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### Governor Nikki Haley News:

**Times of India:** Family comes first, South Carolina governor Nikki Haley says

<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Family-comes-first-Nikki-Haley/articleshow/45223214.cms>

In fact, family plays a key role in making a woman gain confidence, which is an essential quality for effective leadership, said South Carolina governor Nikki Haley, acknowledging her parents and husband's support in her journey. She was speaking at a session on 'Women in Leadership' organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry.

**Note:** "Family comes first for me and assuring my family's well-being helps me in becoming a better leader," said Haley, the first Indian-American woman governor of a US state.

**Business Standard:** Family support key to women becoming good leaders: Haley

[http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/family-support-key-to-women-becoming-good-leaders-haley-114112000699\\_1.html](http://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/family-support-key-to-women-becoming-good-leaders-haley-114112000699_1.html)

The support of family members, including parents and spouse, play a key role in helping a woman attain confidence which is an essential quality for effective leadership, South Carolina Governor Nikki Randhawa Haley said here Thursday.

**Note:** Acknowledging her husband's support in her leadership journey, Haley said that "family comes first for me and assuring my family's well-being helps me in becoming a better leader".

**Note:** "Women must push their way out instead of pulling back when they are scared or nervous. This is the only way they can discover their true potential and be an inspiration for other women," Haley said.

**Columbia Business Report:** Haley expects India trip to produce jobs

<http://www.columbiabusinessreport.com/news/53085-haley-expects-india-trip-to-produce-jobs>

Chuck Crumbo

A trade mission to India should produce jobs and boost tourism for South Carolina, Gov. Nikki Haley said Wednesday. In a conference call from Mumbai, Haley told reporters that she thinks the meetings with India's business leaders, investors and travel press has been "very productive."

**Note:** South Carolina has been on the radar of India businesses for some time, Haley said, adding that the Indian economy is growing. "This is a country waiting to explode and I wanted South Carolina to be on the front end of it," Haley said.

**Note:** "They just didn't know we have all that we have," Haley said. "The one thing that I knew was important for them to hear is that they would be welcome, that they would be received well."

**Tire Review:** Michelin to Invest \$50 Million in New Tweel Plant

<http://www.tirereview.com/michelin-sc-tweel-plant/>

Michelin North America today marked the opening of its newest plant in North America, a 135,000-square-foot facility in Piedmont, S.C. The facility – the first Michelin plant dedicated to the production of its airless Tweel products – represents Michelin's 10th manufacturing facility in South Carolina and the 16th in the U.S. The company will invest about \$50 million in the new plant.

**Note:** "Michelin has been a global leader for over 125 years, and we are proud to say they have been part of the South Carolina family for over 40 years," said Haley. "Michelin is a leader in the tire industry, and they are innovative in their product development, which continues to put South Carolina on the world stage."

**GSA Business:** Michelin plant in Upstate its 1st to make airless radial tires

<http://www.gsabusiness.com/news/53095-michelin-plant-in-upstate-its-1st-to-make-airless-radial-tires?rss=0>

Bill Poovey

Michelin today opened a plant at Piedmont to make an airless radial tire that never goes flat. The 135,000-square foot Tweel research and manufacturing operation is a \$50 million investment and will create about

100 jobs, according to a company statement and spokeswoman.

**Note:** Greenville County Council Chairman Bob Taylor also spoke at the plant opening, and Gov. Nikki Haley commended Michelin's latest innovation in a video presentation. Haley is currently on a 10-day trip to India.

**WHNS:** Michelin opens new Upstate 'Tweel' plant, creating 100 jobs

<http://www.foxcarolina.com/story/27438488/michelin-opens-new-upstate-tweel-plant-creating-100-jobs#ixzz3JePNdb65>

Casey Vaughn

Michelin announced their new Piedmont facility on Griffin Road created 100 jobs at the official opening for the plant.

**Note:** The manufacturing facility opened its doors on Thursday with a media event attended by Pete Selleck, chairman and president, Michelin North America; Ralph Dimenna, vice president, Michelin Tweel Technologies; Greenville County officials and a video message Gov. Nikki Haley.

**Area Development:** Michelin Opens Manufacturing Hub In Piedmont, South Carolina, To Produce Innovative Airless Radial Tire

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-20-2014/michelin-manufacturing-plant-complex-piedmont-south-carolina894234.shtml>

Michelin opened its newest 135,000-square-foot, \$50 million, manufacturing plant complex in Piedmont, South Carolina, which will produce its innovative MICHELIN X TWEEL Airless Radial Tire for commercial applications.

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**Post and Courier:** Summerville wire maker Zapp to invest \$30M, add 20 jobs

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141120/PC05/141129959>

John McDermott

A German manufacturer that's more than 300 years old is adding 30,000 square feet onto its Lowcountry plant. Zapp Precision Wire, Inc plans to invest \$30 million and create 20 jobs as part of the Summerville expansion, the state Commerce Department said Thursday. The company makes wire from stainless steel, nickel alloys and titanium wire.

