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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Greenville News: Gov. Nikki Haley says India interested in tourism, Clemson
<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/19/gov-nikki-haley-says-india-interested-tourism-clemson/19274343/>

Tim Smith

Gov. Nikki Haley said today her trade mission trip to India has been "very productive" and that she sees an opportunity for university exchanges, including with Clemson. Speaking from Mumbai, on the second day of her stay in that Indian city, Haley said there were several areas of interest by Indians in Clemson.

Note: "Interest in Clemson was definitely in the automotive research side and then also in the agricultural side, not to mention engineering," she said. Haley said Indians also are interested in the University of South Carolina and its lauded international business program.

Note: "Without question I know we will be closing jobs over the next several months," she said. "I know the relationships and the meetings we have had have been very strong."

Note: "It was hard for me to anticipate exactly how it would go but it really has been amazing how many people know about our progress in South Carolina and know about our story. We have been very well received. They are very interested. They want to know more."

Associated Press: Haley confident trip to India will produce jobs
http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jdynJadv

Seanna Adcox

Gov. Nikki Haley says she's confident her trip to India will lead to job announcements in South Carolina. Haley talked to reporters Wednesday via teleconference from Mumbai. The state's 10-day economic development trip concludes Friday.

Note: But Haley says it's also been an emotional trip for her personally. She had no memories of her last visit to India at age 2 and says it's been overwhelming to see places her parents talked about.

First Post: S Carolina Gov Nikki Haley sees similarity in her approach and Modi's: Here are her lessons
<http://firstbiz.firstpost.com/economy/s-carolina-gov-nikki-haley-sees-similarity-in-her-approach-and-modis-here-are-her-lessons-108977.html>

Sunaina Chadha

Pitching for a two-way investment flow between South Carolina and Maharashtra, Indian-American Governor of the South Carolina, Nikki Haley, believes Prime Minister Narendra Modi is doing for India today what South Carolina has already achieved.

Note: She says: "I think what Modi is doing here, we've done in South Carolina. It's a proven model, it works and Modi is definitely a man of action."

Note: Calling herself as an "aggressive governor", Haley said, "We have cut regulations, have cut taxes. We do not have labour unions and we have created an environment that is completely focused on industry." And this is exactly what she expects the NDA government to do in India as well if Modi wants to woo investors. In fact she is sure that not investing in India would be a 'missed opportunity.'

Press Trust of India: Global players seek predictability in laws, regulations: South Carolina governor Nikki Haley

http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/45207860.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Indian-origin South Carolina governor Nikki Haley today said that the Centre needs to ensure predictability in its laws so as to create a strong business environment and attract foreign investors.

Note: "The government should make sure that business environment is strong by reducing regulations and taxes, and by making sure that ease to do business improves. More importantly, predictability and trust in

laws and regulations is a must," Haley told reporters here.

Note: "A company that wants to come and do business needs predictability; they should know exactly what to expect from the government in terms of rules and predictability that the rules are not going to change in future," Haley said.

Press Trust of India: Alok Ind to raise Rs 2,000 cr via land sale in two years

http://www.business-standard.com/article/pti-stories/alok-ind-to-raise-rs-2-000-cr-via-land-sale-in-two-years-114111901454_1.html

Textile firm Alok Industries today said it is planning to raise about Rs 2,000 crore through a land sale over the next 24 months as part of consolidating its debt and hopes to double exports in the next three years period.

Note: Meanwhile, the Governor of South Carolina Nikki Haley visited the company's facility in Mumbai today. She is visiting India along with a high-level business delegation from South Carolina to explore possibilities on building up on trade relations between the two nations, specifically between Maharashtra and South Carolina.

