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[India to become full-time member of Shanghai Cooperation Organization](#)

PTI / Live Mint | July 10th, 2015
India, which had an observer status for the past 10 years, will technically become a member by next year after the completion of certain procedures.

[PM Narendra Modi, Nawaz Sharif revive stalled Indo-Pak bilateral dialogue](#)

The Indian Express | July 11th, 2015
The big takeaway from the meeting though was the progress on the Mumbai attacks case, which is being seen as a step forward from the Indian perspective.

[Unilateral sanctions hurting global economy: Modi at BRICS Summit](#)

PTI / India Today | July 9th, 2015
Modi favoured development of a manufacturing chain across the BRICS countries, saying it will help create jobs and benefit all the member nations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Central Asia

[India, Uzbekistan ink pacts to boost cooperation](#)

PTI / The Hindu | July 7th, 2015

The two sides also called for further promotion of investment cooperation between the two countries. They called for partnership in creating favourable conditions for investment by Indian companies in Uzbekistan, including in the framework of the Special Economic Zones "Navoi", "Angren" and "Jizzakh".

[PM Modi's Central Asia Visit: India, Kazakhstan Sign Deals on Uranium Supply, Defence](#)

IANS / NDTV | July 8th, 2015

"Our defence and security cooperation is an important dimension of our strategic partnership. We both want to make it stronger, including in defence manufacturing. We welcome the new memorandum of understanding on defence cooperation," PM Modi said.

[India, Turkmenistan ink 7 pacts, PM Modi for early operation of TAPI](#)

PTI / The Financial Express | July 11th, 2015

Calling TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) project as a significant initiative in relationship between the two

countries, Modi said possibility of land-sea route through Iran for the pipeline should be explored. The project was envisaged to take gas from Turkmenistan, which holds the world's fourth-largest natural gas reserves, to India and Pakistan through Afghanistan.

[Terror, climate change biggest problems for world: PM Modi](#)

PTI / India Today | July 11th, 2015

"The world has two biggest problems today. One is terrorism and the second is climate change. The solution to both these problems can be found in Mahatma Gandhi's life and his ideals," Modi said in Turkmenistan's capital.

[Kyrgyzstan a key part in India's Central Asia vision: PM Modi](#)

Zee News (With Agency inputs) | July 12th, 2015

"Kyrgyzstan's commitment to the UN Peacekeeping Missions is truly laudable." Modi said Central Asia had an important place in India's future and both countries have a shared interest in combating extremism and terrorism. The two sides inked four agreements, including defence cooperation a Memorandum of Mutual Understanding and Cooperation in the field of elections.

[PM Modi signs 4 agreements with Kyrgyzstan; cooperation on combating terrorism likely](#)

PTI / DNA | July 12th, 2015

The agreements include one on defence cooperation and culture. Two MoUs were also signed for cooperation between the Election Commissions of the two countries and on cooperation in the sphere of Standards, a move that will help economic relations. A joint statement released later said both sides "expressed grave concern at the rising trend of extremism, radicalism and terrorism in the region and whole world".

[India, Tajikistan to boost anti-terror cooperation; PM Modi winds up Central Asia tour](#)

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In the field of energy, Tajikistan thanked India for upgradation and modernisation of the Varzob-1 Hydro Power Station through the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) as well as various training programmes organised for experts from Tajikistan in the field of hydropower.

South Asia

Pakistan

[Pak troops using UAVs, cameras to spy on India: BSF](#)

PTI / Deccan Herald | July 11th, 2015

"We do not know what exactly it was. But assuming them to be some drone or a UAV kind of thing, we took up the matter with Pakistani Rangers through a protest note after which the practice was dropped," BSF DIG (Rajasthan Frontier) Ravi Gandhi said.

[Pakistan continues with U-turns; says no dialogue with India unless Kashmir on agenda](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | July 13th, 2015

Going back to its oft-repeated stand, Pakistan Prime Minister's Adviser on National Security and Foreign Affairs Sartaj Aziz made it clear "no dialogue will take place with India unless Kashmir issue is included in the agenda."

[India rejects Pakistan's 'spy drone' theory, warns of retaliation if ceasefire violations continue](#)

Zee News (with PTI inputs) / July 16th, 2015

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar, while reiterating that India remains committed to steps that contribute to peace on border, also warned that "we won't let our guard down."

Bangladesh

[Dhaka to open more diplomatic missions in northeast India](#)

IANS / The Times of India | July 3rd, 2015

Bangladesh already has diplomatic missions in New Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai. In return, Dhaka has allowed New Delhi to open assistant high commissions in Khulna and Sylhet, the official added.

[India to export 500 Mw power to Bangladesh through SAARC Grid soon: POSOCO](#)

Business Standard | July 9th, 2015

“We could also draw considerably higher volumes of hydropower from nations such as Bhutan and Nepal,” said V K Agrawal, executive director, National Load Despatch Centre at POSOCO.

