

The Hindu, 1 March 2007

**Rise of India, China an opportunity for Vietnam and Asia**

Vietnam's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Pham Gia Khiem, currently in India on a visit, speaks of taking bilateral relations with India to a new high....

The Hindu, 1 March 2007

**Baglihar: resolving the differences**

There had been persistent differences between Pakistan and India over the Baglihar Hydroelectric Project on the Chenab....

The Hindu, 1 March 2007

**WTO-related fora get more**

NEW DELHI : The Union budget reflects the Government's desire to strengthen World Trade Organisation-related bodies such as the Intellectual Property Office under the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.....

The Hindu, 1 March 2007

**Assistance for Myanmar doubled**

NEW DELHI: India has nearly doubled its development aid to Myanmar --from Rs. 44.57 crore in 2006-07 to Rs. 80.41 crore in 2007-08-- budget papers presented by Finance Minister P. Chidambaram say....

The Hindu, 2 March 2007

**Italian establishment bats for Quattrocchi**

Buenos Aires: 'I examined Mr. Quattrocchi's case in the light of the law on penal cooperation given the fact there is no extradition treaty between the two countries," Judge Mariana Arjol told The Hindu in an exclusive interview on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 2 March 2007

**Indian intelligence had warned about attack on Musharraf**

NEW DELHI: Indian intelligence had warned Pakistan about the first assassination attempt on President Pervez Musharraf in December 2003, claims a new book by a senior Pakistani journalist Zahid Hussain.....

The Indian Express, 2 March 2007

**India on US 'watch list' for human trafficking**

NEW DELHI: India continues to be placed on the US "watch list" of countries allegedly not complying with the international effort to combat human trafficking.....

The Hindu, 3 March 2007

**India presents extradition case to Argentina**

Buenos Aires: India has formally requested the Argentine Government to extradite Ottavio Quattrocchi, the prime accused in the Bofors kickbacks case. Buenos Aires is expected to give its reply in a week on whether India's request is receivable.....

The Hindu, 3 March 2007

**Constructive opportunity**

The Bush administration has bowed to reason and common sense in agreeing to join Iran and Syria at a regional conference aimed at stabilising Iraq.....

The Indian Express, 3 March 2007

**Jindal to invest \$2 bn in Bolivia**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 2 : In what could be the single largest investment made by any country in mineral-rich Bolivia, Jindal Steel today said it would invest \$2.1 billion (Rs 9,500 crore) there to set up new steel plants. The Indian steelmaker said it has reached an agreement on El Mutun iron ore mines in the South American country.....

The Times of India, 3 March 2007

**India won't share 'hard evidence'**

NEW DELHI: India has decided not to share "hard evidence" about terror attacks with Pakistan at the first meeting of the Joint Terror Mechanism, scheduled to be held in Islamabad on March 6.....

The Times of India, 3 March 2007

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The Times of India, 3 March 2007

**UK bank closes India call centre**

MUMBAI: The booming Indian call centre industry recieved a jolt with Britain's largest provider of consumer loans ' Lloyds TSB Group ' deciding to stop all customer calls to its centre here after protests from unions and complaints from its customers in the UK.....

The Times of India, 3 March 2007

**India, Pak have agreed on troops reduction, claims Mirwaiz**

SRINAGAR: Chairman of Hurriyat Conference's moderate faction Mirwaiz Umer Farooq on Friday claimed India and Pakistan have agreed on reduction of troops in Jammu and Kashmir and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.....

The Hindu, 4 March 2007

**Bangladesh promises India all help against insurgents**

New Delhi: "We are determined to do the utmost to see to it that miscreants from India do not get breathing space in Bangladesh," Major Shakil Ahmed, Director-General of Bangladesh Rifles, has said.....

The Indian Express, 4 March 2007

**US aircraft carriers prowl his backyard, Iran Navy chief on his way to India**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 3: Amid mounting tension in the Persian Gulf and with his fleet on high alert, Iranian Navy Chief Admiral Sajjad Kouchaki has taken out time to visit

India. He will be here tomorrow on a six-day visit that will include a trip to Navy facilities in Mumbai and Vishakhapatnam.....

