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[PM Narendra Modi's Bangladesh visit: Teesta pact not on this trip, says Sushma Swaraj](#)

The Indian Express | June 1st, 2015
"I said it is not going to happen during this visit (of the PM) because I know the facts. Whatever decision on Teesta needs to be taken, it has to take into account the state government's views. The decision will be taken by consulting them. The state government will have to be taken on board," the External Affairs Minister said.

[Narendra Modi to be First Indian PM to Visit Israel](#)

PTI / NDTV | June 1st, 2015
Describing Israel as a friendly country, Ms Sushma Swaraj said India had never "let down" the Palestinian cause and it will continue to support it.
LK Advani had visited Israel when he was Home Minister in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government. Jaswant Singh and SM Krishna had visited the Jewish nation as External Affairs Ministers. Recently Home Minister Rajnath Singh had also visited Israel.

[Modi visit: India, China expand biz footprint with deals worth \\$22bn](#)

Hindustan Times | May 16th, 2015
"We are very keen to develop the sectors where China is strong. We need your involvement. The scope and potential, the breadth and length of infrastructure and related developments is very huge in India," PM Modi said during his address at the India-China Business Forum, titled: "Working towards a Sustainable Economic Partnership".

Neighborhood

South Asia

Bangladesh

[Direct bus between Agartala, Kolkata via Bangladesh likely](#)

IANS / Zee News | May 20th, 2015

Tripura Transport Minister Manik Dey said the Tripura government has been demanding direct bus services between Tripura and other northeastern states and Kolkata through Bangladesh for easy movement of people of the region.

[India's ties with Bangladesh has enormous possibilities: Jaishankar](#)

ANI / Zee News | May 23rd, 2015

Agreeing on a deal for equitable sharing of Teesta water is one of Bangladesh`s highest priorities in its relations with India. Bangladesh wants more access to the Teesta River, citing a fair-use policy that may require India to use less.

[Narendra Modi on two-day Bangladesh visit from 6 June](#)

Live Mint | May 26th, 2015

“The visit is expected to further expand cordial and cooperative relationship between the two countries and strengthen the ties of friendship and trust between India and Bangladesh,” said a statement by the Indian foreign ministry.

Pakistan

[India reiterates 3 conditions for engagement with Pakistan](#)

PTI / DNA | May 31st, 2015

"There is no flip-flop in our policy. We had decided on three principles for talks when Sharif had come here to participate in the swearing-in ceremony (of Narendra Modi as PM). Since then we have been following those three principles," the External Affairs Minister said.

Asia Pacific

China

[Warming ties between India, China: Modi and Xi discuss border dispute, trade deficit, terrorism](#)

Hindustan Times (with agency inputs) | May 15th, 2015

Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar said the focus of the meeting was on increasing “mutual trust” and convergence between the two countries, who are attempting to come out of a relationship often fraught with mistrust and focus on boosting bilateral trade.

[India, China to establish skill institute in Gujarat](#)

PTI / Business Standard | May 15th, 2015

'Mahatma Gandhi National Institute of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship' would set up either in Ahmedabad or Gandhinagar, according to a government release.

[Settling border issue critical for India-China ties: NSA Ajit Doval](#)

PTI / DNA | May 22nd, 2015

"We are particularly concerned about the Eastern sector where the claims have been made on Tawang (in Arunachal Pradesh) which is totally in contravention of accepted principles," Doval said and expressed surprise that while McMahon line was agreed till Burma by China, the same was not accepted thereafter.

South Korea

[PM Modi's visit: India, South Korea to deepen defence and economic cooperation](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | May 18th, 2015

The two sides signed seven agreements covering Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with Respect to Taxes on Income, MoU between National Security Councils of the two countries, MoU on shipping and transport.

