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POLITICAL ISSUES

IRAN

1. Will India gain from Iran nuclear deal?

Chennai, Tuesday, 7 April 2015

The framework nuclear agreement reached between Iran and six world powers offers India a fresh opportunity for enhancing political and economic engagement with the resource-rich West Asian nation, say experts.

Source: The Hindu Businessline, Chennai

<http://www.thehindubusinessline.com/economy/will-india-gain-from-iran-nuclear-deal/article7078189.ece>

2. Iran deal spells good tidings for India

New Delhi, Friday, 10 April 2015

Iran deal brings good tidings for India, as there are various fields in which the two countries can come forward and work together. The principle sectors are energy security for India, stabilization of Afghanistan, and the establishment of a Joint Working Group on defence cooperation.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/lead-article-iran-deal-spells-good-tidings-for-india/article7085906.ece>

ISRAEL

3. Israel Here to Cooperate, Not Mentor, Says Ambassador

Bengaluru, Tuesday, 7 April 2015

Friendship between India and Israel is based on co-operation and should not be viewed as a developed country playing mentor to India, said Daniel Carmon, Israel's Ambassador to India.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/cities/bengaluru/Israel-Here-to-Cooperate-Not-Mentor-Says-Ambassador/2015/04/07/article2751559.ece>

SAUDI ARABIA

4. Saudi Keen to Participate in Make in India: Envoy

New Delhi, Wednesday, 8 April 2015

Saudi Arabia, the largest supplier of crude oil to India, is keen to participate in the *Make in India* initiative of the Modi government and has asked its businesspeople to explore the opportunities in India under the scheme.

Source: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/nation/Saudi-Keen-to-Participate-in-Make-in-India-Envoy/2015/04/08/article2753927.ece>

YEMEN

5. Yemen crisis: Sushma Swaraj responds to SOS on Twitter, help on its way

New Delhi, Thursday, 6 April 2015

India rescues Sabah Sawesh, a Person of Indian Origin (PIO) cardholder and her son after she reached out to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/yemen-evacuation-sushma-responds-to-sos-on-twitter-help-on-its-way/>

6. India concludes Yemen evacuation, 5,600 pulled out

New Delhi, Friday, 10 April 2015

India ended its massive evacuation efforts in Yemen after pulling out 5,600 people, including 4,640 Indians and 960 nationals from 41 countries, the government said.

Source: The Hindu, Chennai

<http://www.thehindu.com/news/national/india-announces-end-of-yemen-evacuation-effort/article7088279.ece>

7. India to shut embassy as situation worsens in strife-torn Yemen

New Delhi, Friday, 10 April 2015

Anil Wadhwa, secretary (east) in the Ministry of External Affairs, tweeted, “The situation deteriorates further in Yemen, India winds up air evacuations from Sana’a. Embassy to be relocated.” The embassy will shut its operations after two days.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/india-to-shut-embassy-as-situation-worsens-in-strife-torn-yemen/>

8. Indian embassy in Yemen relocated to adjoining Djibouti

New Delhi, Monday, 20 April 2015

India has shifted its embassy to Djibouti in view of the worsening situations in Yemen’s capital Sana’a.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/india/india-others/indian-embassy-in-yemen-relocated-to-adjoining-djibouti/>

ECONOMIC ISSUES

EGYPT

9. Egypt to take help from Indian celebrities to boost tourism

Cairo, Thursday, 9 April 2015

After Amitabh Bachchan's visit, Egyptian Tourism has decided to include more Indian celebrities to lure Indian tourists. This step is to be taken to pump up dwindling flow of foreign tourists to Egypt.

Source: The Indian Express, Mumbai

<http://indianexpress.com/article/good-news/egypt-to-take-help-from-indian-celebrities-to-boost-tourism/>

IRAN

10. Commerce ministry officials to visit Iran; discuss ways to boost trade

New Delhi, Sunday, 5 April 2015

A high-level official delegation from India visited Iran to discuss enhancement of trade ties between the two countries.

Source: The Economic Times, New Delhi

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-05/news/60833348_1_india-and-iran-commerce-secretary-rajeev-kher-bilateral-trade

See also: The Financial Express, New Delhi

<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/economy/commerce-ministry-officials-to-visit-iran-discuss-ways-to-boost-trade-between-india-iran/60621/>

11. Iran talks free trade, basmati imports with India while hosting Commerce Secretary Rajeev Kher

New Delhi, Friday, 10 April 2015

After the expected removal of trade sanctions imposed on it by western nations, Iran has proposed a free trade agreement with India to boost bilateral trade and investment.

Source: The Economic Times, New Delhi

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-10/news/61017728_1_commerce-secretary-rajeev-kher-basmati-rice-iran-talks

See also: The Economic Times, New Delhi

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/iran-talks-free-trade-basmati-imports-with-india-while-hosting-commerce-secretary-rajeev-kher/articleshow/46876026.cms>

See also: The New Indian Express, Chennai

<http://www.newindianexpress.com/business/Iran-Pitches-Free-Trade-Deal-with-India/2015/04/10/article2757666.ece>

JORDAN

12. India & Jordan to strengthen trade ties

New Delhi, Thursday, 2 April 2015

Minister of state for commerce and industry Nirmala Sitharaman and her Jordanian counterpart Maha Ali discussed about increasing cooperation in the areas of trade, industry, standards and specifications, tourism and transport at the 9th Joint Jordanian-Indian Committee session, which met after a gap of almost nine years.

Source: The Financial Express, New Delhi

<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/economy/india-jordan-to-strengthen-trade-ties/59642/>

TURKEY

13. Indian, Turkish industry bodies sign pact to boost ties

New Delhi, Monday, 6 April 2015

To boost bilateral ties, Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB) signed separate pacts with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

Source: The Economic Times, New Delhi

http://articles.economictimes.indiatimes.com/2015-04-06/news/60865711_1_ebrd-cii-mou

14. Turkey aims at three-fold rise in trade with India in Seven years

Mumbai, Friday, 10 April 2015

Turkey expects the bilateral trade volume with India to jump to over US\$22 billion in the next seven years from US\$7.49 billion in 2014, given the favourable business climate prevailing in both the nations.

Source: The Economic Times, New Delhi

<http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/turkey-aims-at-three-fold-rise-in-trade-with-india-in-7-years/articleshow/46881940.cms>

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