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

**US business mounts jumbo mission to India**

WASHINGTON: A jumbo-sized 38-company US business mission, including nuclear power firms, high technology contractors and equipment suppliers will visit India from March 5-9 to prepare a roadmap for "future engagement.....

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

**Nuclear deal done, now terror on agenda**

NEW DELHI: If 2006 marked the year when India and the US cleared the nuclear threshold, in 2007, the two countries plan to tackle another thorny issue in their relationship--counter-terrorism

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

**Myanmar to import Indian tea technology**

GUWAHATI: Myanmar on Saturday sought Indian technology to help boost its tea production, besides collaborating with the regional governments in the northeast to promote medicinal herbs in its country.....

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

**India planning to sell low-cost nuclear reactors**

NEW DELHI: India has not only stepped up its diplomacy with the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) countries to allow it to access civil nuclear technology and fuel but may also become a supplier of low-cost nuclear reactors to other countries by joining the NSG.....

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

**India, Nepal set to tap energy ventures**

KATHMANDU: Faced with growing demand for energy, neighbours India and Nepal are rushing to tap power ventures with a clutch of energy meets starting on Monday....

The Times of India, 4 March 2007

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The Hindu, 5 March 2007

**Kanishka bombing: probe to resume today**

TORONTO: The inquiry into the 1985 bombing of an Air India plane that killed over 300 people is set to resume on Monday, even though officials have not resolved a long-running dispute over secret evidence.....

The Times of India, 5 March 2007

**Big quest: Indian oil majors aim for Norway**

NEW DELHI: In the quest for energy security and to be relevant in the great hydrocarbons game, Indian exploration majors could be headed for Norway next. Oil ministry mandarins confirmed that Indian exploration majors have been asked to examine opportunities in the Scandinavian country.....

The Times of India, 5 March 2007

**Solution to the Sir Creek issue soon: Aziz**

KARACHI: Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Sunday expressed hope that a just solution to the Sir Creek issue with India will emerge soon.....

The Hindustan Times, 5 March 2007

**UN grant for India to fight gender violence**

New York, March 3, 2007. Organisations in five countries, including India, will receive grants to address links between gender-based violence and the spread of HIV/AIDS under a joint initiative agreed between two United Nations agencies and a leading United States based pharmaceutical company.....

The Hindustan Times, 5 March 2007

**India is hot potato for Finnish companies**

New Delhi, March 3, 2007. Finnish small and medium enterprises (SMEs) are planning to invest 200 million euros in India by the end of this year in areas such as technology, healthcare, wellness and tourism.....

The Hindustan Times, 5 March 2007

**Indian budget upsets Nepal, India clarifies**

Kathmandu, March 3, 2007. India's newly unveiled budget for 2007-2008 has created a furore in Nepal after a local Nepali daily said that New Delhi has cut its assistance for its northern neighbour while increasing it significantly for Bhutan and the Maldives.....

The Hindustan Times, 5 March 2007

**Foreign secretaries to discuss liberal visa regime**

Islamabad, March 3. India and Pakistan would discuss the easing of visa regime during the two-day Foreign Secretary-level talks from March 13 in Islamabad but neither side appeared optimistic on a breakthrough at the meeting.....

The Hindustan Times, 5 March 2007

**Scotch brewers want WTO action against India**

Soon after P Chidambaram presented the Indian budget in Parliament, the Scottish Whisky Association rose up in arms against Indian tax system.....

The Hindu, 6 March 2007

**India, Japan, U.S. to hold Pacific naval exercise**

SINGAPORE: India is likely to team up with Japan and the United States to hold a "goodwill" naval exercise, off the Japanese coast along the Pacific Ocean next month.....

The Indian Express, 6 March 2007

**New Indo-Bhutan pact comes into effect**

New Delhi, March 5 : A new Indo-Bhutan Friendship treaty came into force today, following the exchange of Instruments of Ratification between the two governments in Thimphu.

