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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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### **[India's rise poses no challenge to American values; US indispensable partner: S Jaishankar, Indian diplomat](#)** **Economic Times, January 30, 2014**

India's rise poses no challenge to American values and to achieve its national security and developmental goals, the US is the "indispensable partner," said Ambassador Jainshankar recently.

### **[After Walmart, Amazon lobbies in US for Indian FDI](#)** **Economic Times, February 3, 2014**

After supermarket giant Walmart, it is online retail major Amazon which has begun lobbying with the US lawmakers to seek their support for facilitating its "foreign direct investment in India".

### **[Indian-American Neel Kashkari to run for California governor](#)** **The Times of India, January 22, 2014**

Former Indian-American US Treasury official Neel Kashkari, architect of the bank bailout during the 2008 financial crisis, plans to run for governor of California with a pledge to create jobs and improve public schools.

### **[Student visa applications to U.S. from south India up by 15 per cent](#)** **The Hindu, January 29, 2014**

There is a consistent increase in the number of south Indian students going to the United States for higher education and the student visa applications in the consulate in Chennai are up by 15 per cent this financial year, Jennifer A. McIntyre, Consul General of the U.S. Consulate, Chennai, said recently.

### **[Microsoft appoints India-born Satya Nadella as CEO](#)** **The Hindu, February 4, 2014**

Ending months of speculation, U.S software giant Microsoft, on Tuesday, announced that it had appointed Satya Nadella as the company's chief executive officer, effective immediately.

### **[Indian director wins Sundance-Mahindra filmmaking award](#)** **Zee News, January 22, 2014**

India's Neeraj Ghaywan and three others today won the prestigious 2014 Sundance Institute-Mahindra Global Filmmaking Award, which is given every year to emerging independent directors from around the world.

### **[Biocon CANMAb to make breast cancer treatment affordable in India](#)** **Tech Times, January 21, 2014**

Cheaper and more affordable breast cancer treatment is what many breast cancer patients hope for and while treatment cost for the condition still remains prohibitive, a drug maker has offered a cheaper alternative.

### **[Telecom user base rises to 91 crore in November](#)** **Economic Times, January 31, 2014**

The total number of telephone subscribers in the country rose marginally in November to 91.01 crore. "The number of telephone subscribers in India increased from 904.56 million at the end of October, 2013 to 910.14 million at the end of November, 2013, thereby showing a monthly growth of 0.62 per cent, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has said in its monthly data. The share of urban subscribers declined to 60.06 per cent whereas the volume of rural subscribers has increased to 39.94 per cent in November, it said.

### **[Oldest US motorcycle brand Indian launched in India](#)** **Financial Express, January 23, 2014**

Polaris India, a wholly-owned subsidiary of US-based Polaris Industries, launched its iconic motorcycle brand 'Indian', priced between Rs 26.5 lakh and Rs 33 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). Indian, which is the oldest US motorcycle brand, will compete in India with the likes of Harley Davidson and the recently launched British superbike brand Triumph. "This launch holds great importance for us... Polaris India has ended the long wait for Indian motorcycle enthusiasts with this launch," MD Pankaj Dubey said.

### **[It looks like a bubble in US, India on strong footing](#)** **Economic Times, February 1, 2014**

The next big trigger is general elections in India, but experts believe that irrespective of its outcome, the economic story of the country is as good as ever. "Irrespective of the election outcome, we think that on our strategy call, India is one of our high conviction calls for 2014," says Jim Walker, founder & MD of Asianomics.

### **[India manufacturing PMI rises to highest since March 2013](#)** **Reuters, February 3, 2014**

Indian factories started 2014 on a high note, with activity growing at its fastest pace in nearly a year as domestic and overseas orders increased, according to a survey that also showed inflation accelerated. The HSBC Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by Markit, bounced to 51.4 in January, its highest since March, from 50.7 in the previous month. The index, which gauges business activity in Indian factories but not utilities, spent three months below the 50 mark that separates growth from contraction before rising above it in November.