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[India leads emerging economies in growth chart: World Bank](#)

PTI / The Financial Express | June 11th, 2015

“With an expected growth of 7.5 per cent this year, India is, for the first time, leading the World Bank’s growth chart of major economies,” said Kaushik Basu, World Bank Chief Economist and Senior Vice President after the release of the latest Global Economic Prospects (GEP) report.

[Land boundary deal done, PM Modi talks Teesta, development in Bangladesh](#)

Hindustan Times | June 8th, 2015

“People think that we are 'paas-paas' but now the world will have to accept that we are not just 'paas-paas' but 'saath-saath' as well,” he said, summoning his trademark eloquence to sum up the friendship between the two countries at a Dhaka University programme before concluding his two-day visit.

[Indian Army strikes militants in Myanmar](#)

Live Mint | June 9th, 2015

In a carefully worded statement, the Indian Army said the raids were conducted along the India-Myanmar border. The statement added that the raids followed specific intelligence inputs that the guerrillas were plotting further ambushes.

Neighborhood

South Asia

Bangladesh

[Thousands Celebrate Historic India-Bangladesh Border Pact](#)

AFP / NDTV | June 7th, 2015

An agreement on the ownership of the 162 enclaves - essentially islands of land located in each other's country - had proved elusive for decades. They resulted from complex ownership arrangements made centuries ago by local princes.

[Boost to road, rail, sea connectivity: India gets access to transit routes through Bangladesh](#)

The Economic Times | June 8th, 2015

Terming connectivity as "the catalyst for deeper engagement", Modi said "Bangladesh's decision to allow transit of power equipment and foodgrain to the Northeast echoes the strength of your human values and our shared economic opportunities".

Pakistan

[Pakistan official denied visa for ISI, terror links: India](#)

The Times of India | June 11th, 2015

Calling the official Mohammed Idrees a persona non grata, India continues to maintain that he was involved in "unsavoury acts". However, Islamabad has refused to withdraw his visa application saying he had not served earlier in India and couldn't be accused of carrying out anti-India activities. Pakistan has described the denial as "unprecedented and unacceptable".

['Those Who Fear India's New Posture Have Started Reacting': Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on Myanmar Operations](#)

NDTV / June 12th, 2015

Mr Parrikar said, "Those who fear India's new posture have started reacting," in what is seen as a reference to a Pakistani minister warning on Wednesday that "Pakistan is not like Myanmar."

Nepal

[Nepal objects to India-China trade pact via Lipu-Lekh Pass](#)

PTI / Business Standard | June 9th, 2015

During Modi's China visit, India and China agreed to expand border trade at Qiangla/Lipu-Lekh Pass, a far western point of Nepal, near Kalapani. One of the points of the joint communique issued on May 15 in Beijing, mentioned that "the two sides recognised that enhancing border areas cooperation through border trade, pilgrimage by people of the two countries and other exchanges can effectively promote mutual trust, and agreed to further broaden this cooperation so as to transform the border into a bridge of cooperation and exchanges".

Sri Lanka

[Will continue to engage with India on fishermen issue: Lanka](#)

PTI / Business Standard | June 1st, 2015

"There is full appreciation on both sides of the livelihood and humanitarian dimensions of the (fishermen) issue and the two governments will, in the spirit of goodwill and understanding that exists, continue to engage in dialogue on this issue, to seek satisfactory short-term and long-term solutions," Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mahishini Colonne said

Asia – Pacific

China

[China dismisses reports linking its military with militant group involved in Manipur attack](#)

PTI / DNA | June 10th, 2015

Earlier, officials from state-run think-tanks refuted allegations of China's army assisting militants in northeast India, saying such charges are "absurd".

[Ties on upward trajectory after Xi, Modi visits: Chinese leader Zhang Dejiang](#)

PTI / IBN Live | June 14th, 2015

Zhang Dejiang, who is chairman of the standing committee of People's National Congress of China and third in the hierarchy, is leading a Chinese parliamentary delegation to India. He also paid glowing tributes to Dr Dwarkanath Shantaram Kotnis, who was part of the Indian Medical Mission to war-torn China in 1938, saying he is the symbol of Sino-Indian friendship and his legacy should be carried forward.