The Indian Express, 6 March 2007

**Pak to get train info from cops**

New Delhi, March 5: The first meeting of the Indo-Pakistan Joint Anti-Terrorism Group, which begins in Islamabad tomorrow, will be more a formality with not much on the table.....

The Times of India, 6 March 2007

**Indian fishermen seek safety against Lankans**

NEW DELHI: A grouping of Indian fishermen has urged the Indian Navy and the Coast Guard to protect them from attacks by the Sri Lankan Navy which they say have left 400 people dead or wounded in the last two years.....

The Hindu, 7 March 2007

**India asked to help make Doha Round a success**

NEW DELHI: India should make its effort to conclude Doha Trade talks successfully, Dan Christman, Leader of the U.S. India Business Council (USIBC) and Senior Vice-President, International U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said here on Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 7 March 2007

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The Indian Express, 7 March 2007

**Help track down Samjhauta suspect**

ISLAMABAD: India has asked Pakistan for help to track down a suspect in the Samjhauta train bombing, allegedly a Pakistani national whose photograph was handed over on the first day of the joint anti-terror mechanism meeting here.

The Indian Express, 7 March 2007

**Canada may release classified documents**

TORONTO: After initial reluctance to disclose some of the secret documents relating to the 1985 Air India bombing on grounds of national security, the Canadian Government has indicated that it may soon release some classified information.....

The Times of India, 7 March 2007

**Indo-Pak anti-terror panel meet underway**

ISLAMABAD: The India-Pakistan Joint Mechanism on Terrorism (JMT) on Tuesday

held its first meeting in Islamabad, with New Delhi focusing on the involvement of Pakistan-based elements in incidents of terrorism on its soil including the Mumbai blasts.....

The Times of India, 7 March 2007

**India hands over suspect's photo to Pak**

ISLAMABAD: Hinting at involvement of elements based across the border in Samjhauta Express blasts, India on Tuesday handed over to Pakistan a photo of a suspected Pakistani national believed to be involved in the terror attack and sought its cooperation in tracking him down.....

The Times of India, 7 March 2007

**India 'most improved' country: Poll**

LONDON: India is the only one of 12 major countries to have significantly improved its global stature in the past year, even as Israel, Iran, the US and North Korea are overwhelmingly negatively identified as the world's new rogue states by disparate groups of people in 27 countries around the world, according to a new BBC poll.....

The Hindu, 8 March 2007

**India, Pakistan to share information**

ISLAMABAD: A joint statement at the conclusion of the two-day talks said that while the two sides also agreed to meet every quarter, information which needed to be conveyed on a "priority basis" would be passed on "immediately."

The Hindu, 8 March 2007

**'Voluntary moratorium cannot become bilateral legality': Kakodkar**

CHENNAI: Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission, has made it clear that India does not want to convert its unilateral, voluntary moratorium on nuclear tests into a bilateral legality with the United States.....

The Hindu, 8 March 2007

**Kyrgyzstan for boosting bilateral trade**

CHENNAI : The Central Asian Republic of Kyrgyzstan is looking to improve vastly bilateral trade with India on diverse fronts ranging from hydel power and food processing to textiles and tourism, the Minister-Counsellor in the Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in India, Saktanbek Kadyraliev, said on Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 8 March 2007

**Bhutan no longer to be guided by India on foreign affairs**

NEW DELHI: Bhutan is no longer treaty-bound to be guided by India's advice with regard to its external relations, the text of an updated "India-Bhutan Friendship Treaty," made public by New Delhi, reveals. The new accord, signed in February, replaces the treaty of August 1949.....

The Indian Express, 8 March 2007

**US report expresses concern over rights abuses in India**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 7: Reports of alleged human rights abuse in the country, particularly in areas affected by insurgency, have again come to the fore. The US State Department's report, released on Tuesday, expressed concern over the 'extra-judicial killings in custody, disappearances, torture and rape by police and security forces.....

