled into the Northeastern states.

The Indian Express, 25 June 2007

### **Efforts on to make '08 Year of Thailand, N-E**

SHILLONG, JUNE 24: Responding to the suggestion made by Department of North Eastern Region (DONER) Minister Mani Shanker Aiyer to make 2008 the Year of Thailand and Northeast India.

The Hindu, 25 June 2007

### **Grim outlook for Doha round financial scene**

There is a feeling of dj vu in the news that trade talks have stalled yet again The G - 4 group representing four important trading blocs

The Hindu, 25 June 2007

### **India can do more to secure Suu Kyi's release**

SINGAPORE: The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is addressing "a general plea" to China and India to "contribute to the process of an early solution to the imprisonment of Aung San Suu Kyi," Myanmar's celebrated democracy campaigner. Myanmar is an ASEAN member.....

The Hindu, 25 June 2007

### **Impetus to Look East policy**

NEW DELHI: Indias Look East policy will get an impetus with visits by the Prime Ministers of Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia over the next three weeks.

The Hindu, 26 June 2007

### **India, Bangladesh begin talks**

DHAKA: India and Bangladesh began Foreign Secretary-level talks here on Monday after over two years. The discussions will cover trade, transportation, border and security issues.

The Hindu, 27 June 2007

### **India to step up defence ties with Thailand**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and his visiting Thai counterpart, Gen.

(Retd.) Surayud Chulanont, on Tuesday resolved to step up cooperation in defence, security and civil aviation sectors so that Thailand's Look West policy and India's Look East policy became a perfect complement to one another.

The Indian Express, 27 June 2007

**India may soon ink FTA on goods with Thailand**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 26: Thailand and India are close to concluding a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) covering trade in goods by 2010. The two countries are likely to start negotiations on free trade agreement on goods next month and the agreement could be finalised by September. Simultaneously the two nations would also discuss FTA in services.....

The Indian Express, 27 June 2007

**BRICs ahead of US in energy industry**

UNITED NATIONS, JUNE 26: The main challengers to US economic power Brazil, Russia, India and China have overtaken the United States in dominating the global energy industry, according to a new study by Goldman Sachs....

The Hindu, 28 June 2007

**India, Pakistan to discuss group tourism**

ISLAMABAD: A proposal to permit group tourism between India and Pakistan, and increasing the number of religious shrines that pilgrims from either country can visit on the other side, are on the agenda for the two-day talks between the two culture secretaries that will begin here on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 28 June 2007

**Dhaka for increased cooperation**

DHAKA: Bangladesh expects increased Indian cooperation on key issues, particularly water sharing, the head of the caretaker Government, Fakhruddin Ahmed, said on Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 28 June 2007

**World Bank nod for farm credit**

NEW DELHI: In one of the largest support packages, the World Bank on Wednesday approved a \$600-million loan and credit to India aimed at transforming farmers access to financial services.....

The Indian Express, 28 June 2007

**For India's troubles with financial advisors, UK has some advice**

New Delhi, June 27: It is no secret that in the evolution of India's financial services, the last mile of delivery- the retail distributor has been playing truant with regulators. But India is not alone in this slackness.....

The Indian Express, 28 June 2007

**WTO failing, EU pushes for FTA way into Indian market**

New Delhi: : Having failed to get any concession on fast-expanding Indian market for

food products in the WTO talks, the European Union will push for achieving a similar objective in its bilateral negotiations with New Delhi on the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

The Indian Express, 28 June 2007

**Rice: Nuclear-deal could be sealed by year-end**

WASHINGTON: : Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Wednesday acknowledged difficulties in negotiations on a US-India nuclear cooperation deal but said the accord could be settled by the end of the year.

The Indian Express, 28 June 2007

**India not fully using seat entitlement for Gulf**

NEW DELHI, JUNE 27: Civil Aviation Ministry officials will reach Kuwait on Thursday to hold talks with authorities there on the Emirates' threat to stop all flights to India over the demand to increase the number of seats it is entitled to fly into India every week. Ironically, national carriers Air India and 'Indian' are underutilising their capacity entitlements to the Gulf sector by a good 26 per cent

The Hindu, 29 June 2007

**Bangladeshi among three held in Sriharikota**

NELLORE: The Sullurpet police have taken into custody three persons, including a Bangladeshi, working as casual labourers at the Sriharikota Space Centre (SHAR).

The Hindu, 29 June 2007

**Accord on fee for carrying gas**

NEW DELHI: India and Pakistan on Thursday reached an in-principle agreement on transportation charges that New Delhi would pay Islamabad for the Iran-Pakistan-India \$7.4-billion gas pipeline, even as Iran sought the last-minute inclusion of a clause for a revision in the price of natural gas every three years. Both India and Pakistan are opposed to this demand.

The Hindu, 29 June 2007

**Iran to release 18 Indians**

Dubai: Iran will release the 18 Indians arrested for allegedly fishing off the coast of an island that is disputed between Iran and the UAE.....

The Hindu, 29 June 2007

**India-China relationship a big stabiliser, says Yechury**

SINGAPORE: The process of improving the India-China relationship, now in progress, will be a big stabiliser on the international scene.

The Hindu, 29 June 2007

**India invites U.S. investments**

WASHINGTON: Marketing India as a lucrative investment destination, Commerce and Industry Minister Kamal Nath has invited investments from U.S. firms in sectors like agriculture, energy and civil aviation.

The Indian Express, 29 June 2007

**Australia to facilitate acquisitions by Indian steel makers**

NEW DELHI: : The Australian government has assured India to expedite the process of stake buy in coking coal firms and mines by Indian steel giants SAIL, RINL and NMDC to ensure their raw material security, steel minister Ram Vilas Paswan said.....

The Indian Express, 29 June 2007

**China, India pose different hiring challenges: Survey**

HONG KONG, June 28: Multinational companies in China have a hard task hiring people with leadership skills while in India they face unreasonably demanding fresh graduates, a survey shows.