

The Hindu, 1 May 2007

**Solheim urges Novartis not to challenge Indian Patent Act**

NEW DELHI: Norwegian Minister of International Development Erik Solheim has urged Novartis to withdraw its case against India, challenging a clause of the Indian Patent (Amendment) Act, which does not grant patents to medicines that are new forms of an existing drug or "ever-greened" rather than innovations.....

The Hindu, 1 May 2007

**Menon in U.S., to hold talks on nuclear deal**

Washington: Indian and U.S. officials will hold talks on Tuesday to iron out differences on a proposed agreement to put into operation the civilian nuclear deal.....

The Indian Express, 1 May 2007

**Good news for UP, from the US: no extra duty on handmade carpets**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 30: There is good news from America for millions of workers and artisans in India's largest carpet-making state, Uttar Pradesh. The proposal to impose an additional 6 per cent duty on hand-tufted Indian carpets that dominate the US market has been dropped....

The Indian Express, 1 May 2007

**India relents on allowing tourism in Antarctica**

New Delhi, APRIL 30: India today softened its stand on the issue of tourism in Antarctica and said it was not for banning tourists from the icy continent, as clear differences emerged on the issue at the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) here.....

The Indian Express, 1 May 2007

**Govt set to approve 10 leather parks to compete with China**

NEW DELHI, APRIL 30: In order to compete with China on the price front, the government will soon give its nod to 10 proposed dedicated parks for the leather industry. According to sources, the ministry of commerce and industry has given a positive response to this proposal and it has been sent to the Planning Commission.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**"India monitoring developments"**

KOLLAM: Defence Minister A.K. Antony on Tuesday said India had taken a serious view of the recent developments in Sri Lanka in the backdrop of the air power attained by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**Pipeline: India, Pakistan narrow down differences**

NEW DELHI: The progress on the India-Pakistan-Iran natural gas pipeline has been satisfactory with New Delhi and Islamabad narrowing down their differences on transportation and transit fee considerably.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**Ties with India deeper, says Iran**

Tehran: Iran's Energy Minister Parviz Fatah said on Tuesday that his country would sign next week a contract to sell gas to European Union.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**India, U.S. hold talks on 123 agreement**

WASHINGTON: Amid growing "frustration" in Washington over talks on a bilateral pact to operationalise the civil nuclear deal, top officials of India and the U.S. met here on Tuesday to iron out differences that have been nagging the talks for the last few months.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**Anti-terror initiative on IPU agenda**

SINGAPORE: India's anti-terror initiative, with the central focus on the need and ways to combat the financing of terrorist activities, has been placed on the agenda of the ongoing 116th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). The IPU, now in session in Bali (Indonesia), will finalise a resolution on the anti-terror issue before the conclusion of the Assembly on May 4.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**India, Pakistan to hold talks on Sir Creek later this month**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan will meet here on May 17 and 18 for talks on the Sir Creek issue, the Foreign Ministry said on Monday. The meeting follows the completion of a joint survey by the two sides of the creek in the Rann of Kutch.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**Terrorism: U.S. report praises India for successes last year**

Washington: India has achieved major successes last year in countering terrorism by effecting numerous arrests and confiscation of explosives despite challenges associated with its law enforcement and judicial systems, a U.S. report on terrorism has said.....

The Hindu, 2 May 2007

**U.S., E.U. sign pact to open skies**

WASHINGTON: The United States and the European Union (E.U.) on Monday signed an "open skies" deal, allowing airlines for the first time to offer a wider range of services between the 27-nation bloc and the United States.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**India, U.S. claim progress in talks**

NEW DELHI: After two rounds of meetings in Washington, D.C., between Foreign Secretary Shivshankar Menon and Under Secretary of State Nicholas Burns, India and the United States publicly claimed that considerable progress had been made in the crucial '123 agreement' on bilateral civil nuclear cooperation.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**3-month extension of trading season at Nathu La a small beginning: Minister**

NEW DELHI: Minister of State for Commerce Jairam Ramesh has described the three-month extension in the trading season through the Nathu La pass as a "small beginning" in the move towards full-fledged trading between India and China through a land border.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**Deora meets of Iran, Pakistan oil Ministers**

NEW DELHI: Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora on Wednesday met Iranian Oil Minister Seyed Kazem Vaziri Hamaneh and Pakistan's Petroleum Minister Amanullah Khan Jadoon in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**'Canada was told of threat to planes'**

TORONTO: Canadian security agencies had failed to act on Air India's warning that Sikh extremists could try to blow up a plane using a time-bomb, just three weeks before the attack on the Kanishka airliner that killed 329 people, mostly of Indian origin, on June 23, 1985.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**Indian mangoes reach U.S. market**

Washington: Mango diplomacy was in full flow with the arrival of Indian mangoes in the American

market after nearly two decades, an event hailed by the United States as an "important step" to bolster bilateral trade.....