Afghanistan

[PM Modi meets Afghan President Ashraf Ghani; discusses bilateral ties](#)

PTI / DNA | July 10th, 2015

The two leaders are understood to have discussed the security situation in Afghanistan, particularly in the context of post-2014 when America pulled out most of its forces from there. The status of Indian assistance to Afghanistan, which mostly confines to humanitarian and social areas, was also reviewed.

Asia- Pacific

Myanmar

[Modi calls for greater cooperation between India and Myanmar in energy and agriculture](#)

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Modi said that “India attached the highest priority to its relations with Myanmar, and conveyed India’s commitment to deepen the bilateral relationship in all areas, including in political, economic and security spheres and people to people contacts,” it said.

China

[Ahead of BRICS Summit: Modi meets Xi, takes up China’s UN block on Lakhvi](#)

The Indian Express | July 9th, 2015

Modi also conveyed to Xi concerns in India over the economic corridor China is building through Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).

[China wants maritime cooperation with India in Indian Ocean](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | July 10th, 2015

“China is willing to work with India and relevant countries to step up maritime cooperation and dialogue and to contribute constructively to peace and stability in the Indian Ocean region,” Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying told a media briefing.

The United States

['Will Support All Steps to Strengthen Dialogue': US on PM Narendra Modi-Nawaz Sharif Meet](#)

Agencies | NDTV | July 11th, 2015

The US hailed, among other things, the decision of the two countries to revive the stalled dialogue and to speeding up efforts to bring those behind the 2008 Mumbai attacks to justice.

[10 yrs since nuke deal, India-US on cusp of sea change: US Vice President Joe Biden](#)

PTI / DNA | July 14th, 2015

Biden, who in 2005 was chairman of powerful Senate Foreign Relations Committee, played a key role in the Congressional passage of the civil nuclear deal.

[India to build next aircraft carrier with US technology](#)

The Times of India | July 17th, 2015

As both countries prepare for a September round of strategic dialogue in Washington DC, India is preparing to send a team to speed up talks on the aircraft carrier and the Light Combat Aircraft jet engine, which is also slated to be built with US assistance.

Middle East

Iran

[PM Narendra Modi Meets Iranian President Hassan Rouhani](#)

IANS / NDTV | July 9th, 2015

The talks with President Rouhani come as the five permanent members of the UNSC and Germany and Iran are thrashing out details of an agreement to curb Tehran's nuclear programme in Vienna.

[Historic Iran nuclear deal to energize New Delhi's ties with Tehran](#)

The Times of India | July 15th, 2015

From early this year, India's stepped up its highlevel engagement — NSA Ajit Doval visited Tehran, followed by union minister Nitin Gadkari and then foreign secretary S Jaishankar. Last week, PM Modi held his first meeting with Iran's President Rouhani in Ufa, on the SCO summit's sidelines. Foreign minister Sushma Swaraj had announced she'd be travelling to Iran.

Europe

Russia

[Nuclear talks: Russia offers India a role in new n-plants](#)

The Indian Express | July 13th, 2015

The Russian proposal to jointly build nuclear power plants is significant, considering that Rosatom — the State-owned Russian nuclear utility — has 29 nuclear reactors in various stages of planning and construction in more than a dozen countries (the largest internationally). These include in Jordan, Hungary, Egypt, Iran, Finland, Turkey and Argentina.

BRICS Summit

[Ten Steps for the Future: PM Narendra Modi's 10-point initiative for BRICS nations](#)

The Economic Times | July 10th, 2015

"For the first time our countries managed to negotiate and finalise the comprehensive document - the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership -that touches upon the responsibility of different ministers and requires high-level coordination," Modi said, adding, "The Contingency Reserve Arrangement will soon become a reality, which will help in stabilising the BRICS economies."

Environment and Climate Change

[Paris climate meet: India to market its action plan for achieving emission targets](#)

The Economic Times | July 4th, 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's very own proposal to co-launch a book with French President Francois Hollande on slogans related to climate change ahead of the Paris talks is an indicator of New Delhi's efforts to highlight its views. Incidentally, the

government's plan also fits in perfectly with the larger global political impetus that France is trying hard to build to ensure that an agreement is arrived at when 196 countries converge in its capital in December.

[Ambitious climate action plan on anvil, hints Javadekar](#)

The Times of India | July 12th, 2015

"We will do our bit with utmost sincerity. However, let's not forget that every climate action has a cost. Who will pay the cost is an issue", said environment minister Prakash Javadekar while articulating New Delhi's position ahead of submitting its post-2020 'climate action plan' to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

[Climate, clean energy most critical area uniting U.S. and India: Envoy](#)

ANI / Business Standard | July 13th, 2015

"We are committed to sharing our experiences, our technology, and our financing possibilities to help India meet its aggressive renewable targets, to combat air pollution and to lessen the impact of temperature increases upon India," the envoy said while addressing students and faculty of IIT-Madras.

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