The Hindu, 9 March 2007

**China steel giant halts ore import from India**

Beijing, March 8: China's second largest iron ore importer, Sinosteel Corporation, has stopped buying from India in response to the imposition of export duties by New Delhi. The company made the announcement a week after India imposed a levy of Rs 300 (\$7) per tonne of iron ore exported from March 1.....

The Indian Express, 9 March 2007

**India to talk West Asia with Dubai, Bahrain**

New Delhi, March 8 : India is set to talk West Asia this month with two high-profile visitors ' UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, and Crown Prince of Bahrain Shaikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa.....

The Indian Express, 9 March 2007

**Qinghai-Tibet Railway to come closer to India**

Beijing, March 8: Tibet will start building the first branch line for the Qinghai-Tibet Railway, the world's highest, this year, which will link Lhasa with Xigaze, the second largest Tibetan city, which is also close to India.....

The Indian Express, 9 March 2007

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The Indian Express, 9 March 2007

**U.S. delegation calls on Buddhadeb**

Kolkata: A 15-member U.S. business delegation met Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee on Thursday, and invited him and State Industry Minister Nirupam Sen to visit the U.S.....

The Hindu, 10 March 2007

**All set for composite dialogue**

NEW DELHI: Any solution to the Jammu and Kashmir issue would be within the parameters of the Constitution, a top government official said on condition of anonymity on Friday. There were limits to what an elected government could do, he maintained.....

The Hindu, 10 March 2007

**Border dispute can be solved through consensus**

CHENNAI: Gao Junliang, Vice-Minister of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, said on Friday that the border dispute between India and China could be solved "through consensus"....

The Indian Express, 10 March 2007

**India tops billionaires' list in Asia**

New York, March 9: By sheer number, Indians topped the list of richest people in Asia with 36 billionaires, of whom Forbes placed Lakshmi Mittal, Mukesh Ambani and Anil Ambani in the ultra elite global top 20.....

The Times of India, 10 March 2007

**CCS discusses India-Pak secy talks strategy**

NEW DELHI: Even as it reviewed the outcome of the first-ever joint Indo-Pak anti-terror meeting, which became more of an allegation-exchanging exercise than anything else.....

The Hindu, 14 March 2007

**India, Pakistan talks begin**

ISLAMABAD: The fourth round of composite dialogue between India and Pakistan began on Tuesday with the Foreign Secretaries meeting here.....

The Hindu, 14 March 2007

**Meeting a clear expression of political will: Menon**

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan began a two-day meeting here on Tuesday, launching the fourth round of the composite dialogue process with renewed commitments by both sides to the peace process.....

The Hindu, 14 March 2007

**United Kingdom wants India to open up legal market**

London: Even as a delegation of the All-India Bar Association and the Indian Council of Jurists on a visit to the United Kingdom was categorical that foreign law firms should not be allowed to practice in Indian courts.....

The Indian Express, 14 March 2007

**India, allies question Lamy's June deadline for Doha round**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 13: A day after World Trade Organisation (WTO) director general Pascal Lamy expressed dissatisfaction at the apparent lack of urgency in the Doha round of WTO negotiations, India.....

The Indian Express, 14 March 2007

**India can help resist US influence in West Asia: Hizbollah**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 13: Regardless of the delicate balance that India has maintained on all issues involving the United States and Israel, the Left-supported conference on West Asia...

The Indian Express, 14 March 2007

**India says no compromise on national sovereignty**

ISLAMABAD, MARCH 13: India and Pakistan on Tuesday started the fourth round of the composite dialogue here as the Foreign Secretaries of the two countries met to discuss eight outstanding issues including, Jammu and Kashmir and terrorism.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**New CBMs mooted**

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan concluded talks here on Wednesday agreeing to consider a set of new Kashmir-related confidence-building measures (CBMs), and conclude a raft of agreements relating to peace and security.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**Karunanidhi on joint patrolling**

CHENNAI: "Empirically speaking, it is felt that since it is going to be joint patrolling [with the Sri Lankan Navy], there will be more disadvantages than the advantages we perceive," Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi said on Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