The Hindu, 3 May 2007

**Air India floats JV**

CHENNAI: Air-India (A-I) and Singapore Airport Terminal Services Ltd. (SATS) have floated a joint venture company to run ground-handling services at the upcoming international airport at Devanahalli, near Bangalore.....

The Indian Express, 3 May 2007

**India, China, Brazil hold up climate talks**

Bangkok, May 2 : A demand by India, China, and Brazil that rich nations accept they are mainly responsible for global warming has held up progress at a UN climate change meet here, delegates said today.....

The Hindu, 4 May 2007

**Indo-Iran ties: State department raises Congressional concerns**

Washington, May 4 (PTI): The US has said it has not seen the letter written by a group of American lawmakers to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on New Delhi's ties with Tehran and its implications to the civilian nuclear deal but noted that the Bush administration has already raised the matter with the Indian Government.....

The Hindu, 4 May 2007

**Qualifying nuclear test moratorium may offer way out**

NEW DELHI: India and the United States are looking at a range of proposals aimed at bridging their differences on the 123 agreement but it is not clear how the "considerable progress" claimed by Foreign Secretary Shiv Shankar Menon in Washington on May 1 will translate into textual consonance when negotiations resume later this month.....

The Hindu, 4 May 2007

**Murli Deora: no U.S. pressure**

NEW DELHI: There was no question of the United States or any other country pressuring India on the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project, the Lok Sabha was informed on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 5 May 2007

**Nuclear trade: Sweden for**

New Delhi: Sweden may be considered a hardline member of the 'non-proliferation' lobby in the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), but Stockholm says it hopes to approach the issue of civil nuclear cooperation with India "from a positive point of view.....

The Hindu, 5 May 2007

**India comfortable with Iran price offer**

TEHRAN: New Delhi is comfortable with the price of gas, at \$4.93 per million British thermal units (mmBtu), offered by Tehran under the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India pipeline project. India believes that it now has to negotiate with Pakistan transfer and transit charges to make the pipeline viable.....

The Indian Express, 5 May 2007

**India, Sweden will cooperate on defence and energy**

New Delhi, May 4: India and Sweden have decided to strengthen bilateral cooperation in areas ranging from defence to energy. The decision was made today during a meeting between External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee and visiting Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt.....

The Indian Express, 5 May 2007

**India's first Afghan rebuilding effort nears end**

NEW DELHI, MAY 4: It cost three lives, ran numerous cost overruns and caused heartburns to Pakistan. But India's first major developmental project in post-Taliban Afghanistan is finally on course to completion.....

The Hindu, 7 May 2007

**LeT founder hits out at Musharraf regime**

ISLAMABAD: Hafiz Saeed, founder of the Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jamaat-ud-daawah - banned by the United States, wanted by India, and on Pakistan's "watch list"- held a rare press conference on Sunday. He slammed the Musharraf regime for trying to "secularise" the country.....

The Hindu, 7 May 2007

**"Pipeline should extend to China"**

DUBAI: A top official of the giant Russian gas conglomerate, Gazprom, has advocated the extension of the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) gas pipeline to China.....

The Indian Express, 7 May 2007

**IST not helping, North-East needs separate time zone to save power, says House panel**

NEW DELHI, MAY 6: Reopening the debate on the need for more than one time zone in India, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Energy has mentioned the proposal in the context of saving power consumption in North-Eastern states.....

The Indian Express, 7 May 2007

**US agrees to put fuel supply guarantee in agreement**

NEW DELHI, MAY 6: Turning a crucial bend in the current negotiations on the Indo-US nuclear deal, Washington has agreed to put down all its assurances on fuel supply in the 123 bilateral nuclear cooperation agreement, including that of developing a "strategic reserve of nuclear fuel", to ensure uninterrupted supply over a lifetime of India's reactors.....

The Times of India, 7 May 2007

**Mercator inks deal with Mittal**

MUMBAI: It's a deal between two Mittals " the first one is none other than L N Mittal, world's fifth richest man" and the other is Harish K Mittal, head of Mercator Lines, the second largest private sector shipping company in India....

