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Letter from New Delhi

Basharat Peer A hostile diplomatic battle has erupted in recent months between China and India. Do tensions over visas and the two countries' shared border pose a threat to one of Asia's most formidable partnerships? {[HYPERLINK](http://www.foreignaffairs.com/features/letters-from/letter-from-new-delhi)
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Bonding At Copenhagen Cemented India-China Relations

Zhang Yan Sino-Indian synergy would not only benefit the two peoples but also contribute to peace and development in Asia and the whole world. {[HYPERLINK](http://www.outlookindia.com/article.aspx?263645)
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India and China Resume Defence Dialogue

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The Western Front

Why India must send troops to Afghanistan **Nitin Pai & Rohit Pradhan** As the nuclear factor makes it unfeasible for Indian troops to directly attack Pakistan's military-jihadi complex, India should ensure that US troops do so. The US 'surge' in Af-Pak is a strategic opportunity for India. {[HYPERLINK](http://pragati.nationalinterest.in/2010/01/why-india-must-send-troops-to-afghanistan/)
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Is an India-Pakistan deal brewing?

M J Akbar The campaign is unique: A joint public service venture by the Times, India's most powerful media group by a distance, and Jang, Pakistan's most influential newspaper. The theme is unquestionably laudable: Aman ki Asha (Hope for Peace). {[HYPERLINK](http://dailypioneer.com/228147/is-an-india-pakistan-deal-brewing.html)
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Terrorist Attack Sparks Indo-Pakistani Crisis

Daniel Markey This Center for Preventive Action Contingency Planning Memorandum examines the factors that would condition India's response; the consequences of Indian military retaliation and Pakistani counterretaliation for the United States; and Washington's policy options for preventing and containing the crisis. {[HYPERLINK](http://www.cfr.org/region/282/india.html)
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India wary of military role in Afghanistan

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USA

U.S.-India: The ABCs of 123

Neeta Lal despite the deal's obvious benefits and the urgency displayed by both countries to get it signed over a year ago, obstacles still remain to making it operational. {[HYPERLINK](http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articlePrint.aspx?ID=4922)
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South Asia

MoS EA on "India's Vision of Peace, Security and Development in South Asia"

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Railroading ties

Editorial What we have here is the prospect of the Northeast using Chittagong as a port and optimal utilisation of the Bay of Bengal for India's maritime trade. {[HYPERLINK](http://www.indianexpress.com/news/railroading-ties/566341/0)
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Indo-Bangladesh Relations: An Enduring Partnership?

Sreeradha Datta {[HYPERLINK](http://www.idsa.in/system/files/IB_Indo-BangladeshRelations_060110.pdf)
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Maoists rhetoric on India-Nepal Relations

Nihar Nayak India has consistently given space to the Maoists to take advantage of the faultlines in India-Nepal relations. http://www.idsa.in/idsacomments/MaoistsrhetoriconIndia-NepalRelations_nnayak_130110

Dynamics of Indo-Myanmar Economic Ties

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India, Sri Lanka ink pact for construction of railway

<http://beta.thehindu.com/news/international/article79015.ece>

Strategic Masala

Nehru's World View: More history and less politics please

C Raja Mohan It is about time we liberated Nehru's foreign policy legacy from the fawning 'Nehruvians' and the scowling 'anti-Nehruvians'. <http://www.indianexpress.com/news/nehru-world-view-more-history-and-less-politics-please/565669/0>

The Elephant in the Room

Barbara Crosette explains why India often gives global governance the biggest headache http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2010/01/04/the_elephant_in_the_room

Virtues of being vague

Srinath Raghavan A bit of incoherence is not a bad thing. Think of the restraints imposed by domestic politics that prevented the Indian government from sending troops to Iraq in 2003. <http://www.asianage.com/presentation/leftnavigation/opinion/opinion/virtues-of-being-vague.aspx>

India is still not working on the Look East policy

http://www.telegraphindia.com/1100109/jsp/opinion/story_11959228.jsp

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India set to get nuclear sub

