

US upgrade brightens India NSG seat hopes

The US decision to move India into Tier-1 of licence exception for export of sensitive defence and high-end technologies is seen as a reaffirmation of support for India's NSG membership bid, report Sachin Parashar and Chidanand Rajghatta. Delhi is hoping that the move will also put to rest speculation that India-US ties have been marred by the unpredictable nature of the Trump administration.

Washington's decision is its clearest signal yet to China that it believes India deserves an NSG seat because of its unblemished non-proliferation credentials. ()