The Hindu, 8 May 2007

**Manmohan, Bush review nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and U.S. President George W. Bush "reviewed developments" pertaining to negotiations on the civilian nuclear deal during a telephone conversation on Monday.....

The Indian Express, 8 May 2007

**Manmohan gets Bush call on nuke deal**

NEW DELHI, MAY 7: Building up the momentum ahead of their meeting in Germany next month, US President George Bush today spoke to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and reviewed the progress on the N-deal, sending a clear indication that Washington is keen to complete negotiations on the 123 bilateral cooperation agreement at the earliest.....

The Indian Express, 8 May 2007

**Air power of Tigers threatens India's nuclear sites too: Lanka**

Colombo, May 7: The Tamil Tigers homegrown air wing of light aircraft poses a threat to India's nuclear installations, Sri Lanka's Foreign Secretary Palitha Kohona told reporters here today.....

The Hindu, 9 May 2007

**India won't be cowed down: Deora**

NEW DELHI: Responding to the Communist Party of India (Marxist) demand for an official response to the "pressure tactics" by U.S. legislators on India's relations with Iran, Petroleum Minister Murli Deora said, "I assure you that India will not be cowed down by any threat....."

The Hindu, 9 May 2007

**Order on referring OBC quota case to larger Bench today**

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will decide on Wednesday the question of referring to a larger Bench a batch of petitions challenging the validity of the legislation providing 27 per cent reservation to the Other Backward Classes in elite Central educational institutions.....

The Hindu, 9 May 2007

**Proposals discussed to make Siachen a zone of peace**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan are discussing a package of proposals on Siachen that could lead to the establishment of a "zone of peace" on the glacier, the Pakistan Foreign Ministry has said.....

The Indian Express, 9 May 2007

**ONGC Videsh finds gas in Iran Offshore**

New Delhi, May 8 : After striking crude oil in three wells, ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL) has found natural gas estimated at around 10 trillion cubic feet in Iran's Farsi Offshore block, 90 km off Bushehr port.....

The Indian Express, 9 May 2007

**\$6 bn: the amount FIIs have pumped in this yr**

Mumbai, May 8 : Despite several factors indicating a relative slowdown in the emerging markets, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continue to be bullish on India. They have pumped in a hefty \$6 billion in equities to date in calendar 2007.....

The Hindu, 10 May 2007

**OVL strikes gas in Persian Gulf**

DUBAI: India's energy partnership with Iran has begun to show results with a consortium led by the ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) striking gas in an Iranian offshore block in the Persian Gulf.....

The Hindu, 10 May 2007

**Huge gas reserves in Farsi block**

NEW DELHI: The international arm of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) the ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL) has struck natural gas in the Farsi block of Iran with the reserves being estimated at 10 trillion cubic feet. The OVL, along with Indian Oil Corporation and Oil India Limited, are partners in this block that was awarded to it in 2002.....

The Indian Express, 10 May 2007

**Growth in Indian MFs among fastest in world**

New Delhi, May 9: Led by a rising equity market and matching investor interest, growth of the Indian mutual funds industry, which recently crossed the Rs 350,000-crore mark, is among the fastest in the world.....

The Hindu, 11 May 2007

**Indian expert on U.N. panel**

New Delhi: V. Siddhartha, formerly of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has been appointed by the United Nations as a member of the committee constituted to report on the implementation of the U.N. Security Council Resolution 1540 by the Member-states.....

The Hindu, 11 May 2007

**Pakistan has imposed travel restrictions on Indians: report**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has imposed travel restrictions on Indian nationals with SAARC-marked passports in retaliation for similar controls by India on Pakistani nationals, the Dawn reported on Thursday.....

The Hindu, 11 May 2007

**No cause for alarm over China's reported plans: Soz**

NEW DELHI: Union Water Resources Minister Saifuddin Soz on Thursday said there was no cause for alarm over reports on China's plans to construct a dam on the Brahmaputra.....

The Hindu, 12 May 2007

**Sri Lanka agitated over Antony's statement**

COLOMBO: The Sri Lankan Government is agitated over the recent statement of Defence Minister A.K. Antony in Parliament that Sri Lanka Navy (SLA) has killed 77 Indian fisher folk from 1991 to mid-April, 2007. Colombo has taken up the matter with New Delhi.....