The United States

[India-US defence relations: Four takeaways from Ashton Carter's talks with Manohar Parrikar](#)

The Economic Times | June 3rd, 2015

The two also agreed to pursue co-development and co-production projects that will offer tangible opportunities for American defence industries to build defence partnership with the Indian industries including in manufacturing under 'Make in India'.

[Defence deal: India, US to cooperate on weapon systems](#)

Live Mint | June 4th, 2015

According to the Indian foreign ministry statement, Carter and Parrikar "agreed to expedite discussions to take forward cooperation on jet engines, aircraft carrier design and construction, and other areas."

['Obama committed to intensifying India-US relations'](#)

PTI / The Hindu Business Line | June 6th, 2015

"Ambassador Verma, over a short period of time, has proven to be an extraordinarily effective advocate for the US and India, and we look forward to his continued good work," White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said.

Australia

[India-Japan-Australia forum not anti-China: Peter Varghese](#)

The Hindu | June 9th, 2015

The Australian Foreign Secretary Mr. Peter Varghese denied that the trilateral meeting in Delhi at this time could be considered an "anti-China front," saying, "This is not a meeting directed at anyone. We are three countries with a lot to do bilaterally, and we see benefit in cooperation."

Europe

[India and Belarus Ink 6 Agreements During President Pranab Mukherjee's Visit](#)

IANS / NDTV | June 3rd, 2015

Both sides also inked a MoU on cooperation between the Securities and Exchange Board of India and Belurussian ministry of finance and a MoU between India's textiles ministry and the Belurussian State Concern for Manufacturing and Marketing of Light Industry Goods 'Bellegprom'.

[E-Visa for Swedish Nationals Soon: President Pranab Mukherjee](#)

PTI / Zee News | June 3rd, 2015

"I am pleased to inform you all that Sweden will feature in the list of countries to be soon granted the e-Tourist visa facility which would greatly facilitate travel for Swedish nationals who can come and explore 'Incredible India' with all its beauty, diversity, richness of culture, traditions, history and more," Mr Mukherjee said.

Environment and Climate Change

[India assures France of full support for climate meet](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | June 6th, 2015

"We have had a strong and fruitful dialogue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on this and the message was that we (India and France) will ensure that it (climate meet) is a success," said the French Ambassador to India, Francois Richier.

[India playing proactive role in dealing with climate change: Javadekar](#)

PTI / Business Standard | June 9th, 2015

India has proposed separate brainstorming sessions to sort out contentious issues such as pre-2020 action, finance, technology, legal nature of agreement and differentiation before Paris, he said.

[Getting the climate story right](#)

The Hindu | June 12th, 2015

India will need to provide some pledges as an upgrade on its Copenhagen pledge, which was to reduce the economy's carbon intensity 20-25 per cent below 2005 levels by 2020. While intensity numbers are also hard to predict because they involve computing future carbon emissions and GDP growth, adding 10-15 per cent reduction in intensity by 2030 is a likely safe statement. But this is, at most, a relatively conservative starting point, as it is intended to be.

Miscellaneous

[Gratify the Neighborhood](#)

The Times of India | June 10th, 2015

India, whose economy is a startling 82% of the entire Saarc region, is now loosening its purse strings for neighbours, even as it begins a much overdue beefing up of defence capabilities. A flurry of India-assisted projects has been announced recently in many South Asian countries, including railways, hydropower, transmission lines and the like. Many others, as well as policy changes to help integrate their economies with India's, are on the anvil. Underpinning all this is the growing realisation that double-digit economic growth is likely the best foreign policy of all.

[Insurgency in NE will not impact BCIM connectivity: India](#)

PTI / Deccan Herald | June 12th, 2015

"Once the Bangladesh, China, India, Myanmar (BCIM) corridor comes up, I am quite sure things will be taken care of. We are committed to improving connectivity as part of our 'Act East policy'," said Minister of State for External Affairs Gen (Retd) V K Singh.

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