

Top Stories

[PM Modi urges nations to unite against terror, says delink it from religion](#)

PTI / The Indian Express | 23rd November

Terrorism is the “biggest threat” to the world, and it needs to be “delinked” from religion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said. He pressed for a united global effort to ensure that no country provides sanctuary to terror. Terrorism, Modi said in an address to the Indian diaspora on the second day of his three-day visit to Malaysia, “knows no boundaries. It uses the name of religion to draw people to its cause but kills people of all faiths.

[India announces \\$2.5-mn aid to help poor nations combat climate change](#)

PTI / The Hindu Business Line | 29th November

Joining a select group of countries, India today said it will provide \$2.5 million for the vulnerable nations in the Commonwealth to help them introduce clean energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. “India has announced \$2.5 million for the Commonwealth small states trade finance facility. As you are aware, Commonwealth has 31 small states as its members out of the 53 countries and trade finance is very important to them,” External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Vikas Swarup said.

[Rajnath raises PoK projects in talks with China](#)

The Times of India | 21st November

Home minister Rajnath Singh on Friday raised the issue of Chinese construction in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir in his talks with the Chinese government. “We raised this issue and all other important issues with Chinese leaders,” Singh told Indian journalists after meeting Meng Jianzhu, head of Commission for Political and Legal Affairs in the central committee of Communist Party of China (CPC). “There was lot (of) discussion on terrorism,” Singh added.

Asia – Pacific

East Asia Summit

[Narendra Modi calls for new global resolve and strategies to fight terrorism](#)

Live Mint | 22nd November

India called for a “new global resolve and new strategies” to combat terrorism without political considerations.

India's view on tackling terrorism was put forward by Prime Minister Narendra Modi while speaking at the 18-member East Asia Summit (EAS) in Kuala Lumpur in the backdrop of a string of terror strikes across Paris, Beirut and Mali.

ASEAN Summit

[ASEAN Summit: PM Modi calls for enhancing counter-terror cooperation](#)

Hindustan Times | 22nd November

Terrorism and the global economic slowdown dominated talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang on the margins of the ASEAN-India Summit where the PM pushed for the adoption of a Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism in the Malaysian capital on Saturday. The development came on a day when India and China issued a rare joint statement on internal security in Beijing, marking out new areas for cooperation in meeting counter-terrorism challenges, exchanging information on terror groups and streamlining channels of communication on security-related issues.

[India Among the Most Open Economies in the World: PM Modi at ASEAN Summit](#)

NDTV (Agencies) | 22nd November

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the global investment community to invest in India and draw comfort from its fast economic growth, strong fundamentals, continuous reforms and a welcoming environment. Speaking at the 27th annual ASEAN summit in Kuala Lumpur, PM Modi said, "By almost every major economic indicator India's doing better than when we took office 18 months ago".

Singapore

[Modi meets Singapore PM, President; inks 10 bilateral pacts](#)

PTI / The Tribune | 24th November

India and Singapore on Tuesday signed 10 bilateral agreements, including a joint declaration on 'strategic partnership' and pacts for enhanced cooperation in areas like defence, cyber security and civil aviation, as Prime Minister Narendra Modi met his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong and President of Singapore Tony Tan Keng Yam.

[PM Modi invites Singapore firms to invest in Navratna PSUs](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | 24th November

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today invited investors here to participate in the proposed divestment of Navratna PSUs and sought the Singaporean government's help in building at least 20 smart cities. In wide-ranging discussions with Singapore leaders, including its Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and President Tony Tan Keng, Modi stressed on the idea to 'create many Singapores' within India.

China

[China for closer ties with India to remove cancer of terror](#)

PTI / India Today | 23rd November

Terming terrorism a "cancer" that needed to be removed jointly by world community, China today called for close cooperation between Indian and Chinese security establishments as the two countries for the first time worked out a joint mechanism to combat the menace. The joint action plan was finalised during the just- concluded visit of Home Minister Rajnath Singh to China.

[India, China coming together will be a sea change: Rajnath Singh](#)

PTI / IBN Live | 23rd November

If India and China come together and 2.5 billion hearts meet on one common ground, there could be a sea change in the entire world, not just in the region, Home Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday. Addressing the Indian

community at Shanghai Infosys Centre, Singh highlighted the importance of India-China ties especially in the field of security and economic cooperation.

Malaysia

[India, Malaysia to deepen defence cooperation, expand trade \(Roundup\)](#)

ANS / Business Standard | 23rd November

India and Malaysia agreed to deepen defence and security cooperation and expand bilateral trade while signing three accords in the areas of cyber security, culture and infrastructure. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on the third and last day of his visit to Malaysia that marked the beginning of the bilateral phase, held delegation-level talks with Malaysian Premier Najib Razak, following which the two leaders held a joint press conference.