The Indian Express, 12 May 2007

**Indo-Pak dialogue: Dates for next round announced**

Express News Service Posted online: Saturday, May 12, 2007 at 0000 hrs Print Email New Delhi, May 11 : Dates for the next phase of the fourth round of the composite dialogue between India and Pakistan have been announced. The first of the series of talks under four heads will be on Tulbal Navigation Project.....

The Indian Express, 12 May 2007

**Indian firm's foreign arms can get more takeover funds**

MUMBAI, MAY 11: Indian banks will now be able to extend more credit to subsidiaries of Indian companies abroad for takeovers....

The Hindu, 14 May 2007

**India, China should fight poverty together: Rao**

Beijing: Indian Ambassador to China Nirupama Rao, on Sunday, said if India and China fight poverty and other common issues together, the entire continent of Asia would benefit.....

The Hindu, 14 May 2007

**Jairam Ramesh calls for cross-LoC trade**

SRINAGAR: Advocating the promotion of trade across the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister of State for Commerce Jairam Ramesh said on Sunday that India needed to give up the mindset of exporting only to its neighbours, especially Pakistan and Bangladesh.....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**UK univs prefer Indian students**

LONDON: Here's some good news for Indian students seeking admission to leading British universities. Even if they are less qualified than those from the UK, they can still make it to some top-ranking universities, which are willing to bend rules to admit candidates from India and China.....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**It's China, not India in African hearts**

BEIJING: China has clearly surpassed India in the race for African hearts. Chinese PM Wen Jiabao has been invited to address the annual board meeting of the African Development Bank next week.....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**Bhutan may ban import of Indian poultry products**

THIMPHU: Bhutan may enforce a ban on import of chicken meat and eggs from India if reports of death of nearly 5,000 poultry birds due to bird flu in a poultry farm in West Bengal are proved true, officials have said.....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**WTO members try to salvage Doha talks**

PARIS: The world's leading trading powers are this week to mount yet another bid to salvage WTO negotiations aimed at reducing barriers to global commerce that have gone nowhere for the past six years....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**India hopes to export reactors if N-deal with US goes through**

KAIGA (Karnataka): Although the road to the much talked about Indo-US civil nuclear deal remains bumpy, India's nuclear industry hopes to cash in if it finally goes through.....

The Times of India, 14 May 2007

**NRI popularises 'the blues of India'**

TORONTO: An Indo-Canadian singer here is bringing several generations together with her music that combines ghazals, Punjabi folk songs and African blues, apart from other musical strains.....

The Times of India, 15 May 2007

**"Space ties with India, a win-win situation "**

WASHINGTON: Senior officials of the NASA and scientists have told American law makers that there is a lot of merit in increasing international cooperation with leading space powers like India that will only see a win-win situation which benefits the United States and the partnering country.....

The Times of India, 15 May 2007

**Dhirubhai finds a place at Wharton varsity**

NEW YORK: Dhirubhai Ambani may have never earned degrees from prestigious B-schools but he did earn a big name as a businessman - as a tribute to which the Wharton School has named a 300-seat auditorium after the late founder of Reliance Group.....

The Times of India, 15 May 2007

**Tata Consulting ponders US listing**

NEW YORK: Tata Consultancy Services, the country's top software services exporter, one day plans a US stock listing as it gains greater recognition among international investors, but the move is not yet a top priority, Chief Executive Subramanian Ramadorai said.....

The Hindu, 16 May 2007

**India, Russia avert standoff**

NEW DELHI: New Delhi and Moscow averted a diplomatic standoff on Tuesday after Russian aviation authorities decided not to allow two Indian carriers to use the country's airspace from June 15. A quick response from Indian authorities.....

The Hindu, 16 May 2007

**US working with India for success of Doha Round: Bush**

Washington, May 15 (PTI): The U.S. President George W Bush on Tuesday said the United States is pursuing strategies of success in the Doha Round of WTO talks and is committed to working with leaders like Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to bring it to a fruitful conclusion.....

The Times of India, 16 May 2007

**US working with India to move Doha round forward: Bush**

WASHINGTON: President George W Bush says the United States is committed to more free world trade and is working with its European partners and countries like India and Brazil to move the Doha round forward.....

The Times of India, 16 May 2007

**U.S. Senators allege misuse of H-1B visas**

Washington: Infosys, Wipro and Tata Consultancy Services are among nine Indian firms, which have been asked to disclose details of their workforce by two top U.S. lawmakers, who feel that foreign companies are abusing the H-1B visa programme to displace qualified American workers.....

