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[India offers you 'three Ds': PM Modi tells global investors](#)

ANI / Zee News | January 11th, 2015
"India offers you three Ds: democracy, demography and demand. This is what you are looking for. You will not find all of them together at any other destination of the world," said PM Modi.

[India, U.S. may sign defence pact during Obama trip: Parrikar](#)

PTI / The Hindu | January 13th, 2015
Mr. Parrikar pointed out that the focus would not be on procurement but on joint development of technology and technology transfer. "There is already existing technology and trade [cooperation] which can be expanded," he said.

[Time to tap incredible possibilities by India, US: John Kerry](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | January 11th, 2015
On ties between the two countries, Kerry said, "The moment has never been more right to tap the incredible possibilities between India and the US." He added that the economic partnership is already getting stronger by the day.

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Neighbourhood

Pakistan

[Pakistan violates ceasefire again, fires on 13 border outposts](#)

PTI / Deccan Chronicle | January 1st, 2015

Home Minister Rajanath Singh said Pakistan should desist from such violations and officials of both the countries have been in touch over the issue. "Pakistan should not do this. Diplomats of both the countries remain in constant touch here," Singh said.

[Pakistan boat had suspected terror links, says Manohar Parrikar](#)

The Hindu | January 5th, 2015

The Indian Coast Guard had intercepted a suspicious Pakistani boat on December 31 night following Intelligence inputs. The Coast Guard said four people on the boat, finding themselves cornered after unsuccessfully trying to escape, set the vessel on fire and it ultimately sank.

[Pakistan restricts Dosti bus service up to Wagah](#)

The Indian Express | January 7th, 2015

Lt Col (retd) Khalid Sarfaraz, Pakistan Tourism Development Corporation manager for the Dosti bus service, in a letter on January 1 to authorities in Delhi cited security reasons for restricting the movement of buses up to Wagah only. Raj Pal Singh, terminal in-charge for the Delhi-Lahore bus at Dr Ambedkar Terminal (Delhi Gate), told The Indian Express over phone that the letter was received on January 1 and the new arrangement came into effect on January 2

Bangladesh

[Bangladesh delegation receives order to act against Indian insurgents](#)

PTI / DNA | January 9th, 2015

"We were instructed to launch operations if any Indian insurgents use the soil of Bangladesh for causing subversive activities in Indian side. We have also conducted a number of operations against them," Director of 54 Border Guard Battalion of Bangladesh Lt Colonel Kazi Mahamudunnabi said.

[Tripura CM wants tight vigil along India-Bangladesh border](#)

IANS / Business Standard | January 3rd, 2015

Chief Minister Sarkar held a series of meetings with the BSF and other officials while visiting the bordering areas and suggested to work in cooperation with the bordering villagers to check the border crimes and protect the properties. "The state government has given top priority to undertake developmental programmes in remote, bordering and inaccessible areas," an official quoted the chief minister as saying in the meetings.

[Bangladesh Commerce Minister Tofail Ahmed expresses need for market share in India](#)

ANI / DNA | January 14th, 2015

"We shall have to come to such a position where we can also take the share of the market of India. We are grateful to the Government of India that they have awarded us duty free, quota free market access in almost all the items except in two items – alcohol and tobacco," Mr. Ahmed said.

Sri Lanka

[Government takes serious note of mistreatment of 77 Indian labourers in Sri Lanka](#)

PTI / DNA | January 4th, 2015

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Syed Akbaruddin said, "It is a labour-related issue. Our mission has already taken up the matter with the company and we are working on a solution and hopeful of a resolution by tomorrow." He was replying to a question on whether the Indians were being held hostage in Sri Lanka.

SAARC

[India to bypass Pak, sign motor vehicle agreement](#)

Hindustan Times | January 8th, 2015

Currently India only has bilateral motor vehicle agreement with Nepal and Bangladesh but a multilateral pact would go a long way in boosting trade in the region.

Myanmar

[Road, economic links on agenda as Myanmar vice-president visits](#)

Live Mint | January 12th, 2015

Among the key economic and development projects to be discussed during Vice-President's visit are the Asian Trilateral Highway and Kaladan Multimodal Transit project, both of which are expected to be completed by 2016.

Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit

[Vibrant Gujarat Summit: Narendra Modi talks counter-terror cooperation with US, Canada leaders](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | January 11th, 2015

Counter terror cooperation was also a key theme in the Prime Minister's meeting with Canada's Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Chris Alexander. "The Prime Minister condemned the attack on Canada's Parliament, and stressed the need for a zero-tolerance approach to terror," the statement said.

['Make in India' dream can be realized through sustainable energy: John Kerry](#)

Live Mint | January 11th, 2015

Talking about climate change and the use of sustainable energy he said "if we do not act now," the world may see a new set of problems. "Climate change is damaging crops, commerce and trade. It does not only affect India or the US, it is a global issue. If we do not act now we may soon see problems of climate refugees, people fighting for water and food." India and the US, he added, could build a partnership in this regard.

[Modi's Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas is a good slogan for us to adopt: John Kerry](#)

The Indian Express | January 12th, 2015

"I was very taken during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas' — participation of all for development of all. That sounds like a pretty good slogan for all of us to adopt, and if we adopt it we can get the job done," said Kerry. "We will turn Modi's 'Make in India' initiative into a win-win opportunity for the planet as a whole," he said.

[Vibrant Gujarat Summit 2015: PM Narendra Modi to make India the easiest destination to do business](#)

The Financial Express | January 12th, 2015

Speaking about his government, PM Modi said that his government is working towards implementation of single window clearance system and are committed to creating a policy environment that is predictable, transparent and fair. "In short span of 7 months we have been able to change the atmosphere of despair and uncertainty; we are working to revive the economy."

[Narendra Modi: India has become a land of opportunities](#)

India Today | January 12th, 2015

Urging countries, businesses and investors to be part of India's "growth story", PM Modi claimed: "There is an atmosphere of cooperation towards India. We are trying to generate confidence for investment in the country. My government is committed to create a policy environment that is predictable, transparent and fair."

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas

[Contribute towards India's transformation: Sushma Swaraj to Indian diaspora](#)

PTI / The Economic Times | January 7th, 2015

"Over the next few years, foreign investment is necessary ...We want you, the young Pravasis, to contribute to the development of India. We want you to participate in the vision that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has for the India's future. We have launched several initiatives that has the potential to transform India," said Ms. Swaraj

[Help transform India: Modi tells NRIs at Pravasi Bhartiya Divas](#)

PTI / Business Standard | January 8th, 2015

Describing Indian diaspora as "great capital" for the country, the Prime Minister appealed to the community of over 25

million people living in over 200 countries to help transform the nation. "I am convinced that people of Indian origin are our capital and strength," he said adding, "if we focus on this segment, we can create a lot of respect for the country globally".

[Opportunities await you in India: PM Narendra Modi at Pravasi Bhartiya Divas](#)

Live Mint | January 8th, 2015

"Almost all of them want to work with India," said the PM, who described himself as a "Pravasi Gujarati" as he welcomed participants to the event which this year commemorates the centenary of Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa. Modi said at least 70-80 countries have erected Gandhi statues as a mark of respect.

[PM Modi agrees to fund road & ferry projects in Guyana](#)

The Indian Express | January 8th, 2015

India also approved a new Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 50 million for the East Bank Demerara-East Coast Road Link Project and agreed to concessional credit to supply a passenger ferry to help Guyana overcome transportation problems," said an MEA spokesperson, Syed Akbaruddin.

Miscellaneous

[India should be ready for war on both fronts: Chief of Integrated Defence Staff](#)

Zee News (with agency inputs) | January 6th, 2015

"Both our neighbours are equipped with nuclear weapons. There is a possibility of rise in terrorists attacks. India has to be cautious from both the sides and should be prepared for any war," said the Chief of the Integrated Defence Staff Air Marshal PP Reddy

[UN chief 'concerned' over marines dispute between India, Italy](#)

PTI / DNA | January 9th, 2015

The UN Secretary General has maintained that the case of the two Italian marines being tried in India for killing two fishermen off Kerala in 2012 should be resolved bilaterally.

[Set target to cut down carbon emissions: UN to India](#)

PTI / The Hindu | January 11th, 2015

"India is in a unique position to lead sustainability, energy efficiency and fight against climate change. India has a young population and it is a great opportunity," said United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, referring to the greater role the country can play at the global level.

[World Bank: India to be world's fastest growing big economy by 2017](#)

IANS / Business Standard | January 14th, 2015

India's economic growth will be helped along by falling oil prices and by lower interest rates in developed countries and these two factors can be a game-changer for the nation.

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