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The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**"Guard outer space as common heritage"**

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee said continuous tests or the deployment of weapons, as done by China recently, could undermine the longstanding international consensus on the peaceful use of outer space.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**Demand for U.S. pullout from Iraq**

NEW DELHI: The United States and its allies should be held accountable for the illegal invasion and occupation of Iraq, human rights violations and attempts to change the country's economy.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**Demilitarisation linked to ground situation in Kashmir, says Menon**

ISLAMABAD : Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon reiterated on Wednesday India's position that demilitarisation of Jammu and Kashmir was linked to the situation on the ground and the levels or threat of violence in the State.....

The Hindu, 15 March 2007

**Slew of accords in the pipeline**

ISLAMABAD: The Foreign Secretaries of India and Pakistan, who concluded talks on Wednesday, agreed on issues relating to peace and security.....

The Indian Express, 15 March 2007

**Essar, Ambani Group in talks to buy gas from Iran**

NEW DELHI, march 14: Essar Group and the Anil Ambani group are in talks to buy liquefied natural gas (LNG) from Iran even as the government seeks the honouring of its LNG import deal with Tehran, oil minister Murli Deora said on Wednesday.....

The Indian Express, 15 March 2007

**Tata revisits \$3 bn Bangladesh investment plan**

DHAKA:: Tata Group this week tried to revive its plan for Bangladesh's biggest inward investment, opening talks with the new army-backed government, a company official said. Back in October 2004....

The Hindu, 16 March 2007

**Pranab to visit Japan**

NEW DELHI: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee will visit Japan from March 22 to 23, an official statement said on Thursday. "This will be his first visit to Japan since becoming External Affairs Minister in 2006.....

The Times of India, 16 March 2007

**India must review ties with Israel: Karat**

NEW DELHI: The Left parties on Wednesday warned the government over its growing ties with Israel and demanded a review of the relationship between the two countries.....

The Times of India, 16 March 2007

**India, Pak keep peace boat afloat**

NEW DELHI: Keen to keep the peace process moving, India and Pakistan, at the end of two-day foreign secretary talks in Islamabad'

The Times of India, 16 March 2007

**Indians treated badly in Pak jails: Pranab**

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday said that there have been cases of inhuman treatment of Indian prisoners in Pakistani jails and Islamabad continued to delay consular access to as many as 92 Indians languishing in its prisons.....

The Hindu, 21 March 2007

**India, Japan to discuss energy security**

SINGAPORE: India and Japan, which recently established "a strategic and global partnership," are expected to turn their focus on energy security and the Japanese idea of creating an "arc of freedom and prosperity" across Asia.....

The Hindu, 21 March 2007

**Trilateral cooperation will benefit world: Hu Jintao**

MOSCOW: Trilateral cooperation between India, Russia and China will benefit regional and global development, Chinese President Hu Jintao said Tuesday.....

The Hindu, 21 March 2007

**'Indo-U.S. civil nuclear deal a major opportunity'**

NEW DELHI: U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel W. Bodman on Tuesday described the Indo-U.S. civil nuclear agreement as "a major opportunity" in synergising India's scientific talent and creativity and the U.S. advancement in technology, safety and security in the development and use of nuclear energy.....

The Hindu, 21 March 2007

**Pakistan's stance is against SAFTA agreement: Minister**

NEW DELHI: The Commerce Ministry has described Pakistan's attitude towards trade with India as against the 'letter and spirit' of the agreement on the South Asian Free Trade (SAFTA).....

The Hindu, 22 March 2007

**India warm to joint mechanism plan: Colombo**

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka on Wednesday claimed that India has agreed with it in 'principle to work out a joint mechanism' to safeguard the interests of the fisher folk community in the Pak Straits/Bay as well as tackle 'activities related to terrorism.....

The Hindu, 22 March 2007

**Natural gas export: Yangon chooses China**

NEW DELHI: In a setback to India's attempts to enter into energy tie-ups with its neighbours to achieve total energy security, Myanmar has turned down a proposal to export gas to India, and instead, decided to business with China.....