The Hindu, 17 May 2007

**India warns against curbs on IT sector**

NEW DELHI: India has "warned" the United States of an adverse impact on World Trade Organisation negotiations if it makes any attempt to restrict the movement of skilled professionals of Indian information technology companies.....

The Hindu, 17 May 2007

**123 as countdown to CTBT by the backdoor**

THE INDO-U.S. agreement on civil nuclear cooperation is built around a core bargain but as the moment of final implementation draws nearer, it is evident the United States does not intend to uphold its end of that trade-off.....

The Hindu, 17 May 2007

**"Nuclear deal not in jeopardy"**

NEW DELHI: The Government on Wednesday made it clear that the bilateral agreement to operationalise the nuclear deal with the U.S would be finalised only within the framework and parameters of the agreement reached between the countries on July 18, 2005 and the Separation Plan of March 2, 2006.....

The Indian Express, 17 May 2007

**India may slip behind China in business innovation in 5 years**

New Delhi, May 16 : India will give away its lead over China as an innovative country in the next five years says a new study.....

The Indian Express, 17 May 2007

**For Rs 4800 crore, an Indian (Mallya) imprint on Scotch whisky**

MUMBAI, MAY 16: In a toast to big-ticket foreign acquisitions by Indian firms, Vijay Mallya's UB Group has bought Scottish distiller Whyte & Mackay for 595 million pounds or about Rs 4,800 crore.....

The Hindu, 18 May 2007

**India, Pak. exchange Sir Creek maps**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan exchanged maps of Sir Creek marked with their respective claims on Thursday, the first day of technical-level talks on the contentious issue of the boundary on the Rann of Kutch estuary.....

The Times of India, 18 May 2007

**N-deal stalled: Burns puts off India visit**

NEW DELHI: Top US negotiator on the nuclear deal, Nicholas Burns, has deferred his visit to India in a development that points to persisting differences between the two sides.....

The Times of India, 18 May 2007

**Defence secy wants Russia to deliver on time**

NEW DELHI: A high level Indian delegation is in Russia to stress that delivery schedules of contracted weapon systems, including aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov, should be maintained at all costs.....

The Hindu, 19 May 2007

**"Talks on Sir Creek cordial"**

ISLAMABAD: India and Pakistan issued a joint statement on Friday at the conclusion of two-day talks on the Sir Creek issue expressing "satisfaction" at their discussions on the delimitation of the maritime boundary and the delineation of the boundary in the estuary.....

The Hindu, 19 May 2007

**Chinese team to visit Nathu La**

KOLKATA: A delegation of officials from the Chinese Embassy in India is scheduled to visit Nathu La in east Sikkim on June 4 to study the prospects of increasing trade through the border.....

The Hindu, 19 May 2007

**Kashmir resolutions of OIC meeting do a balancing act**

ISLAMABAD: A three-day meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference Foreign Ministers concluded here on Thursday with a resolution on Kashmir that was a balancing act between its traditional anti-India line and support for the bilateral peace process aimed at resolving the issue.....

The Hindu, 19 May 2007

**No confrontation with China, says Antony**

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister A. K. Antony has ruled out "chances of any confrontation" with China and said border talks between the two countries were progressing well.....

The Indian Express, 19 May 2007

**Talks with China on track**

New Delhi, May 18: Terming the ongoing talks with China a step towards improving relations, Defence Minister A K Antony today said that compared to the past, the last few years have seen a forward movement, though solutions were still to be found....

The Hindu, 21 May 2007

**India-Iran LNG deal hits roadblocks**

NEW DELHI: Mounting pressure from the United States coupled with the refusal of New Delhi to re-negotiate the price by revisiting the two-year-old contract is expected to create further roadblocks in clinching of the \$22 billion Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LNG) deal with Iran.

The Indian Express, 21 May 2007

**45 yrs after China conflict, Delhi to build roads linking Ladakh outposts**

NEW DELHI, MAY 20: Forty-five years after the Sino-Indian conflict, New Delhi has finally decided to build its road-infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the western sector, facing Chinese-occupied Aksai Chin in northern Ladakh...

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**J.J. Singh visits China**

Beijing: The Chief of the Army Staff General J.J. Singh had his first official round of meetings in the Chinese capital on Monday. He is on a five-day trip to China, the first such visit by the Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee of the Indian Armed Forces.

