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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'Indian-Americans basis for transformation of India-US ties'
Business Standard, February 18

India’s new Ambassador to the US has said the small but influential Indian-American community is the basis for “dramatic” transformation of bilateral ties in the past few decades. “India-US relationship has changed dramatically. When one thinks about the transformation of our ties, it is natural to attribute it to some good diplomacy on both sides...But to me, the basis for transformation of this relationship is the Indian-American community,” Ambassador S.Jaishankar said.

India, US to cooperate in fight against terror funding
IANS, February 18

India and the US have agreed to cooperate to crack the financial network and fund raising activities of Pakistan-based terror outfits and to tackle counterfeit currency and illegal financial transactions.

From India, Proof That a Trip to Mars Doesn’t Have to Break the Bank
The New York Times, February 17

While India’s recent launch of a spacecraft to Mars was a remarkable feat in its own right, it is the $75 million mission’s thrifty approach to time, money and materials that is getting attention.

Indian Economy to be Third Largest by 2043
Business Standard, February 18

While presenting the Interim Budget 2014-15, the Union Finance Minister Shri P Chidambaram said that in the next three decades India will become the third largest economy behind USA and China. In the future, the fortunes of China and India will have a significant impact on the rest of the world. Therefore, the Indian Government must be responsible not only to itself but to the whole world by keeping the country’s economy in robust health.

India Has Strong Legal Framework to Protect IP: Boeing
The Economic Times, February 15

"In Boeing’s experience, India has a legal framework that is adequate to protect IP with no known cases of IP violation involving Boeing’s activities in the defense and aerospace sector," the American multinational said in its remarks submitted to US Trade Commission (USITC).

Toshiba to Invest $500 Million in India Businesses over 5 Years
Reuters, February 14

Japan’s Toshiba Corp said on Friday it plans to invest 30 billion rupees ($481 million) in India over the next five years to expand its businesses in the country.

6th India Art Fair Reports Strong Sales
The New York Times, February 4

On the heels of Christie’s successful auction in India, the sixth edition of the India Art Fair demonstrated that demand in the country’s art market remains strong.

Akshat Singh from ‘India’s Got Talent’ Shows Off His Moves; Impress All on ‘The Ellen Show’
DNA, February 18

Akshat Singh, an 8-year-old who has risen to fame for dance moves mimicking Bollywood stars such as Salman Khan, appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and drew cheers from the host and the studio audience.