[Narendra Modi in Seoul: India and South Korea sign 7 pacts; bilateral ties raised to 'strategic partnership'](#)

The Times of India | May 18th, 2015

"The decision to upgrade bilateral ties reflect how seriously we take the new framework of our relationship. Republic of Korea is the second country with which India will have a diplomatic and security dialogue in 2+2 format," PM Modi said while addressing a joint press conference with South Korean President Park Geun-hye in Seoul.

[In South Korea, Narendra Modi promises to make India a better place for business](#)

Live Mint | May 19th, 2015

Promising Korean CEOs a more stable, predictable and transparent taxation system, PM Modi outlined the steps taken by his government, which include fast-tracking of approvals in industry and infrastructure, and liberalisation of foreign direct investment (FDI) rules.

The United States

[India-US relationship 'unprecedented': Richard Verma](#)

ANI / Business Standard | May 21st, 2015

The US Ambassador to India further said the relationship between the two sides is 'strategic plus'. "We are already at the next level. We have been referring to it as strategic plus," he added.

[India's disaster management capabilities quite advanced: US](#)

PTI / Deccan Herald | May 21st, 2015

"There's more to be done in trying to foster more regional coordination and advance planning of regional responses, there is so much capability in the region today and the experiences of many of these countries in their own earthquakes is something that we have a direct hand," she said.

[India, US to sign military cooperation agreement, talk on missile defence, WMD proliferation](#)

The Economic Times | June 1st, 2015

The US has offered assistance in the missile defence system in the past too but given the recent upswing in relations, more concrete talks are expected during the visit. Discussions will also take place on increasing capabilities to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

Singapore

[India can learn urban management from Singapore: PM Modi](#)

IANS / IBN Live | May 20th, 2015

Modi, who met members of the India-Singapore Strategic Dialogue here, also sought Singapore's support in capacity-building in human resources for urban management.

Japan

[India, Japan to resolve transfer pricing disputes](#)

Business Standard | May 27th, 2015

The tax disputes involve Japanese companies in the automobile and auto ancillary sectors, as well as large trading houses. There are about 30 transfer pricing disputes between India and Japan; these pertain to determining royalty, tax dues, profitability of trading houses, and the commission paid.

Mongolia

[India extends \\$1 billion credit to Mongolia, deepens defence ties during PM Modi's visit](#)

PTI / Zee News | May 18th, 2015

India and Mongolia support the evolution of open, balanced and inclusive security architecture in the Asia Pacific region based on collected efforts, considering legitimate interests of all states of the region guided by respect for norms and principles of international law, the joint statement said.

Central Asia

[PM Narendra Modi to visit 5 central Asian nations after Brics summit](#)

The Economic Times | May 29th, 2015

Kazakh president Nursultan Nazarbayev was the chief guest at 2009 Republic Day celebrations when the two sides signed a deal for supply of uranium. India had received consignments of yellow cake from Kazakhstan in succeeding years. India is eyeing to harness crude oil from Kazakhstan besides natural gas from Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

Middle East

Iran

[India-Iran Strategic Chabahar Port to be Operational by December 2016, Will Give Access to Afghanistan, Central Asia](#)

PTI / NDTV | May 24th, 2015

"Work has already begun on the Chabahar port. There is a joint venture of Kandla Port Trust (KPT) and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT). We will start port activities in a year or a year-and-a-half," Road Transport, Highways and Shipping Minister Gadkari told PTI in an interview.

Africa

[Third India-Africa summit: Preparations underway](#)

Hindustan Times | May 18th, 2015

African countries account for over 60% of the total concessional lines of credit India extends. India had extended credit over \$4.2 billion between April 2009 and June 2014.

Europe

Germany

[German minister calls for closer defence ties with India](#)

The Indian Express | May 28th, 2015

Referring to India's participation in the Hanover trade fair, Leyen said, "Prime Minister Modi made the case for international enterprises to set up shop in India and for closer collaboration with the German economy. But our focus today is not only on economic collaboration — today it is also on security policy."

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