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**Vietnam okays Tatas' venture**

NEW DELHI: The Vietnam Government has approved a joint venture between Tata Steel and Vietnam Steel Corporation to build an integrated steel complex in the country at an investment of \$3.5 billion.....

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**India, Mexico sign investment protection agreement**

NEW DELHI: India on Monday signed a ten-year bilateral investment promotion and protection agreement (BIPPA) with Mexico to promote flow of investment to both countries and allow free repatriation of funds by investors.....

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**Pakistan hits out at Indian media**

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Monday condemned the Hyderabad blast that claimed 16 lives as a "terrorist act." It, however, rejected allegations in the Indian media that elements based in this country masterminded the attack.....

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**India lacks political will to resolve Kashmir issue: Hurriyat chairman**

SRINAGAR: Asking New Delhi to build a consensus for resolving the Kashmir issue on the basis of Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf's four-point formula, the moderate faction of the Hurriyat Conference said on Monday that India lacked political will to resolve the issue. Also, it appealed to the militants to support the peace process.....

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**Indian mangoes now go to Japan**

NEW DELHI: The Japanese will once again be able to savour Indian mangoes. After a gap of almost two decades, Banginapalle mangoes from Andhra Pradesh are being exported to Tokyo.....

The Hindu, 22 May 2007

**BSF, BDR exchange heavy fire over embankment**

KOLKATA: There was heavy firing lasting nearly two hours between the Border Security Force and the Bangladesh Rifles across West Bengal's border with Bangladesh in North 24 Parganas district on Sunday.....

The Indian Express, 22 May 2007

**India, China set to be pharma powerhouses: PwC report**

NEW DELHI MAY 21: The centre of gravity of the global pharmaceutical industry is shifting with Asia set to be the world's largest pharmaceutical market India and China the powerhouses of the industry....

The Indian Express, 22 May 2007

**Pranab to visit Libya in 1st foreign trip after accident**

NEW DELHI, MAY 21: External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee, who has been keeping off foreign visits since his accident in April, will be travelling for a week starting Wednesday....

The Hindustan Times, 23 May 2007

**Experts make little progress on Indo-US deal**

US and Indian technical experts made little progress when they met in London this week in another attempt to work through persistent serious differences over a nuclear cooperation agreement, a US official said on Tuesday.....

The Hindustan Times, 23 May 2007

**Dhaka daily slams Rahul's 'infantile innuendo'**

Dhaka, April 20, 2007: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's remarks crediting his Nehru-Gandhi family for the division of Pakistan has been slammed by a Bangladeshi newspaper as "infantile and insensitive....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Pakistan asserts new claims on Kashmir's Northern Areas**

NEW DELHI: Pakistan's Ambassador to Brussels has laid the foundations for a diplomatic furore by asserting new claims on the Northern Areas, a sprawling 72,495-square kilometre tract of Jammu and Kashmir occupied in 1947.....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Indian team discusses GST in Singapore**

SINGAPORE: An Indian team, headed by West Bengal Finance Minister Asim K. Dasgupta, on Tuesday concluded "very fruitful and professional discussions" with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Second Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam on issues related to goods and services tax (GST).....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Australia not to sell uranium**

Melbourne: Australia will not sell uranium to India until it signs the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Federal Resources Minister Ian MacFarlane has said.....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Pawar in Colombo**

COLOMBO: Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar arrived here on Wednesday evening for talks with his counterparts in the Agriculture and other related ministries. The two-day visit is expected to bolster agriculture ties.....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**India-U.S. talks on nuclear deal**

NEW DELHI: India and the United States held a round of technical discussions in London on May 21 and 22 in an attempt to narrow down differences on the 1-2-3 agreement as part of the civil nuclear deal, said the spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs here on Wednesday when asked about the meeting.....

The Hindu, 24 May 2007

**Koodankulam plant may be commissioned by 2008**

Mumbai: India's first 1,000 mw nuclear power plant built with Russian aid at Koodankulam in Tamil Nadu is expected to be commissioned by December 2008 despite delays in the delivery of some key equipment....

The Indian Express, 24 May 2007

**We are 90 per cent there, says Burns**

NEW DELHI/ Washington, MAY 23: A DAY after India and US held another round of technical talks on the 123 bilateral agreement in London, the US today said 90 per cent progress had been made and "some compromises" were required from both sides to finalise the deal.....

