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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-US relationship is a perfect 2020 vision: Nirupama Rao](#) **Press Trust of India, November 1, 2013**

Observing that the landscape of India-US bilateral ties has been "revolutionized" over the past one decade, outgoing Indian envoy Nirupama Rao has said that it is a perfect relationship with a perfect 2020 vision.

[US Capitol lights up for Diwali in first-of-its-kind event](#) **Press Trust of India, October 30, 2013**

The first ever Diwali festival was celebrated at the US Congress on Tuesday amidst chanting of Vedic mantras by a Hindu priest.

[Michelle Obama Celebrates Diwali at White House](#) **Press Trust of India, November 6, 2013**

Bollywood dance made its official White House debut when First Lady Michelle Obama danced to the tune of peppy Hindi tracks in the East Room along with Indian American children.

[Five Indian-Americans score victories in US polls](#) **IANS, November 8, 2013**

At least five Indian-American candidates scored victories in Tuesday's US polls with three of them becoming legislators in two states and two others winning elections to local bodies.

[India-US to sign pact to enhance threat detection capabilities during air travel](#) **Press Trust of India, November 1, 2013**

India and the US are in final stages of an agreement on sharing information and technology to enhance their capabilities to detect threats in air travel, a top Indian official has said.

[India drives growth of foreign students in the US](#) **IANS, November 8, 2013**

With a 40 per cent surge, Indian students largely drove the growth of new foreign enrolment in US graduate schools this year, while those from China slowed to 5 per cent, according to a new survey.

[US keen to partner with India on defence modernization program](#) **Press Trust of India, November 9, 2013**

The United States is keen to partner with India in its defence modernization drive, the Pentagon has said amidst calls from the Indian armed forces for involving private sector in developing country's defence infrastructure and a strong manufacturing base.

[India, US strategic partnership continues to grow: Nisha Desai Biswal](#) **Press Trust of India, November 8, 2013**

With five South Asian countries - including India, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, Maldives and Nepal - headed for polls in the next six months, the Obama Administration's point person for the region has said that its partnership with India continues to grow, expand and build.

[US companies eager to invest in India's aviation sector](#) **Press Trust of India, October 31, 2013**

Top US companies are eager to invest in India's booming aviation sector's various fields, from security to building new airports, with recent changes in regulatory environment "encouraging" them, American officials have said.

[US-based Sikh body helps poor students in India](#) **IANS, October 30, 2013**

Washington-based Sikh Human Development Foundation (SHDF) has given scholarships totaling over \$200,000 (Rs 1.22 crore) to 508 needy students pursuing higher education in 159 institutions in Punjab and other states in north India.

[Mumbai NGO gets US award](#) **Press Trust of India, November 9, 2013**

In recognition of its effort to promote literacy through use of Bollywood films, a Mumbai-based non-profit organization (NGO) has won the 2013 Library of Congress Literacy Awards.