

Think about it:

“Only the educated are free.”

-Epictetus



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Terrorism Terrorizing the Terror

Fighting terrorism is like being a goalkeeper. You can make a hundred brilliant saves but the only shot that people remember is the one that gets past you.

-Paul Wilkinson

‘Terrorism’, the word itself is enough to arouse terror. It has become quite happening especially in the wake of Delhi serial blasts on October 29, 2005, when three bombs exploded in two markets and near a bus, killing 50 people and injuring over 70 others. Other recent instances of terrorism are when terrorists brought death to Indonesia’s Bali paradise as blasts killed at least 26 people at two resort spots packed with tourists on October 2, 2005. Then, on July 7, 2005 a series of four bomb attacks struck London’s public transport system killing 56 people and injuring over 700.

The term ‘terrorism’ comes from the French word *terrorisme*, which is based on the Latin language verbs *terrere* (to frighten). It dates back to 1795 when terrorism was described as the cases of arrest or execution of opponents in the general public. It was coined during France’s ‘Reign of Terror’ in 1793-94. Originally, the leaders who attempted to weed out ‘traitors’ among the revolutionary ranks praised terror as the best way to defend liberty, but as the French Revolution soared, the word soon took on grim echoes of state violence.

Terrorism is understood as an attempt to provoke fear and intimidation in the main target audience, which may be a government, a whole society, or a group within a society. Terrorist acts are, therefore, designed and may be deliberately timed to attract wide publicity and cause public shock, outrage, and fear. There are different types of terrorism. While these categories are not written in stone, experts have identified at least six different sorts of terrorism: nationalist, religious, state-sponsored, left-wing, right-wing, and anarchist.

The deadliest events described as were the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon, in Arlington County, Virginia. So far as is known, the deadliest attack planned but not executed was Operation Bojinka, which was aimed to murder Pope John Paul II and blow up 11 airliners. The plot was aborted after an apartment fire in Manila, Philippines on January 5, 1995, exposed the operation to police.

Considering the casualty involved and the effect it has on society it’s high time to put up a fight against terrorism and face the face of terror boldly. According to Senator John Kerry

“While we must remain determined to defeat terrorism, it isn't only terrorism we are fighting. It's the beliefs that motivate terrorists.”

SOCIETAL AWARENESS

Azad Elected as J-K CM by Congress

- The Congress on October 30, 2005 elected Ghulam Nabi Azad as the Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister designate, while the People's Democratic Party (PDP) picked Finance Minister Muzaffar Hussain Baig as his deputy in a bid to end internal squabbles.
- Congress General Secretary, Ambika Soni told reporters after a meeting of the party legislators that Azad was "unanimously elected as the leader of the Jammu and Kashmir Congress Legislature Party".
- Azad later said: "The peace process between India and Pakistan shall continue and (will) be further strengthened." He also appealed to parties and people outside the mainstream politics to join the democratic process.
- Talking to media persons, Azad thanked the outgoing Chief Minister, Mufti Muhammed Sayeed and said: "I am confident that the PDP, CPI-M, Panthers' Party, People's Democratic Front (PDF) and other independents who form our alliance shall continue to strengthen the hands of the coalition government."
- He reiterated that the 'Healing Touch Policy' followed by the outgoing Chief Minister would continue. Azad said that he will be facing the biggest challenge of his political career and would employ his experience of 28 years to rise up to the expectations of the people.

Delhi Serial Blasts: Triple Terror

- Three powerful blasts, timed to strike within minutes of each other, killed at least 55 and injured over 155 people triggering off a wave of fear and panic across a festive city out on the evening of October 29, 2005, shopping for Diwali and Id. This is the biggest single-day terrorist strike in the Capital.
- The blasts come the day a Delhi court deferred sentencing in the Red Fort attack case. Seven, including one Pak national, were convicted for terror crimes.
- The first explosion came at around 5.40 pm, which ripped through the busy Paharganj market near the New Delhi railway station. The maximum deaths occurred with the next explosion in the overcrowded Sarojini Nagar market in South Delhi where a bomb placed in a bag in a chat and juice shop went off at around 5.45 pm killing more than 39 people. Seven minutes later, another explosion rocked Govindpuri injuring 9 persons including the driver and conductor of a Delhi Transport Corporation bus on the Outer Ring Road route.