The Hindu, 22 March 2007

**Observers to attend SAARC summit**

NEW DELHI: China, Japan, South Korea, the United States and the European Union will attend as observers the 14th South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) summit in New Delhi on.....

The Indian Express, 22 March 2007

**India looks at Central Asia, Europe links bypassing Pak**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 21: With the International Union of Railways (UIC) considering to develop a multi-modal corridor between Russia and India via Iran under the Trans Asian Railway (TAR) project.....

The Indian Express, 22 March 2007

**Pipeline will help Iran in its nuclear push, so drop plan: US to India**

NEW DELHI, WASHINGTON, MARCH 21: The US has told the Indian government that it is opposed to plans to build a natural gas pipeline from Iran to India through Pakistan, US Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said in New Delhi today.....

The Indian Express, 22 March 2007

**Will be ready to sign gas deal by June, New Delhi has told Tehran**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 21: With most Indian energy projects in Iran stalled or scrapped,

the US warning threatens to derail the recent progress in the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline.....

The Hindu, 23 March 2007

**India, Myanmar initiative to fill a 315-km 'missing rail link'**

NEW DELHI: A major initiative has been launched by the railways of India and Myanmar to work on a 315 km "missing rail link" to ensure cross-border travel and freight movement.....

The Hindu, 23 March 2007

**India for keeping future test out of '123 agreement'**

NEW DELHI: India does not want a reference to any future nuclear test in the text of the still-under-negotiation bilateral civilian nuclear agreement with the United States, official sources said on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 23 March 2007

**G-33 for engagement on Doha Round: Kamal Nath**

SINGAPORE: Union Commerce Minister Kamal Nath on Tuesday said the G-33, a forum of developing countries with "defensive interests" in the farm sector.....

The Hindu, 23 March 2007

**India, Japan discuss 'seamless cooperation'**

SINGAPORE: India and Japan on Thursday agreed to "work seamlessly together" to create a peaceful and prosperous Asia and strengthen bilateral linkages across the board.....

The Hindu, 23 March 2007

**We need to stop pipeline, says Bodman**

MUMBAI: United States Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said here on Thursday that the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline could help Iran build nuclear weapon.....

The Hindu, 24 March 2007

**Sir Creek maps exchanged**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan exchanged signed maps of Sir Creek on Thursday on the Indian side of Wagah border, Indian officials here said.....

The Hindu, 24 March 2007

**Iran not for making nuclear arms: Khatami**

NEW DELHI: The former Iranian President, Mohammad Khatami, told Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Friday that Tehran was not interested in building a nuclear weapon.....

The Indian Express, 24 March 2007

**'It is not possible to compare Iran with India. India has never signed the NPT, while Iran has. So, it is not double standards in terms of internation**

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The Indian Express, 24 March 2007

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The Times of India, 24 March 2007

**N-deal: US sure of sorting technical issues**

WASHINGTON: The United States is confident that a "whole lot" of the technical aspects of the implementation of Indo-US civilian nuclear deal.....

The Times of India, 24 March 2007

**India urges Japan to back Indo-US N-deal**

TOKYO: Making a strong pitch to secure the support of a reluctant Japan for the Indo-US nuclear deal, India on Friday said Tokyo.....

The Times of India, 24 March 2007

**India dismisses NPT as 'flawed' treaty**

TOKYO: While seeking Japanese support for the historic Indo-US civilian nuclear energy deal, India on Friday dismissed the NPT as a "flawed" treaty.....

The Times of India, 24 March 2007

**India, Japan to hold joint naval exercises**

TOKYO: The navies of India and Japan will hold their first-ever joint naval exercises soon, Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee announced on Friday.....

The Hindu, 26 March 2007

**Nuclear energy: Saran to visit Australia, New Zealand**

New Delhi: Aiming to muster the support of all members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) for its civil nuclear aspirations, India will seek to persuade Australia and New Zealand to shun their reservations on the issue.....