**Note:** "Over the next several years, we will break ground for a new building addition and install the steel-working equipment needed to produce precision metallic bars," Zapp Group executive board member Stefan Seng said in a statement issued by Gov. Nikki Haley's office.

**Area Development:** Zapp Precision Wire Plans \$30 Million Expansion At Its Summerville, South Carolina, Manufacturing Center

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-20-2014/zapp-precision-wire-production-center-expansion-summerville-south-carolina890238.shtml>

Zapp Precision Wire, Inc., a manufacturer of stainless steel, nickel alloys and titanium wire is expanding its production center at 475 International Circle in Summerville, South Carolina, adding about 30,000 feet to its manufacturing complex. The company will invest \$30 million in its expansion and create an expected 20 new jobs Dorchester County.

**Note:** "Zapp Precision Wire established operations in South Carolina nearly 20 years ago, and their decision to expand in Dorchester County is a testament to our state's world-class workforce and strong business environment. We congratulate them on this \$30 million investment and the addition of 20 new jobs, and look forward to seeing them continue to succeed in our state for years to come" said Governor Nikki Haley.

**Area Development:** SPF North America, Inc. Expands Greenwood County Manufacturing Complex

[http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-20-2014/spf-nort-\\_america-plant-expansion-hodges-south-carolina289049.shtml](http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-20-2014/spf-nort-_america-plant-expansion-hodges-south-carolina289049.shtml)

A developer of innovative solutions for pet food manufacturers, SPF North America, Inc. is investing \$12 million to expand its plant in Hodges, South Carolina. The Greenwood County plant, located at 5300 Highway 25 North in Hodges, produces pet food flavor enhancers.

**Note:** "It is always great to see a company succeeding in our state - especially one like SPF North America, which is expanding for the second time since locating in South Carolina seven years ago. SPF's decision to

invest \$12 million and create 15 new jobs is great news for the local community and the hardworking people who live there,” said Governor Nikki Haley.

**Politico:** Bill Haslam officially elected RGA chief

<http://www.politico.com/story/2014/11/bill-haslam-republican-governors-association-chief-113069.html>

Jake Sherman, Alexander Burns

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam was elected chairman of the Republican Governors Association Thursday, according to an association aide. New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez will serve as the vice chairman.

Haslam will preside over three gubernatorial elections in 2015: Louisiana, Kentucky and Mississippi.

**Note:** Several higher profile Republican governors, including Indiana Gov. Mike Pence and South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, were mentioned as possibilities for the post but declined to run.

**Wall Street Journal:** Republican Governors Pick Haslam as Chairman, Martinez as Vice Chairman

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2014/11/20/republican-governors-pick-haslam-as-chairman-martinez-as-vice-chairman/>

Janet Hook

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam was chosen Thursday to be chairman of the Republican Governor’s Association, succeeding Chris Christie at the helm of a political group that helped give the New Jersey governor new prominence as he considers a possible 2016 presidential bid.

**Note:** Indeed, the way was cleared for him to become chairman after other governors believed to have national ambitions – Indiana’s Mike Pence and South Carolina’s Nikki Haley – took a pass on seeking the post.

**Associated Press:** State ports reach deal to sell Port Royal land

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KkdGCIXy](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=KkdGCIXy)

After eight years and three failed attempts to sell, the South Carolina Ports Authority has finally reached an agreement to sell its old port in Port Royal. The authority board on Tuesday approved the sale to Furman Investment Advisory Services of Greenville for \$15.4 million.

**Note:** Three previous attempts to sell fell through, and Gov. Nikki Haley signed legislation earlier this year that required the property to be auctioned unless it was sold by next June.

**Columbia Business Report:** Michelin chief: S.C. roads ‘a disgrace’

<http://www.columbiabusinessreport.com/news/53081-michelin-chief-labels-s-c-roads-a-lsquo-disgrace-rsquo>

Chuck Crumbo

South Carolina’s roads are in such bad shape that the chief of Michelin North America thinks his company might have to consider other locations for expansion. The company has become the state’s largest manufacturing employer with nearly 8,000 workers at its Greenville headquarters and seven plants, including two in Lexington County.

**Note:** Last year, the Legislature passed and Gov. Nikki Haley signed a bill that commits more than \$600 million for building and repairing roads and bridges. It was the first increase in state funding for highways in nearly three decades.

### **S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:**

**Associated Press:** US Supreme Court refuses to block SC gay marriages

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MaCLcMwf](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=MaCLcMwf)

Bruce Smith

The U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday refused to block gay marriages in South Carolina but Attorney General Alan Wilson said the issue is still not settled. The court denied Wilson's request to prevent the marriages while he appeals last week's decision by a federal judge tossing out the state constitutional ban on gay marriage.

**Associated Press:** SC extending insurance to same-sex spouses

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CX46le64](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=CX46le64)

South Carolina's public benefits agency is extending health coverage to the spouses of gay employees. The announcement Thursday from the state Public Employee Benefit Authority comes one day after a Charleston judge issued the state's first gay marriage licenses.