Cabinet OKs 1,000 Cr for Pure Science Institutes on IIT Lines

- The Central Government will set up two institutes on the lines of IITs to promote higher studies in pure sciences, which it says were left out in the technology race.
- The Cabinet on October 27, 2005 approved Rs 1,000 crore for the “Indian Institute of Science Education & Research” to be built at Kolkata and Pune. The money is to be spent over seven years, Information & Broadcasting Minister, Jaipal Reddy said.
- The IISERs would extend post graduate, doctorate and post doctorate courses with emphasis on advanced research in physics, chemistry, mathematics, life sciences, computer science, material sciences, environment and earth system sciences.
- “These would start functioning from the next academic year,” said Reddy. When fully established, the total strength of integrated Masters of Science program in each institute would be 1,000 and of doctoral and post doctoral programs about 1,055.

India Welcomes Mauritius PM

- Mauritius Prime Minister, Navinchandra Ramgoolam and his wife Veena arrived in Shimla on October 28, 2005, a state government spokesman said.
- The premier landed at a helipad (Kalyani) some 14 km from Shimla and drove to the luxurious Wildflower Hall hotel. Himachal Pradesh Governor, V.S. Kokje and state Industries Minister, Chander Kumar welcomed Ramgoolam and his wife.
- Ramgoolam arrived in India for a week-long visit on the invitation of Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh.

Mother's Name Must on Documents: Apex Court

- All certificates and official documents will henceforth include a column for mentioning the mother’s name besides the regular slot for the father’s name.
- Urging Central and state governments to ensure that the inclusion is made, the Department of Women and Child Development and HRD Ministry on October 28, 2005 said that the move would ensure that “women get an independent identity in the family and society”.
- The Supreme Court, in a landmark judgment on February 2, 1999 in the Geeta Hariharan case had observed that under the Hindu Law, the mother is also the guardian of her minor children along with the father.
- The decision comes in the wake of a question raised by Telugu Desam Party’s Rajya Sabha MP, K. Rama Mohana Rao on the floor of the House.

INDUSTRY AND BUSINESS

Ford Motor to Invest \$ 75 Million in India

- Following a two-day visit to India by Ford Motor Company Chairman and CEO, Bill Ford, the company on October 28, 2005 confirmed an equity infusion of US\$75 million to support further growth in the Indian market.
- In confirming the company's plans, Arvind Mathew, Managing Director and President of Ford India, said, "To support the aggressive growth strategy we have in place, Ford India will be augmenting its subscribed capital".
- Ford India with a present investment of US\$375 million in facility and operations is in its ninth year of business in the country. Ford India had started in 1996 as a joint venture with Mahindra and Mahindra (M&M).
- In March 2005, Ford India became a wholly owned subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, after divestment of its crossholding portfolio with M&M. Ford India manufactures and distributes automobiles made at its modern, integrated manufacturing unit at Maraimalai Nagar, near Chennai.
- The company's present models in India include the Ikon, Mondeo, Endeavour and Fusion. The all-new Ford Fiesta will be delivered to dealerships across the country and will be available for customer test drives by mid November 2005.

Tata's Rs One Lakh Car in the Market in Three Years

- Targeting the burgeoning middle-class, Tata Motors will roll out in the next three years its Rs 1 lakh car involving a low-cost assembly operation.
- According to Tata group Chairman, Ratan Tata, "(the car) will be smaller and will be produced in larger volumes, with all the high-volume parts manufactured in one plant... Targeting the larger part of the income pyramid is an important part of what Tata will be doing," the 67-year-old corporate honcho said in an interview to McKinsey, a consultancy firm on October 30, 2005.
- The other cost-cutting device relates to intensive use of plastics on the body of the car and eliminating the margin of the dealers.
- Dubbed as Tata's 'dream project', the Rs 1 lakh car has generated immense interest in the Indian auto market, where Tatas' current lowest-priced car is Indica with a tag of Rs 3.3 lakh.
- Tata said in view of the socio-economic dimension in manufacturing the car that the company was looking at small satellite units, with very low break-even points, where the cars would be assembled, sold, and serviced.