The Hindu, 26 March 2007

**India, ASEAN talks on FTA in Manila by March-end**

SINGAPORE: India and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will hold what may turn out to be an "almost make or break [talks]" for finalisation of their long-stalled free trade agreement (FTA).....

The Hindu, 26 March 2007

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stalled free trade agreement (FTA).....

The Hindu, 26 March 2007

**Prevent terror attacks against India: U.S. Senators**

Islamabad : The chairman and three senior members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations have asked Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf to prevent terrorist groups from using Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).....

The Hindu, 28 March 2007

**"SAARC convention needs review"**

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka would seek a review of the SAARC convention on Suppression of Terrorism at the SAARC summit scheduled to be held in New Delhi in the first week of April.....

The Hindu, 28 March 2007

**Fissile treaty is India's next challenge**

NEW DELHI: With a proposal to kick-start work on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons rapidly gathering traction, India is bracing itself for the earlier-than-expected opening of a new front in the struggle to conclude its nuclear agreement with the United States.....

The Hindu, 28 March 2007

**Putin, Hu for greater ties with India**

MOSCOW: Russia and China have called for expanding trilateral cooperation with India. Triangular interaction 'enhances mutually beneficial economic cooperation among the three nations....

The Indian Express, 28 March 2007

**SAARC meet: India to push for transit route to Kabul**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 27 : In another bid to get Pakistan to allow the transit of Indian goods to Afghanistan, India will use the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Summit to push for a 'comprehensive regional transport arrangement.....

The Times of India, 28 March 2007

**N-deal may be through by year-end**

NEW DELHI: After two days of talks between Indian and US officials on the text of the 123 agreement, both sides are now looking at the end of the year as a realistic target to wrap up things on the nuclear front.....

The Times of India, 28 March 2007

**IOC plans to buy Turkish petrochem co**

NEW DELHI: Flagship refiner-marketer IndianOil Corporation is putting in the pipeline India's presence in a crucial energy corridor between Central and North Asia and the consumption centres in the West....

The Hindu, 29 March 2007

**U.S. honour for Kalam**

NEW DELHI: President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was presented the Crane Summit Supreme Honor Crown Medallion by the U.S. World Academy of Arts and Culture and World Congress of Poets at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here on Wednesday.....

The Hindu, 29 March 2007

**Ready to help Sri Lanka**

NEW DELHI: India is ready to help Sri Lanka find a solution to its escalating violence and humanitarian tragedy, Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon told presspersons here on Wednesday.....

The Indian Express, 29 March 2007

**Conflict escalating, political solution in Lanka must: India**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28: In the wake of the Tamil Tigers using air power for the first time in Sri Lanka, India today voiced serious concern over the escalation of violence there and said it would encourage Sri Lankans to find a political solution to the 'tragic' conflict themselves.....

The Indian Express, 29 March 2007

**Checking US claim on Indian vessel in sailors spat: Govt**

NEW DELHI, MARCH 28: A day after US Army officials claimed that the 15 British marines, detained by Iran, were checking an Indian-flagged vessel with a consignment of cars in the disputed Shatt al-Arab waterway last week when the Iranian navy seized them, the Indian government has disputed the claim, though it is still trying to get the 'details'....

The Hindu, 30 March 2007

**Australia to back India**

Melbourne: Australia on Thursday indicated its readiness to back India's case at the Nuclear Suppliers Group and hinted at changing its own policies to have civil nuclear trade with New Delhi.....

The Hindu, 30 March 2007

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The Hindu, 30 March 2007

**123 pact: India, U.S. resolve some differences**

New Delhi: India and the U.S. have resolved differences on some of the contentious issues during the two-day talks on an agreement to operationalise the civil nuclear deal.....

The Hindu, 30 March 2007

**U.S. to increase visas for Indian students**

New Delhi: Concerned over the decrease in the percentage of Indian students going to America for higher studies, the U.S. on Thursday said it had plans to increase the number of visas for them and speed up the visa issuance process....

The Hindu, 30 March 2007

**U.S. consulate will open office in Hyderabad soon**

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