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[NSA Ajit Doval Warns Pakistan To Refrain From Covert Actions](#)

PTI / The Huffington Post | October 28th, 2015

Terming "jihadi terrorism" as common threat to South Asia, NSA Ajit Doval warned Pakistan not to engage in covert actions saying it is a very short-sighted strategy of the neighbouring country. He said Pakistan has never realised that it can be "profitable" and "most effective" for its economic growth and stability if it engages with India and rest of the South Asian countries.

[India's World Bank ranking on 'ease of doing business' will improve further: FM Arun Jaitley](#)

PTI / Business Today | October 28th, 2015

With India jumping 12 positions to rank 130th in the world on ease of doing business, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley said on Wednesday the improvement in ranking does not fully reflect the reforms initiated and the position will improve further next year. "A large number of steps which we have already taken are going to be reflected in the rankings next year. These rankings are only up to June 1 and some of those steps, whose impact is not seen on the ground, as yet have not been factored into this. But I am sure in the years our ranking will certainly improve."

[PM Narendra Modi at India-Africa summit: 10 key highlights from his speech](#)

The Financial Express | October 30th, 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday addressed the inaugural ceremony of the 3rd India-Africa Summit 2015, which is being held in New Delhi. PM Modi reflected on the relationship between both India and Africa that stretches back in history and spoke at length about how the current leaders can get together to strengthen it further to improve the lives of the people.

India – Africa Forum Summit

[African nations pitch for 'Make in Africa'](#)

PTI / The Times of India | October 27th, 2015

Several African ministers on Tuesday pitched for investment in their countries and appealed to India for a 'Make in Africa' programme besides Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Make in India' campaign. Foreign ministers of South Africa and South Sudan - Maite Nkoana-Mashabane and Barnaba Marial Benjamin - aggressively pushed for investments in their countries.

[India, Africa are natural partners in development struggle: Swaraj](#)

The Hindu Business Line | October 27th, 2015

India has “noted with interest” the recent announcements regarding the signing of a Tripartite Free Trade Agreement and the launch of negotiations for the creation of a Continental Free Trade Agreement in Africa, said Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister, on Tuesday. “These are important developments and will stimulate further trade and investment,” the Minister said in her statement at the Third India-Africa Forum Summit. Swaraj felt that there was considerable synergy between the priorities being pursued by the Indian government and Africa’s Agenda 2063.

[Modi pledges to help Africa's agriculture sector, says India-Africa should pitch for UNSC reforms](#)

IANS / ABP Live | October 29th, 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday vowed that India will help Africa in developing its agriculture sector. He addressed dignitaries from Africa at the Third India-Africa Forum Summit and said: “Africa has 60 percent of the world’s arable land reserves and just 10 percent of the global output. India will help to develop Africa’s agriculture sector.” He said a spurt in Africa’s agriculture sector can drive the continent’s march to prosperity and also support global food security.

[India offers Africa \\$10 bn soft loan, seeks stronger ties](#)

PTI / Business Standard | October 29th, 2015

India today offered a concessional credit of USD 10 billion to Africa over the next five years and a grant assistance of USD 600 million even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch for deeper ties in key areas of counter-terrorism, climate change and UN reforms.

South Asia

Pakistan

[BSF, Pakistan Rangers Agree Not to Violate Border Ceasefire](#)

IANS / NDTV | October 27th, 2015

Field commanders of Border Security Force (BSF) and Pakistan Rangers today agreed to respect the bilateral ceasefire and work together to bring down tension on the border in Jammu and Kashmir. This was agreed at a flag meeting between BSF’s Deputy Inspector General (DIG) BS Kasana and Pakistan Rangers’ Brigadier Waseem Jaffar Bhatti on the international border in Suchetgarh sector of Jammu district.

[Pak. envoy downplays Musharraf’s claim](#)

The Hindu | October 31st, 2015

Pakistan’s High Commissioner to India, Abdul Basit, on Friday avoided a clear comment on former Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf’s claim that his country had nurtured the Kashmiri terrorist outfit Lashar-e-Toiba. Downplaying the statement, he said Pakistan was itself a big victim of terrorism, especially since the 9/11 attacks on the U.S.

Nepal

[Pranab Mukherjee congratulates Nepal's first woman President](#)

PTI / The Statesman | October 29th, 2015

President Pranab Mukherjee on Thursday congratulated Bidhya Devi Bhandari on her election as the President of Nepal and expressed hope that under her guidance, the Himalayan republic will move towards peace and stability by accommodating aspirations of all the Nepalese people.

[India reacts guardedly to Nepal-China pact for oil supplies](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | 30th October

A "concerned" India today reacted guardedly to the agreement between Nepal and China for oil supplies, saying its impact on the future of Indo-Nepal trade has to be seen. External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup said

India was ready to facilitate airlifting of the aviation turbine fuel, as was done in past, as also re-routing of LPG supplies from those crossings which were not affected.

