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Greetings from the Embassy of India in Washington, DC. This is the 'India Media Digest' - a bi-weekly compilation of top India-related articles appearing in the media. We hope you will find this useful.

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[Obama aims to make partnership with India more transformative: US Press Trust of India, November 21, 2013](#)

The United States and India have developed a "valued global partnership" over the past decade and US President Barack Obama aims to make the next decade even more transformative, a top presidential aide has said. "By 2030, India is projected to have the largest population of any country in the world and the third-largest economy. During the past decade, the United States and India have developed a valued global partnership, and President Obama aims to make the next decade even more transformative," US National Security Adviser Susan Rice said.

[India tops China as most attractive investment destination CNBC, November 25, 2013](#)

India has overtaken China as the most attractive investment destination, according to Ernst & Young (EY), with the sharp depreciation in the rupee and opening up of new sectors to foreign players boosting the South Asian nation's allure.

[India has seen record growth in 9 yrs: PM Press Trust of India, November 17, 2013](#)

PM Manmohan Singh said the UPA government's policies for rapid growth are showing results and the country has seen a record average economic growth in the last nine years. "UPA policies and programs for rapid and inclusive growth are showing good results. We have seen a record average rate of economic growth in the last nine years, which is higher than what India achieved in any other decade so far," Singh said at an election rally.

[Indian-American takes over as Obama's point person for South, Central Asia Press Trust of India, November 22, 2013](#)

The success of Nisha Desai Biswal and other Indian-Americans is reflective of the deep ties between the United States and India, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry has said. Ms. Biswal, the first ever Indian-American to become Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, was formally sworn in by Mr. Kerry at an impressive ceremony held at the Foggy Bottom headquarters of the State Department which was attended by key officials of the Obama administration including the White House Chief of Staff Dennis McDonough.

[President Obama Nominates First Indian American As Surgeon General RedOrbit.com, November 15, 2013](#)

President Barack Obama nominated a new Surgeon General of the United States, the second such nomination he has made in his nearly five years in office. Vivek Murthy, MD, MBA, who is a Boston-based hospitalist and instructor, would become the newest Surgeon General if a majority of the Senate grants confirmation to Obama's nomination. If the Senate confirms the 36-year-old choice, he will become the first Indian-American to hold the position since the office was first held by John M. Woodworth in 1871, who was appointed by then-President Ulysses S. Grant.

[US, Australia agree to strengthen cooperation with India Press Trust of India, November 21, 2013](#)

The United States and Australia have agreed to strengthen its co-operation with New Delhi through actions to improve their ability to address real-life challenges in the areas of maritime security, humanitarian assistance, and disaster operations.

[Republican Lawmakers Pledge To Strengthen India-U.S. Ties The Economic Times, November 21, 2013](#)

In the first of its kind meeting, the Republican Party has pledged to work to strengthen Indo-U.S. ties and assured the influential Indian-American community to protect their interests. Led by top Republican leadership, more than two dozen lawmakers reiterated their commitment to India-U.S. relationship and Indian-Americans.

[India, US police chiefs come together in fight against terror Press Trust of India, November 8, 2013](#)

Police chiefs from India and the United States will get together to jointly brainstorm on the Mumbai 26/11 terror attack and other serial blasts in India, besides discussing ways to secure urban centers and mass transit systems. As part of the India-US Homeland security dialogue, the home ministry is organizing the first India-US Police Chiefs Conference in Delhi.

[India integral to US Asia-Pacific rebalance: US official IANS, November 21, 2013](#)

The US has taken several steps to step up defense cooperation with India as it considers New Delhi integral to Washington's ongoing Asia-Pacific rebalance thrust, said a top Pentagon official. "From the conception of our new strategy, the United States has seen India as integral to a rebalance we're undertaking not just to the Asia-Pacific region, but also within the region," said outgoing Deputy Secretary of Defence Ashton Carter.

[India poised to overtake US as Facebook's No 1 market Firstpost, November 26, 2013](#)

Facebook addiction has given way to Facebook fatigue, at least among some users in parts of the world. But it's a different story in India, where people love its social network, and they are joining in droves. India is one of the fastest growing markets for Facebook, registering phenomenal 47 percent growth, according to analysts.

[Starbucks taking Indian coffee to its outlets across globe Press Trust of India, November 23, 2013](#)

Opening its first store in south India, American coffee giant Starbucks said it is taking the Indian grown coffee to its 19,000 stores across the world. "In India, the coffee (that) farmers grow...we not only sell the coffee in our stores here in India, but also take that coffee around the world -- around 19,000 stores that we have across different countries we are operating," Starbucks Group president - China and Asia Pacific (Channel Development and Emerging Brands) John Culver told reporters.

[Tech companies such as Wipro, Dell and HCL Tech choose India as test bed for healthcare solutions The Economic Times, November 22, 2013](#)

India is fast becoming a test bed for technology companies to perfect software solutions that they sell to healthcare providers in the United States, where a new health law has spurred demand for such services.

[India Inaugurates First Women's-Only Bank The Wall Street Journal India, November 19, 2013](#)

An all-female bank staff pictured at their terminals during the inauguration of the first branch of the women's only bank in Mumbai. Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh inaugurated the "BharatiyaMahila Bank" or Indian Women's Bank, the country's first women-oriented bank aimed at providing loans and financial services to women.

[India most preferred destination for global brands for textile Press Trust of India, November 16, 2013](#)

India has emerged as the most preferred destination for global brands and stores like Zara, H&M, Tommy Hilfiger and Walmart, apex industry body for apparel sector AEPC said. Apparel Export Promotion Council Chairman A Sakthivel said that India's garment industry has its inherent strengths in terms of design and raw material.

[Nobel laureate Tutu grateful for India's role in liberation of South Africa Press Trust of India, November 16, 2013](#)

Nobel laureate Desmond Tutu expressed his gratitude to India for the role the country had played in the liberation of South Africa. "India led the way to make the United Nations to impose boycott on South Africa. We owe a great debt of gratitude for the support we had," he said at an international conference.

[India is a sweet spot for Deutsche Bank' TNN, November 11, 2013](#)

Werner Steinmueller, Deutsche Bank's head of global transaction banking and a member of the group executive committee that runs the bank, says India is one of the highest revenue contributors among all the markets that the bank operates in.

[India to host 2018 hockey World Cup TNN, November 9, 2013](#)

According to Hockey India (HI), India won the right to host 2018 World Cup after it presented a strong bid to the International Hockey Federation. The other countries in fray, according to HI, were Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia and Germany. "The India bid showcased the futuristic vision of Hockey India to revitalize hockey in the sub-continent and (boost the) growth of the sport on a global level," HI said in a statement.