South Asia

[President asks SAARC nations to look at shared future](#)

ANI / Business Standard | 19th November

President Pranab Mukherjee has urged the SAARC nations to look at a shared future leaving behind the divisions of the past.

Pakistan

[Pakistan ready for talks with India without preconditions: Sharif](#)

ANS / The Times of India | 28th November

Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has said for sustainable peace, Pakistan is ready for dialogue with India without preconditions, Geo News reported. He also said Pakistan intends to maintain friendly relations with all its neighbours, including India and Afghanistan.

[BCCI still waiting for government decision on Pakistan series: Rajeev Shukla](#)

PTI / India Today | 28th November

Senior BCCI functionary Rajeev Shukla said the Board is awaiting Indian government's response on the resumption of cricket ties between India and Pakistan. "We have already applied with the Ministry of External Affairs. But since (External Affairs Minister) Sushma Swaraj ji is in Malta to attend the Commonwealth Summit, we are waiting for her to come back. The moment she comes back, she will decide about it," Shukla told a news channel.

Bangladesh

[India-Bangladesh relations a good example of friendly ties with neighbours, says Prez Mukherjee](#)

ANI / Zee News | 19th November

President Pranab Mukherjee said that India-Bangladesh relations is a good example of progress which is based on mutual benefit, equality and respect for sovereignty. The President also said that connectivity is the catalyst for deeper engagement and emphasised on regional connectivity and cooperation between Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal.

Nepal

[India expresses apprehension over loss of lives in Nepal](#)

PTI / The Statesman | 23rd November

India on Sunday expressed distress at the loss of lives in police firing in Nepal's Terai region. Though there was no statement issued by India, but official spokesperson in the External Affairs ministry posted a brief tweet,

"Upheavals, distressed at loss of lives in police firing in Saptari in Nepalese Terai last night. Political solution required."

[Indian ambassador to Nepal Ranjit Rae hopes for end to Nepal political crisis](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | 24th November

Indian ambassador to Nepal Ranjit Rae expressed hope that the political deadlock in the country would soon end as talks progress between the agitating Madhesi groups and the government. Speaking at a programme on Nepal-India relations, Rae said India is ready to assist Nepal in its development process amid the ongoing political crisis.

North America

The United States

[It is for India and Pakistan to talk Kashmir, clarifies US](#)

IANS / The Indian Express | 22nd November

Amid reports that Pakistani Army chief Raheel Sharif had raised the Kashmir issue with Secretary of State John Kerry, the US said it was for India and Pakistan to work out issues between them. State Department spokesman John Kirby told reporters on Thursday that he was not aware whether Kashmir or the November 26, 2008 Mumbai terror attacks by Pakistan based Lashkar-e-Taiba had come up during the Wednesday meeting between Sharif and Kerry.

Europe

France

[Rafale combat aircraft deal in final stages: Manohar Parrikar](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | 17th November

The multi-billion dollar deal for purchase of 36 Rafale combat aircraft is in "final stages" of price negotiations, Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar has said. A new roadmap for the upgradation of the inventory in the Indian Air Force is being prepared with focus on 'Make in India' initiative, and any future acquisition will be based on it, he told PTI.

[French President Hollande invited as Republic Day guest](#)

The Indian Express | 22nd November

French President Francois Hollande has been invited as the chief guest for the Republic Day celebrations in January 2016. If the French Presidency conveys acceptance, Hollande will be returning to India for a State visit after three years.

Germany

[Security Agreements With Germany Get Centre's Nod](#)

IANS / NDTV | 19th November

The central government approved two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between India and Germany on security cooperation. In a cabinet meeting, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government approved an MoU aimed at strengthening relationship further between the two countries for building peace and stability in the region through exchange of information, expertise, best practices and technology.

Environment and Climate Change

[India going to Paris meet with progressive & proactive stance: Prakash Javadekar](#)

PTI / IBN Live | 27th November

India is going to the crucial Paris climate summit with a progressive and proactive stance and hopes that "there will be an equitable agreement" including on providing technology support to the developing nations at an affordable cost, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said. "Paris will be a milestone and we are sure that there will be an equitable agreement because India has taken very positive steps not only in renewable but in clean environment, clean energy, clean water, clean air and more greens."

[Can't be Bullied,' Says India on US Concerns Ahead of Paris Climate Summit](#)

NDTV | 29th November

India cannot be bullied, Union Environment Minister Prakash Javadekar said, responding to US concerns over India's pace of climate change action ahead of the key Paris summit that starts on Monday. "You can't bully India, the message is clear.

[Fight against climate change is responsibility of all: PM Modi](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | 29th November

Preparing to attend the world meet on climate change in Paris, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said it is the responsibility of all to ensure that the Earth's temperature does not rise as global warming is already creating disasters like recent heavy rainfall in Chennai. He asked the people to adopt energy conservation and energy efficiency measures like the maximum use of solar-powered items.

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