IANs: Nikki Haley to address 'Women In Leadership' in Mumbai

<http://www.firstpost.com/fwire/nikki-haley-to-address-women-in-leadership-in-mumbai-1811829.html>

Nikki Haley, governor of South Carolina in the US, will take part in an interactive session on "Women In Leadership" here Thursday, along with Maharashtra Rural Development Minister Pankaja Munde, an official said Wednesday. Both Haley and Munde will share their perspectives on women as natural leaders, why they should be included in leadership positions, transformative global trends, inclusive leadership and women empowerment for taking the next step.

The State: SC Ethics Commission has new chairman, wants to expand watchdog staff

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3822257/sc-ethics-commission-has-new-chairman.html>

Jamie Self

The S.C. Ethics Commission has a new chairman and wants to hire more help to assist with overseeing most of the state's elected officials. The commission elected as its new chairman Jim Warren, a Greenville commercial real-estate attorney, at its meeting Wednesday.

Note: James Burns, the commission's former chairman, is going to work for Gov. Nikki Haley as her chief of staff.

S.C. Same Sex Marriage News:

Associated Press: 1st gay marriage licenses issued in South Carolina

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=FtaOaPCn

Bruce Smith

A judge issued the first gay marriage licenses and a couple was married in South Carolina on Wednesday, even as the state attorney general asked the U.S. Supreme Court to step in and block the unions. Judge Irvin Condon's office issued six licenses in the first 90 minutes the Charleston County Probate Court office was open and one of the couples, Kristin Anderson and Kayla Bennett, exchanged vows outside the office.

Post and Courier: First gay couples pick up marriage licenses in Charleston County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119300>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

Two lesbian couples made South Carolina history in record-breaking chill Wednesday morning when one picked up the state's first same-sex marriage license and another was the first to exchange vows outside the Charleston County Courthouse. Charleston County Probate Judge Irvin Condon was the first in South Carolina to issue licenses to same-sex couples after two major court rulings issued late Tuesday opened the state's legal doors.

Greenville News: Charleston judge issues licenses to gay couples

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/19/charleston-judge-issues-licenses-gay-couples/19267469/>

Lyn Riddle

She and her fiancée Nichols Bleckley were given a marriage license by Probate Judge Irv Condon, a distant cousin, not long after the courthouse opened. Six couples were given licenses before South Carolina Court Administration told Judge Condon to wait until the stay in the case expired at noon on Thursday.

Rock Hill Herald: Local probate courts: No decision yet on same-sex marriage licenses or accepting applications

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/19/6544852_area-probate-courts-no-decision.html?rh=1#storylink=cpy

Andrew Dys, Bristow Marchant

Probate courts in York, Chester, and Lancaster counties are waiting for direction from state courts officials concerning issuing same sex marriage licenses, and even accepting applications, after federal court rulings Tuesday seemed to make same sex marriage legal as of noon Thursday.

Sun News: Horry County waits to issue same-sex marriage licenses as state battle continues

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/19/4616487/horry-county-waits-to-issue-same.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Jason M. Rodriguez

As others in South Carolina scurry to adjust to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage, Horry County is quietly abiding by the rules it was given to not open the licensing process until noon Thursday. South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson said Wednesday he will go to the U.S. Supreme Court to prevent same-sex marriages from beginning in the state on Thursday.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

USA Today: Rep. Mulvaney loses GOP leadership bid

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2014/11/19/rep-mulvaney-loses-gop-leadership-bid/19262133/>

Mary Troyan

Members of the Republican Study Committee, a huge caucus of House conservatives, voted Tuesday to elect Rep. Bill Flores of Texas as their chairman over Rep. Mick Mulvaney of South Carolina. Flores defeated Mulvaney 84-57 on the second secret ballot vote held on Capitol Hill. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, was eliminated in the first round of voting.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Post and Courier: Mary Tinkler sworn in as new District 114 representative

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC1603/141119288>

Robert Behre

Mary Tinkler was sworn in as the new state representative in District 114, even though the S.C. Supreme Court could decide that her Nov. 4 election must be voided and redone with a new Republican candidate. Tinkler was sworn in Tuesday night at a 9th Judicial Circuit Legislative Delegation meeting in Berkeley County.

