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Dr. S Jaishankar, the new Indian Ambassador to the US, presents his credentials at the State Department
Times of India, December 27, 2013

Dr. S Jaishankar, the new Indian Ambassador to the US, presents his credentials at the State Department on Thursday. Pending his formal presentation of credentials before President Barack Obama, at White House in the New Year, Jaishankar presented a copy of his official credentials to the Office of Protocol authorizing him to function as the ambassador.

India, US relationship to continue to grow: Foreign Secretary
Economic Times, December 12, 2013

The strategic India-US relationship is unlikely to slow down due to the general elections next year, as top officials from both the sides have chalked out an action plan to keep the momentum going.

India Readies Big Move into Solar Energy

On the shores of a saltwater lake in the desert state of Rajasthan, India hopes to build a solar-power station that eventually will dwarf the world's largest such plants under construction. When the proposed project is finished in seven years, government officials say, carpets of photovoltaic solar panels will turn the site into a potential supplier of 4,000 megawatts of electricity capable of delivering power to millions of homes across the northwest.

Indian scientists invent insulin pills for diabetics
TNN, December 19, 2013

In a big breakthrough, Indian scientists have done what medical science has been trying to achieve since 1930 - an insulin pill for diabetics.

India, a critical American partner in Asia: Indian-American Congressman Dr. Ami Bera
Press Trust of India, December 16, 2013

India is a critical partner in Asia and the US needs to strengthen its ties regardless of who becomes the Prime Minister of the world's largest democracy, the only Indian-American Congressman Dr. Ami Bera has said. The India-US relationship "should not be tied to" one administration or government in either of the countries, said 48-year-old Bera, who represents seventh Congressional district in California.

Indian travelers have the world at their feet
IANS, December 23, 2013

With the disposable income pocket gradually fattening and the zeal to splurge heading north while holidaying, Indian travelers are being wooed by countries around the world - from Canada to New Zealand - wanting a share of their money on travel and tourism.

India to become 3rd largest aviation market in world by 2020
Press Trust of India, December 15, 2013

India is expected to become the third largest aviation market by in the world by 2020 after the US and China, Civil Aviation Secretary KN Shrivastava said. "India is among the fastest growing and currently the ninth largest civil aviation market in the world, " he said.

Christie's Expands with First India Art Auction in Mumbai
Bloomberg, December 16, 2013

Christie's International Plc will hold its inaugural auction in India with the offering of $8 million of modern and contemporary South Asian art in Mumbai.

Doughnut maker Krispy Kreme opens first doughnut retail outlet in Delhi
Press Trust of India, December 14, 2013

US doughnut maker Krispy Kreme opened its first retail outlet in the national capital, taking the total number of outlets in the country to nine. Krispy Kreme entered the India market in January this year and has eight franchised stores in Bangalore.