Asia Pacific

China

[Top Chinese army general to visit India, Pakistan](#)

PTI / DNA | October 29th, 2015

China's highest ranking defence officer will visit India next month, the first in a decade as the PLA seeks to expand relations with the Indian military and increase mutual trust along the border amid a series of incursions by Chinese soldiers. General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of the China's Military Commission, will visit India and Pakistan in the middle of November, Chinese defence spokesman, Senior Colonel Yang Yujun said at a media briefing.

[Chinese Vice-President to visit India next week](#)

The Hindu | October 31st, 2015

Chinese Vice-President Li Yuanchao is heading to India next month, stepping up the momentum of high-level exchanges between the two countries, following the visit to China by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said the visit, at the invitation of Vice-President Mohammad Hamid Ansari, is "another major interaction between the two sides," which will help "inject new momentum to bilateral ties."

Singapore

['Modi's Singapore visit to elevate ties to strategic partnership'](#)

PTI / Zee News | October 29th, 2015

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Singapore next month will elevate India's ties with this country to a strategic partnership, Finance Minister Heng Swee Keat said, welcoming Indian government's efforts to simplify regulations and introduce tax reforms.

Australia

[India seeks Australia help to unravel conspiracy of ISIS in India](#)

PTI / India TV News | October 27th, 2015

Days after Canberra helped nab underworld don Chhota Rajan, India today sought Australia's help to unravel the conspiracy behind ISIS luring Indian youths into its fold following the arrest of a Mumbai man who fought alongside the Middle-East terror group. The request was made when Australia's Attorney General George Brandis met Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

North America

The United States

[Pakistan's ties with India critical to its future: United States](#)

PTI / DNA | October 23rd, 2015

"I think it's clear that Pakistan's relationship with India is critical to Pakistan's future, and the normalisation of relations between the two countries is vital both to them and to the stability in the region," the White House Deputy Press Secretary, Eric Schultz, told reporters soon after President Barack Obama held wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in his Oval Office.

['No US role in India-Pak peace process unless both jointly ask'](#)

PTI / India TV News | October 23rd, 2015

The US has categorically ruled out any role for itself in Indo-Pak peace process unless both the countries jointly ask for it, according to a senior official who asserted that the best way to resolve issues is through direct dialogue between the two neighbours.

[Manohar Parrikar prepares for key two-day trip to US](#)

Hindustan Times | October 25th, 2015

Defence minister Manohar Parrikar will embark on a two-day visit to the United States in December to identify future military hardware technologies and express his concern over Islamabad's threat to use tactical nuclear weapons against India. This will be his first ever visit to the US as defence minister, and he will meet his counterpart Ashton Carter over December 9 and 10.

[Defence relationship between India, US 'stands on its own': US Ambassador to India Richard Verma](#)

PTI / IBN Live | October 18th, 2015

"I think the US and India defence relationship stands on its own... when we think about our shared values -- rule of law, constitutional democracy (and) peaceful resolution of disputes -- and that the real impact of our two nations coming together from a strategic point of view, an economic point of view, political point is actually to increase peace and stability and prosperity," US Ambassador to India Richard Verma told a press meet.

Europe

Russia

[Russia is India's 'tried and tested real friend': Sushma Swaraj](#)

PTI / The Indian Express | October 20th, 2015

Asserting that its foreign policy towards Russia has never changed, India on Tuesday said it was its "tried and tested real friend". During her meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj said she was very happy to convey that there was progress on all components of "Druzhba-Dosti", the vision document agreed upon during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Vladimir Putin last year.

Turkey

[India, Turkey share values, historical links: President Pranab Mukherjee](#)

IANs / Business Standard | October 28th, 2015

President Pranab Mukherjee on Wednesday, while greeting Turkey on its National Day, said the two countries are close because of shared values and historical links. "I extend warm greetings and felicitations to your excellency and to the friendly people of Turkey on the occasion of your National Day," Mukherjee said in the message to his Turkish counterpart, Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

Environment and Climate Change

[Developed nations must do more to combat climate change: India](#)

PTI / The Statesman | October 27th, 2015

"We expect more ambitious action plans from the developed world so that we maintain the temperature rise below 2 degrees. India is walking a sustainable path but we are on a growth trajectory. So we want more carbon space and that must be provided by those who have occupied that space for the last 150 years," Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said.

['India's commitments to combat climate change generous'](#)

Business Standard | October 27th, 2015

India has made "generous commitments" to combat climate change, even as developed nations have fallen short of their obligation to provide finance and technologies for mitigation, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Vice-Chairman Arvind Panagariya said.

[Path to climate ambition must be paved with equity: India](#)

PTI / The Indian Express | October 20th, 2015

India has warned that global efforts to arrive at a climate deal in Paris later this year will not succeed if they are laced with persistent attempts to dislodge the balance of responsibilities between developed and developing countries, stressing that the path to climate ambition must be paved with equity.

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