Reliance Split Finally Signed and Sealed

- The final judgment day for the split in the largest private business house of the country, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), went off smoothly on October 22, 2005 with a majority of the shareholders of the multi-crore and multi-business conglomerate approving the de-merger of the company's power, finance and telecom businesses at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).
- The EGM was chaired by former Judge of Bombay High Court Justice M L Pendse, and Chairman of RIL, Mukesh Ambani. Mukesh announced during the EGM that proxy votes of over 65 per cent equity were in favour of the de-merger of the group companies.
- The de-merger which came as the final amicable solution to the seven month long feud between the two Ambani brothers, Anil and Mukesh, has resulted in the segregation of RIL into five entities, viz telecom, financial services, coal-based energy, gas-based energy, and the flagship businesses petrochemicals, oil and gas.
- These businesses are conducted through RIL; its petrochemical venture IPCL has gone to Mukesh, while Reliance Infocomm, Reliance Energy and Reliance Capital, are all in the fold of Anil.
- Under the de-merger scheme, a shareholder having one RIL share would be entitled to get one share each in all four new holding entities sought to be created for specific businesses. The new entities are Reliance Communication Ventures Ltd, Reliance Energy Ventures Ltd, Reliance Capital Ventures and Global Fuel Management Services Ltd.

India and Australia Sign MoU on IT

- India and Australia on October 21, 2005 signed a fresh Memorandum of Understanding, aimed at enhancing cooperation in the field of Information Technology.
- A MoU, which was signed in 2000, had lapsed last year. "Both countries have identified areas such as software and multimedia content development, advanced communication technologies, e-commerce, it security, e-learning, Internet applications and e-government as the areas of cooperation," a release said here.
- The MoU was signed by IT Department Secretary, Brijesh Kumar and his Australian counterpart Helen Williams.
- The MoU also envisages identifying the mutually beneficial areas and forging joint collaborations to further strengthen bilateral activities in ICT within governments, industries and academia from both the countries.

THE STOCK MARKET

Company Profile: Wipro

- Wipro has always been India's premier IT company and today is a significant global player in the IT services, solutions and technology services space.
- With revenues of US \$ 1.35 billion, core areas of business include global IT services, infrastructure solutions, professional services and business solutions in India and APAC, and consumer care and lighting.
- Wipro started in 1945 with the setting up of an oil factory in Amalner a small town in Maharashtra in Jalgaon District. The product Sunflower Vanaspati and 787 laundry soap was sold primarily in Maharashtra and MP. The company was aptly named Western India Products Limited.
- As the organization grew and diversified into operations of hydraulic cylinders and infotech, the name of the organization did not adequately reflect its operations. Azim Premji himself in 1979 selected the name 'Wipro' largely an acronym of Western India Products. Thus, was born the brand Wipro.
- By the early 90s, Wipro had grown into various products and services. The Wipro product basket had soaps called Wipro Shikakai, baby products under Wipro Baby Soft, hydraulic cylinders branded Wipro, PCs under the brand name Wipro, a joint venture company with GE named Wipro GE and software services branded Wipro. It also became the second company in the world to get its Bluetooth Profiles Qualified.
- Wipro is 4th largest in the world in terms of market capitalization in IT services.
- Wipro's client base includes over 140 companies, over 100 leading Indian corporates and two retail brands with revenue in excess of Rs.1 billion.
- Wipro employs over 42,000 IT practitioners and domain consultants.
- Wipro is headquartered in Bangalore, India, in a campus spread across 4,64,000 square feet. Wipro has 54 dedicated development centers across India, Europe and United States, and also has 30 offices in North America, Europe and Asia Pacific.
- Wipro promise: "With utmost respect to human values, we promise to serve our customers with integrity through innovative, value for money solutions, by applying thought day after day."
- Certifications:
 - World's first PCMM and CMMi ver 1.1 Level 5 company
 - World's first SEI CMM Level 5 software services company
 - World's first TL 9000 certified software services company
- Coming off its strongest year since 2000, Wipro grew at 43% in 2004. The company has branched out from offerings such as software development, R&D, and applications maintenance to providing remote infrastructure management, financial services, and applications and product testing.

SPORTS AND GAMES

Davenport Returns to Top of World Rankings

- Lindsay Davenport officially returned to the top of the women's world rankings on October 24, 2005.
- The American, runner-up at this year's Australian Open and Wimbledon, clinched top place by reaching the Zurich Open quarter-finals. Davenport, who overtook Russia's Maria Sharapova and Belgian Kim Clijsters to go to top, won her fourth Zurich title by beating Switzerland's Patty Schnyder 7-6 and 6-3 in the final on October 23, 2005.
- It was the 29-year-old's sixth title of the season, third in six weeks after victories in Bali and Filderstadt and 51st of her career.
- Davenport, who ended the 1998, 2001 and 2004 seasons as world number one and has won three grand slams, also went to the top of the 2005 Champions Race.