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India's Medium Combat Aircraft

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US Receives Indian Letter Of Request For Ten C-17s

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MOD Committee Recommends Increase in Defence FDI

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Energy & Resources

PM launches Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission – Solar India

<http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=56780>

India committed to achieve 2010 Biodiversity targets

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Energy Security: the most important Issue – Dr. Kakodkar

<http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=56720>

Economy

An opportune time to develop international financial services

Mukul G Asher, Mukul G Asher & Azad Singh Bali India's infrastructure financing needs and the increasingly sophisticated domestic and international operations of Indian companies will significantly expand the need for financial sector knowledge workers. http://www.dnaindia.com/money/comment_an-opportune-time-to-develop-international-financial-services_1331765

Single FDI document by end-fiscal: Sharma

<http://www.zeenews.com/news594866.html>

Government grants approval to road projects worth US\$ 1.36 billion

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Industry policy seeks to make Delhi IT hub

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Coming Up

EAM SM Krishna will undertake a three-day official visit to **Nepal** from January 15, 2010

Guest Analysis

India's Moment?

Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of independent India, used to persuade the world that India “counted for something.” Sixty years on, as change continues to be the great constant of global politics, India is today helping to shape the world in new and profound ways. Today, no major global crisis can effectively be addressed without India as part of the conversation.

Witness some of the most pressing issues confronting our common humanity: from climate change and nuclear non-proliferation to food shortages to international financial crisis. Admittedly, India is at times a contributor to such challenges, but the flip also holds - and the world's largest democracy can indeed play a more active role in contributing to solving global challenges.

As a growing economic power house (largely unaffected by recent global financial meltdown), with its strong human capital and cutting-edge innovation as well as its geopolitical importance, India has the potential to mobilize its resources to help finding solutions. Nonetheless, as a developing country with a literacy rate of only 66%, India still faces substantial challenges that threaten to bottleneck its developments.

That may be true, but if the international community is serious about finding multilateral solutions to global challenges, then India is already part of the global conversation and any sustainable solution means an India that deepens its cooperation and shares some of the achievements more widely.

While murmurs of a US-China ‘G2’ global leadership is gaining currency and others suggest a ‘G3’ trio, which includes the EU at the helm; India is a long-term strategic player that is slowly shedding its developing past and increasingly sees non-alignment as anachronistic and out of sync with its future interests.

For its part, India also stands to gain from deeper cooperation with major players in international institutions to address the most pressing global challenges. Its willingness to throw in resources and human capital would increase India stature as a rising power, a recognition that New Delhi has been chasing after several years

Despite being part of the global conversation, India remains unsure of its place in the world order and is frustrated to be seen as merely a regional South Asian power. As such, New Delhi will continue to have a much greater stake than its Western partners (namely the US and the EU) in a closer relationship.

That issues aside, however, there needs to be more intense cooperation amongst US, EU, China and India on issues ranging from counter-terrorism and nuclear non-proliferation to climate change, food security and failed or failing states. It's time for India and its Western and Chinese partners to move closer and to make India's emergence as an international power really count.

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"http://www.gppi.net/about/team/joel_sandhu/" }*

India goes South

India & Africa

Namaskar Initiative to Deliver US\$1billion in Deals for India, Africa

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India keen for jt mineral exploration with 3 African countries

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India funds power projects for African ICT

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India-Africa ties in high gear: Ansari

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Joint Communiqué issued at the conclusion of the visit to Malawi by VP

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Briefing by Secretary (West) in Gaborone (Botswana)

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Briefing by Secretary (West) in Lusaka, Zambia

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Nigerian Delegation calls on Labour & Employment Minister

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Shri K. Joseph Francis concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of Mauritania

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Nano will certainly be brought to Africa: Tata Africa head

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Nigerian gambit signals India's Africa strategy

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RJ Corp charts mega plans to venture into virgin Africa

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India-aided textile factory opens in Chad

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Coal India secures two blocks in Mozambique

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Call for better ties between India, Mozambique

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India & Latin America

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India & Portugal

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