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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.

Sincerely,

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[India Begins World's Largest Democratic Exercise](#) **The New York Times, April 7, 2014**

India's elections, which run from April 7 to May 12, will cover 28 states and seven union territories, which are governed by the central government. These elections will see some of the country's 814.5 million voters exercise their franchise.

[Space Cooperation: A Vital New Front for India-US Relations](#) **Space News, April 7, 2014**

India's earlier Moon mission, Chandrayaan-1, had two instruments from the United States. India and the United States in recent years have also signed agreements and formed joint working groups to foster data sharing and expert collaboration.

[Expressing faith in India's growth story, US firms commit investment after polls](#)

Economic Times, April 14, 2014

"US India Business Council (USIBC) reaffirmed US companies' commitment to India's growth and focused on reviving investor sentiment and cross-border collaboration in the first year post-elections," said Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan.

[World Bank: Remittances in 2013 at US\\$404 billion, India tops the list](#)

The New Straits Times, April 14, 2014

International migrants from developing countries send US\$404 billion in remittances to their home countries last year and India led the list with US\$70 billion, the World Bank's latest issue of the Migration and Development Brief said.

[India becomes net steel exporter after 6 years](#)

The Times of India, April 13, 2014

India became a net steel exporter in 2013-14 after a gap of six years and is likely to maintain the momentum in 2014-15 as producers are looking to dock more overseas shipment to tide over subdued domestic consumption.

[A Gold Obsession Pays Dividends for Indian Women](#)

NPR, April 13, 2014

So enthralled is India with gold that Indian households control an estimated \$600 to \$800 billion worth of it, mostly in women's jewelry. That's four times the US reserves in Fort Knox. And for Indians, gold - whether it's 18-, 22- or 24-carat - is semi-sacred.

[Facebook hits 100 million India users, largest after US](#)

Business Recorder, April 14, 2014

Facebook has hit more than 100 million users in India, only the second country after the United States to achieve the milestone, the social networking company said. The fast-expanding mobile smartphone market is driving growth in India along with better Internet coverage.

[Why I'm celebrating India today](#)

CNN, March 27, 2014

I was born in Mumbai, India - a beautiful country rich in culture and landscape. But for all its wonder and charm, India is also a country where from 150,000 to 200,000 people were afflicted by polio in the mid-1980s.

['India shakes me awake'](#)

The Times of India, April 7, 2014

Lauren Richardson, an American student, shares her experience of taking part in a student parliament in Pune. As a young American, arriving in India reverberates down into your bone marrow and your core.

[Amritsar and beyond: 6 ways to enjoy India's Punjab region](#)

CNN, April 14, 2014

From temples so gold they'll make your eyes water, to food you'll be longing for days after it hits your lips, Punjab is India at its colorful, lively best. Sites to see include Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple), Punjabiyat Lodge and Sarai Amanat Khan.