FIFA's 'Must See' Video on Best Goals

- The Federation Internationale de Football Association's website fifa.com came out on October 17, 2005 with a video of 51 of the best goals scored in World Cup history over the years.
- It indeed is a 'must see' video for all as the World Cup and the sublime feats in the quadrennial extravaganza has caught the imagination of people like no other sporting event.
- Yet, despite every goal being a delight to watch, FIFA has missed out on many other splendid goals. For example, the fabulous goals that Jean Tigana and Alan Giresse scored for France in the 1982 World Cup.
- FIFA has chosen Argentina legend Diego Maradona's second goal against England in the 1986 World Cup in Mexico as the best-ever goal scored.

Indian Football has a Website

- The All India Football Federation launched its official website on October 18, 2005.
- The launch of www.the-aiff.com came on the eve of the 27th Federation Cup.
- The site will be updated periodically and give useful information to Internet surfers and football lovers across the country, an official release said.
- The new website has several features that offer information about the game in India, including the AIFF's history, the National Football League, the national team, tournaments, women's competitions, youth development, state associations, referees, hall of fame, calendar of events, state rankings, regulations and links to other sites.

India to Host 2007 Asian Youth Championships

- Hyderabad, which has successfully hosted many an international meet, has been awarded the 2007 Asian Youth Weightlifting Championships.
- “The Asian Weightlifting Federation decided during its recent meeting in Dubai that India will host the 2007 edition of the championships,” Indian weightlifting federation General Secretary, Balbir Singh Bhatia said on October 15, 2005.
- “When we suggested that we will host the event at Hyderabad, they were immediately ready to give the championships to us as they had good memories of their stay there during the Afro-Asian games,” he said.
- The next year’s edition will be held in South Korea. India had won nine medals in the recent Asian Youth Championships in Dubai.

Bridgestone Golf Open: Jeev Finishes Tied 24th

- Jeev Milkha Singh carded an impressive four-under 68 to finish tied 24th in the 110 million Yen Bridgestone Open on October 23, 2005.
- The lone Indian to make the cut after Jyoti Randhawa’s exit, Jeev totalled six-under 282 and was richer by 8,80,000 yen for his show.
- David Smail, meanwhile, carded a five-under 67 in the final round and his tally of 272 fetched him the top honour. He pocketed the winner’s purse of 22,000,000 yen.

Sania to Saina: Another Teen Sensation

- At 16, Saina Nehwal is the brightest badminton prospect for India. By winning the Asian Satellite Championship in New Delhi on October 23, 2005, Saina has signalled her arrival on the senior circuit.
- Nehwal, who has an impressive winning streak ever since she made a mark in the sub-junior ranks in 2003, posted her first-ever win over India No.1 Aparna Popat.
- There are many who believe that Saina is ready for the big challenges. “By conquering Aparna, she is on the right track. Saina had beaten all the players in the country except Aparna. This win would make her stronger and confident for future tournaments,” said Pullela Gopi Chand, the former All-England champion.
- Presently ranked 32 in the world, Nehwal, who is employed with Bharat Petroleum, has already made a mark in international junior badminton when she won the Commonwealth junior title.

ENTERTAINMENT

Record 58 Countries Vie for Foreign Oscar

- A record 58 countries from four continents had submitted movies for consideration by October 25, 2005 for next year's Oscars in the foreign language film award category.
- The entries include first-ever submissions from Iraq, Costa Rica and Fiji.
- The academy invited 91 countries to present films for consideration in the competition. Spanish drama 'The Sea Inside', starring Javier Bardem, won the 2005 best foreign film Oscar.
- The 2006 Oscars will be held on March 5, 2006 at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

Bollywood's 'Bad Man' becomes Bond's Villain

- Bollywood's 'bad man' Gulshan Grover will act as a villain in the next James Bond film.
- Grover who is closer to the cold-blooded killer conceived by Ian Fleming in 'Casino Royale' will star opposite British actor Daniel Craig, the new 007, the Mirror said on October 26, 2005.
- Said Grover: "To be in "Casino Royale" would be a real honour to me and my country."
- Shooting for the Bond film is due to begin in Prague in February 2006. Grover said although he had commitments around that time, he would drop everything else, if required, to act in the film.