The Indian Express, 24 May 2007

**Pak envoy in US says the unexpected: India a role model for growth, democracy**

New Delhi, May 23: India has come in for praise from an unexpected quarter. Pakistan's envoy to the US has described India as "modern" and a "role model" in democracy and economic development.....

The Hindu, 25 May 2007

**India, Japan sign MoU on IPR**

NEW DELHI: India and Japan on Thursday signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to cooperate in the field of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) where both nations will help and collaborate on capacity building, human resource development and public awareness programmes.....

The Hindu, 25 May 2007

**Pawar calls on Rajapaksa**

COLOMBO: Union Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar on Thursday called on Sri Lanka President Mahinda Rajapaksa and exchanged views on bilateral relations and the security scenario in the island nation.....

The Hindu, 25 May 2007

**India will urge Iraq to enhance crude supply**

NEW DELHI: Apart from seeking enhanced crude supply, India is likely to ask Baghdad to honour an agreement on award of the Tuba oilfield to a consortium led by ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), Reliance and Sonatrach of Algeria during the visit of Iraqi Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani....

The Hindu, 26 May 2007

**Iraq seeks help for reconstruction**

NEW DELHI: Iraqi Oil Minister Hussein al-Shahristani on Friday called on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and sought India's cooperation in rebuilding his country. He also discussed the investment and joint ventures with Dr. Singh.....

The Hindu, 26 May 2007

**India, Iraq review ties**

NEW DELHI: The 16th session of the India-Iraq Joint Working Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation was held here on Friday. It was co-chaired by Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Murli Deora. Iraqi Oil Minister Hussain Al-Shahristani led his country's delegation.....

The Hindu, 26 May 2007

**India rebuts WTO assessment of SEZs**

CHENNAI: India's Commerce Secretary, G. K. Pillai, on Friday rebutted the views expressed by the World Trade Organisations' Secretariat questioning the benefits from Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in terms of generation of employment.....

The Hindu, 26 May 2007

**India, Cyprus discuss civil nuclear cooperation**

New Delhi, May 26 (PTI): India on Friday discussed the issue of civil nuclear cooperation with Cyprus, a member of the 45-nation Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) whose backing New Delhi is seeking to have trade in the field with the international community....

The Indian Express, 26 May 2007

**OVL block 8 to stay, but fresh bidding for Iraq Tuba fields**

NEW DELHI, MAY 25: Iraq's oil minister Hussein Al-Shahristani brought good news for ONGC Videsh Limited's (OVL) oil block in Iraq (Block 8) but bad news for the OVL-Reliance consortium.....

The Times of India, 26 May 2007

**US takes liquor dispute to WTO panel**

26 May, 2007: WASHINGTON: If and when the United States and India resolve their differences

over the nuclear deal, what would they toast the achievement with? Certainly not American wine or Indian spirits, for now.....

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**India, U.S. nuclear talks set for this week**

New Delhi: With major differences over the contours of the proposed India-U.S. nuclear cooperation agreement still persisting, Washington's point man on the issue is coming here this week for another round of talks aimed at closing the deal.....

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**Brown to strengthen ties with India**

London: Exactly a month from Sunday, James Gordon Brown will take over as Britain's new Prime Minister and he has already pledged to accord "very high priority" to strengthening and deepening relations with a "pulsating, dynamic India....

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**London meet failed to bridge differences over 123 pact**

New Delhi: Despite India's insistence that the draft 123 agreement cannot treat it as a non-nuclear weapons state as far as the implications of a nuclear test under domestic U.S. statute are concerned, American negotiators say the administration's hands are tied by the Atomic Energy Act and the Hyde Act passed by Congress last December.

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**Libya backs India**

New Delhi: Libya on Sunday backed India's candidature for permanent membership of the U.N. Security Council as External Affairs Minister Pranab Mukherjee met its leader Muammer Al Gadhafi.....

The Hindu, 28 May 2007

**India, Pakistan make progress on Kashmir: Kasuri**

Islamabad: Noting that there has been some progress on settling the Kashmir issue with India, Pakistan has, however, said the two are yet to reach a stage to finalise an agreement.....

The Hindu, 29 May 2007

**UAE asked to lift ban on poultry imports**

NEW DELHI: India on Monday asked the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to eliminate trade barriers to improve bilateral trade, besides seeking removal of ban from import of poultry products and permission to Indian banks to open their branches in the Emirates....