**Post and Courier:** Legal same-sex marriage cascades across South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141120/PC16/141129958>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Same-sex marriage rolled across South Carolina on Thursday, from Charleston out into the most conservative rural swaths of the state, after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to halt them. The justices denied S.C. Attorney General Alan Wilson's request for a stay in a federal lawsuit that found the state's gay marriage ban unconstitutional.

**Greenville News:** Greenville begins issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/20/chief-justice-john-roberts-issues-ruling-in-sc-marriage-case/19320767/>

Lyn Riddle

David Tarpley and Sonny Southerlin have been together for 33 years, and Friday they're going to Falls Park to get married. They were the first couple in Greenville County to apply for a license to marry after the U.S. Supreme Court denied the state of South Carolina's appeal Thursday morning. "To be first in Greenville County is something we can keep as a golden memory," Tarpley said.

**The State:** US Supreme Court says 'no' to SC's request for more time on same-sex marriage decision; across SC, officials adjust to new reality

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/20/3824192/same-sex-couples-pick-up-licenses.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis, John Monk

The U.S. Supreme Court has declined to approve South Carolina's request for a longer stay against same-sex marriage in the state. That means the decision of the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Virginia, allowing gay marriage, will stand as the law until and unless the U.S. Supreme Court rules differently.

**Sun News:** Horry County issues first same-sex marriage license Thursday

[http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/20/4619240\\_horry-county-issues-first-same.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1](http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/20/4619240_horry-county-issues-first-same.html?sp=/99/209/&rh=1)

Jason M. Rodriguez

Though Jon Harmon and Mark Pokrant have been together for nearly two and half decades, Thursday's opportunity to finally apply for a marriage license in South Carolina created an overwhelming feeling of nerves and excitement for the two men in their mid- to late-50s.

**Island Packet:** Beaufort County probate judge to accept same-sex marriage applications starting today

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/20/3442561/beaufort-county-probate-judge.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Zach Murdock

The office will use new license applications crafted by the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control that replace the form's "bride" and "groom" designations with two "applicant" designations, Fulp said. Applicants then can choose to be designated a bride or groom if they desire, so the form will still work for all couples, he said.

**Rock Hill Herald:** First same-sex couples apply for marriage licenses in York County

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/20/6548452/first-same-sex-couple-applies.html>

Andrew Dys, Rachel Southmayd

The first same-sex couples applied Thursday morning for a marriage license in York County Probate Court since federal courts overturned South Carolina's ban on same-sex marriage. Jim Strickland, 60, and Mike Goforth, 46, of Clover were the first couple in line when the probate office opened at 8 a.m.

**Anderson Independent:** 6 Upstate gay couples apply for marriage licenses

<http://www.independentmail.com/news/two-same-sex-couples-apply-for-marriage-in-oconee-county>

Kirk Brown

Six same-sex couples applied Thursday for marriage licenses in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens counties, officials said. Two men and two women applied for marriage licenses at the Oconee County Probate Court office in Walhalla. Four women filed two marriage-license applications at the Pickens County Probate Court office in Pickens.

**Spartanburg Herald Journal:** After ban overturned, gay couples apply for marriage licenses in Spartanburg County

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20141120/ARTICLES/141129983/1112?Title=Gay-couples-apply-for->

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Kim Kimzey

Beth York didn't anticipate Thursday would happen in her lifetime. She and her partner of 20 years, Barbara Ester, were the first gay couple to arrive and apply for a marriage license in Spartanburg County Probate Court. They arrived about a half hour before applications were accepted at noon. Five couples had applied by 1 p.m.

### **South Carolina News:**

**The State:** Gold mine owner puts hiring on hold

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/20/3824626/gold-mine-owner-puts-hiring-on.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Romarco Minerals Inc. says it won't hire anyone to work at its industrial scale gold mine in Lancaster County until a legal challenge by environmentalists is resolved. Diane Garrett, the Canadian company's chief officer, said in a conference call Thursday that the company has received 3,500 resumes from people seeking to work for the mining company at its proposed gold-digging operation near the town of Kershaw.

**The State:** All of SC now in first stage of drought

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/20/3824492/all-of-sc-now-in-first-stage-of.html>

Joey Holleman

The state Drought Response Committee voted Thursday to change the status for 37 counties to incipient drought, the first of four stages. That change makes little difference in the way water resources are managed, but it means there are rising signs of drought conditions, said Hope Mizzell, the state's climatologist.

### **National News:**

**Associated Press:** Defying GOP, Obama to spare 5M from deportation

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/ce9a2e419cf7402884878846b7d6fc15/obamas-immigration-actions-do-have-limits>

Julie Pace

Defying Republicans and bypassing Congress, President Barack Obama prepared to invoke his executive authority Thursday night to spare nearly 5 million people in the U.S. illegally from deportation. Millions more will remain in limbo. Obama's action marks the most sweeping change to the nation's immigration policy in three decades and comes after years of stalled efforts toward broader federal legislation.

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