

INDIA

Sources

Three online English daily newspapers were selected in this study out of more than 31 available online daily newspapers in different languages and dialects such as Hindi, Urdu and Malayalam. The archived issues of *The Times of India*, *India Express*, and *The Financial Express* were the most accessible of the online Indian sources.¹⁴

References to Canada

During the 3 month period of coverage, Canada was mentioned in *The Times of India* almost every single day and frequently in the two other newspapers, mostly in detailed individual articles. Canada was mentioned in 82 articles published in *The Times of India* and was mentioned 33 times in the headlines in the same paper. Canada was also covered in 167 articles in the *Financial Express*, 12 of which were headlines. Similarly, there were 116 articles in *India Express*, 4 of which were headlines.

Many references to Canada were cushioned within articles related to the Commonwealth and the Commonwealth Games, free trade, Canada-US border, Kyoto Protocol, long distance calling services, education, the movie industry, yoga, WTO, EU, immigration-related scams, dual citizenship, and Canadian medical and technological breakthroughs. Some Canadian firms such as Nortel Networks were often mentioned in the Indian press.

Findings in the Indian online press

Reporting on Canada was generally objective. It was mostly focussed on Canadian news related to politics, immigration scams, the mad cow disease, the recent power blackout in North America, and Canadian companies in India.

Canada made headlines in the Indian papers before and after Jean Chrétien's visit to India in October 2003. Before Chrétien's arrival, one editorialist wrote: "Now all eyes will be on Pierre Trudeau's political disciple, to see whether or not he repeats in New Delhi the advice he gave Pakistan's General Pervez Musharraf in Ottawa in September." The paper added: "Chrétien told Musharraf Canada was concerned with the nuclear weapons programmes of both India and Pakistan as they diminish international security. Musharraf cheekily thanked Canada for helping build the Karachi nuclear plant. If the Canadians had more humour, perhaps Minister of State Vinod Khanna could have done the same for the Candu reactors. Both Khanna and Chrétien are due to make speeches at the inauguration of the Canadian consulate in Chandigarh on October 25. New Delhi agreed to accede to the special request of Dhaliwal as well as to a trip by Chrétien to the Golden Temple in Amritsar. Clearly the Chrétien tour is a concession to the large Sikh community back in Canada. Of that country's 32 million people, one million are of Indian origin, many of them Sikh."

¹⁴ No Arabic Indian online sources were identified for this study.