

News Briefs for 25 Mar 2008

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- The sixth pay commission submitted its report to the government. It is expected that the pay commission will recommend 40% increase in the salaries.
- Prime Minister emphasized that India needs Nuclear energy.
- About one and a half lakh families in Mumbai will be impacted by the Mumbai High Court's decision to acquire 100 acres of land. The land was categorized as forest land, however builders constructed houses and sold it to people.
- Heroin worth Rs. 22 crore seized from Purshotam Lal Sondhi who is a youth Akali dal leader
- New Airport at Hyderabad causes confusion. Travelers had to face inconvenience because of communication gap between Airlines and the Airport authority. Inconveniencies like these go unreported. This item was covered by many international news agencies but none of Indian news papers covered it (except The Times of India)

Watch out for

Expect the Maharashtra government to step in and announce a rescue package for those who were impacted by the Mumbai High court's decision. It is very likely that the people who are really impacted might not see the money. The builders/land owners who have caused this trouble should be held accountable at some level.

News Critique

In this section we will analyze several newspapers on the newsworthiness of the content they published.

The murder case of the Infosys employee continued to be on the headlines (and perhaps will continue for a few more days till media tries to extract all the masala) however the death of 8 people due to rains remains totally unreported. New angles of this case will be presented in the coming days. Interviews with friends, family and Orkut profiles will be shown.

The worst headline of the day was "Americans seek employment in India". This is just another attention grabbing news with no substance. The numbers of Americans seeking work visa are in hundreds while the number of Indians seeking American work visa are in tens of thousands. We do have the capacity but lets not pat ourselves in the back before we actually achieve something