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Mandela memorial service: Pranab Mukherjee, Sonia Gandhi and Sushma Swaraj pay tribute to Nelson Mandela in South Africa
Press Trust of India, December 10, 2013

President Pranab Mukherjee arrived in Johannesburg on Tuesday to attend a memorial service in honour of South Africa's anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela, whose death triggered an unprecedented outpour of rich tributes worldwide.

India stocks hit record high
CNN Money, December 9, 2013

The Mumbai Sensex closed up 1.6% after gaining as much as 2.3% earlier in the day. Market enthusiasm also drove the Indian rupee to its highest level against the dollar in more than four months.

Enormous potential seen for India-US trade growth
ANI, December 7, 2013

Despite some recent concerns on both sides, representatives of US business and industry are agreed that there is enormous potential for growth in India-US trade and notably job creation in both countries.

India is a linchpin in US success in 21st century: Tim Roemer
The Economic Times, December 6, 2013

India is a linchpin in America’s success in the 21st century and could be a key contributor toward steadily the potentially destabilising global flashpoints, a former top American diplomat to the country has said.

India most desired for setting up back offices by banks:
Randstad India
Press Trust of India, December 9, 2013

Attracted by a vast talent pool of business graduates, more than half of the world’s top 40 banks have set up shop in India to run their back-office operations that may generate nearly 25,000 jobs in the coming time, an HR consultancy has said.

Indian Navy to take part in US wargame in Hawaii
Press Trust of India, December 6, 2013

Reflecting their close defence ties, the Indian Navy for the first time will take part in one of the world’s biggest naval wargames hosted by the US in Hawaii in June next year.

'India-US partnership to grow without pause'
IANS, December 4, 2013

Describing India-US relationship as beyond bilateral a regional and a global relationship, a senior Obama administration official has said their strategic partnership would keep growing without a pause for India’s upcoming parliamentary elections.

India and the Kennedy years: How Washington and New Delhi came close to a clinch
TNN, November 24, 2013

Largely unspoken and all by forgotten in New Delhi, John F Kennedy, or simply JFK to generations, came to India’s help when it was receiving a drubbing from China in 1962, funnelling billions of dollars of aid to New Delhi in the years before and after.

Expect India to continue to attract higher FDI:
Jaspal Bindra, StanChart
ET Now, December 10, 2013

I am very confident that India will continue to attract FDI in the coming period and it will be much higher, backed by reforms, the market potential and the fundamentals advantages that India offers, in terms of the infrastructure of good human resources and talent.