'Jaws' Scariest Movie of All Time

- Steven Spielberg classic 'Jaws' has been voted the scariest movie of all time on October 29, 2005.
- The sequel 'Jaws 2' also featured on the list with the fifth position, said contactmusic.com. The poll was conducted by the Internet website hollywood.com on the occasion of Halloween.
- 'The Exorcist' came second in the list. 'Alien', 'The Mummy Returns' and 'What Lies Beneath' also made it to the top 10.

SPECIAL NEWS

A Hospital in the Sky

- What do you get when the company that launched India's first low-cost carrier joins hands with one of the country's top medical centers? A hospital in the sky!
- Escorts Heart Institute and Research Centre on October 18, 2005 signed an agreement with Deccan Aviation, which operates the budget carrier Air Deccan, to launch 'Air Rescue One,' the country's first dedicated air ambulance that is equipped to deliver critical care to patients even at 10,000 ft in the sky.
- While Deccan Aviation would provide eight helicopters and two fixed-wing aircraft, besides full logistical and ground support, EHIRC would be responsible for total medical rescue operation and equipment.
- "It is going to be a concerted effort from two leaders in the field of medical evacuation services," Deccan Aviation Managing Director Capt. Gopinath told reporters.
- But the cost of the service, pegged at Rs 45,000-50,000 for an hour's flight and Rs 30,000 as fixed medical charges, is currently out of reach of the common man.
- However, Gopinath said he was in talks with a general insurance firm to work out a policy to cover air ambulance costs, which would drastically reduce the costs.
- "Once the policy is in place, the premium would work out to be as low as Rs 2,000 making it affordable to the common man," he said. "As the number of policies increase, the premium cost would drop further... We are looking at Rs 1,000 mark," EHIRC Executive Director Naresh Trehan said.

STUDENT'S VOICE

Topics for Debate

- Should the Commonwealth be abolished?
- Will free trade benefit third world countries? Does it harm developed countries? Could it serve a universal good? Is free trade a realistic goal?
- Should drivers be prohibited from using mobile phones?

NEWS IN NUTSHELL

- Prime Minister Manmohan Singh laid the foundation of the northeastern region's biggest gas-based power plant in Tripura on October 29, 2005.
- The Communist Party of India-Marxist on October 30, 2005 asked the government to investigate the UN report that linked Indian companies and External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh to kickbacks allegedly paid for contracts under Iraq's oil-for-food program.
- The Chennai-based Waterfall Estates has launched vacuum-packed bulk tea for the first time in the country on October 18, 2005.
- Internet search leader Google has been forced to change the name of its free Gmail email service in Britain after failing to secure the necessary trademark. British users who sign up for Gmail will receive addresses ending in 'googlemail.co.uk' rather than 'gmail.com'.
- India's first-ever international scale ski resort, bankrolled by an American billionaire Alfred Ford, has received the government go ahead on October 29, 2005 and would come up in three years time in the upper reaches of Manali in Himachal Pradesh.
- Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor has been signed by cosmetics giant Garnier India to endorse its latest hair color product on October 29, 2005.
- Hutch, a leading mobile service operator, announced two value-added services to its customers on October 24, 2005.
- Scientists on October 19, 2005 have for the first time tested a super fast data downlink provided by a stratospheric balloon floating 24,000 meters above the earth. The craft could eventually help provide communications in disaster zones.
- Twice Olympic 10,000 meters Champion Haile Gebrselassie won the Amsterdam marathon on October 16, 2005 but failed to improve the two-year-old world record.
- 'Forsaken Land', a controversial film by an exiled Sri Lankan director, won top honors at the 3rd World Film Festival of Bangkok, local media reported on October 24, 2005.
- Rising star Priyanka Chopra has jumped into the fray of endorsements by signing the Pepsi deal.
- Bollywood's reigning king Shah Rukh Khan would succeed Indian skipper Sourav Ganguly in endorsing Emami's Chyawanprash brand Sona Chandi. Though current ambassadors Ganguly and film star Sunny Deol would continue to endorse the company's products, Khan would feature in television and print commercials.

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