The Indian Express, 29 May 2007

**MoS invites the Arab world to invest in India**

NEW DELHI, MAY 28: Addressing a Symposium on South-South Cooperation in the Fields of Energy and Industry organised by the Arab Industrial Development & Mining Organisation at Rabat yesterday, Minister of State for Industry Ashwani Kumar called upon the Arab world to invest in India's energy and other sectors.....

The Indian Express, 29 May 2007

**Rama Setu project: SC says no to PIL**

New Delhi:: The Supreme Court on Monday refused to entertain a PIL opposing the Sethusamudram project, proposed to be implemented by destroying the Rama Setu, a mythical bridge said to be situated south-east of Rameswaram.....

The Times of India, 29 May 2007

**India to take part in ASEM**

28 May, 2007: HAMBURG: India will soon be joining the Asia-Europe meeting as a new member, participating in the 8th ASEM foreign minister's consultation which opens here on Monday. The discussion will focus issues like nuclear proliferation, terrorism, climate change and the situation in Iraq....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**Bhutanese refugees clash with Indian security forces**

KOLKATA: Clashes between a mob, stated to include Bhutanese refugees of Nepali origin, and Indian security forces continued for the second day on Tuesday along the India-Nepal border in Panitanki area of West Bengal's Darjeeling district.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**Centre for coordinated patrolling**

New Delhi: National Security Adviser M.K. Narayanan on Tuesday told Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi that the Centre was in favour of coordinated patrolling to protect Indian fishermen, particularly of Tamil Nadu, from frequent attacks in the high seas.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**Don't bring differences to the fore: China**

Beijing: China said on Tuesday that bilateral differences should not be brought to the fore till a fair and reasonable settlement of the vexed boundary issue was reached.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**India and China to hold defence dialogue soon**

BEIJING: India and China will hold their first-ever defence dialogue in New Delhi within the next two months, according to India's Ambassador to China, Nirupama Rao. The Army Chief, General J.J. Singh, took the decision during the recent visit to China.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**India opposes military or economic force against Iran**

NEW DELHI: As the standoff between Iran and the West continues over the former's nuclear programme, India on Tuesday voiced strong opposition to any "threat or implied threat" of use of military or economic force against Tehran, saying it would not yield any positive results.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**U.S. consulate in Hyderabad in 2008**

CHENNAI: The United States will have a consulate in Hyderabad and it will begin operations in 2008, said Rajkumar Chellaraj, United States Assistant Secretary of State for Administration.....

The Hindu, 30 May 2007

**India-GCC FTA soon**

MUMBAI: Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Kamal Nath on Tuesday said India was in the process of negotiating a Free Trade Agreement with the Gulf countries and talks in this regard were likely to be concluded soon.....

The Indian Express, 30 May 2007

**US report calls on Asia to cut greenhouse gases**

BANGKOK, May 29: Asian nations could reduce a quarter of their greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 if they increase renewable energy use, improve coal-fired power plant efficiency and switch to biofuels, a US government report said on Tuesday

The Hindu, 31 May 2007

**Nicholas Burns arriving today**

New Delhi: Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Nicholas Burns will visit India from May

31 to June 2 for negotiations on the '123 agreement,' the United States embassy said in a press note here on Wednesday.....

The Indian Express, 31 May 2007

**Burns here today but to clinch deal, both need deal on reprocessing first**

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: India is exploring a compromise with the US on the issue of reprocessing US-origin nuclear fuel in a way that gives New Delhi the right to reprocess while leaving the details of transferring such technology for later.....

The Indian Express, 31 May 2007

**Arunachal CM urges PM to counter Chinese claims**

NEW DELHI, MAY 30: The controversy over China's refusal of visa to an IAS officer from Arunachal Pradesh refused to die down with Chief Minister Dorjee Khandu today meeting Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and requesting him to register a strong protest against Chinese claims on the state.....

The Indian Express, 31 May 2007

**India-UAE agreements on crime, visa likely by year-end**

New Delhi, May 30: At the end of delegation-level talks between India and the UAE, the ground has been prepared for the signing of two crucial agreements. The talks come soon after the visit of UAE Vice-President and Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum to India.....

The Indian Express, 31 May 2007

**You can't help so we need Pak, China to help fight Tigers, Lanka tells India**

New Delhi, May 30: With Tamil Tigers stepping up attacks, Sri Lanka has quietly alerted India that it will need to approach Pakistan and China for urgent arms purchases to counter the LTTE's aerial threat...