Note: Tinkler said she plans to learn and develop relationships with other lawmakers before the General Assembly convenes in January. She said she will participate in the Dec. 2 and 3 organization sessions and will meet with Gov. Nikki Haley on Dec. 10.

South Carolina News:

Island Packet: S.C. Ports Authority approves \$15.4M Port of Port Royal sale

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/19/3440617/sc-ports-authority-to-vote-on.html?sp=/99/257/266/#storylink=cpy>

Erin Moody

The S.C. State Ports Authority unanimously approved the sale of the Port of Port Royal for \$15,420,000 in a meeting today. The State Budget and Control Board will vote on the agreement with buyer The Furman Co. Nov. 26 and, if approved, there will be a 150-day due diligence period. After the period 30 days will then be allowed for closing.

Sun News: Former state Rep. Viers in court, judge grants lawyer more time to prepare case

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/19/4616754/former-state-rep-viers-in-court.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

Former state representative Thad Viers likely won't return to court until next year, his attorney said Wednesday after a federal judge granted the lawyer more time to work on Viers' criminal case. Trey

Cockrell, the Chesterfield lawyer representing Viers, said he doesn't expect his client to be back in court until January or February.

Post and Courier: Clemson scraps its modern building plan

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141119/PC16/141119284/1177/lawmaker-clemson-to-scrap-its-modern-building-plan>

Robert Behre

Clemson University has abandoned its plans to build a modern architecture center at Meeting and George streets - a project applauded at first but later bitterly fought by two neighborhoods and preservation groups. State Rep. Chip Limehouse applauded the move not to pursue what he described as a "sardine-can design."

Local News:

The State: Rhames named Midlands Tech president

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/19/3822133/rhames-named-midlands-tech-president.html>

Andrew Shain

Ronald Rhames graduated from Midlands Technical College in 1978 after a job at McDonald's sparked an interest in business. Four decades later, the Keenan High School graduate will lead his alma mater. Midlands Tech commissioners chose Rhames, the school's senior vice president, to succeed Sonny White as president of the two-year college on Wednesday.

Associated Press: Hilton Head elects new mayor as incumbent defeated

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=S9SUSBwa

Hilton Head Island has a new mayor after the incumbent was defeated by a nearly 2-1 margin. Area media outlets report that David Bennett defeated incumbent Drew Laughlin, who was seeking a second term, by collecting nearly 65 percent of the vote in Tuesday's balloting.

Greenville News: New Greenville courthouse moved up priority list

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/19/new-greenville-courthouse-moved-priority-list/19283551/>

Eric Connor

Plans to build a new federal courthouse in downtown Greenville have been moved up the government's priority list — but funding still isn't in place, and there are no signs it will be anytime soon. For now, the 1.7 acres the federal government bought for \$4 million across from the Greenville County Courthouse — prime real estate integral to downtown's development — will remain a parking lot.

Associated Press: Ex-SC police chief to use 'stand your ground'

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=4ovDzxF5

Eutawville's former police chief is hoping to argue a "stand your ground" defense in the shooting death of a man more than three years ago. Local media outlets report that attorneys for Richard Combs said during a hearing Tuesday that the former chief should be immune from prosecution.

National News:

New York Times: Obama's Executive Order on Immigration Is Unlikely to Include Health Benefits

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/11/20/us/politics/obamacare-unlikely-for-undocumented-immigrants.html?ref=politics&_r=0

Michael D. Shear, Robert Pear

Millions of undocumented immigrants who are set to be granted a form of legal status by President Obama as early as this week will not receive one key benefit: government subsidies for health care available under the Affordable Care Act.

Washington Post: President Obama to announce executive action on immigration Thursday

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post-politics/wp/2014/11/19/obama-to-speak-friday-in-las-vegas-as-he-readies-new-immigration-policy/>

Juliet Eilperin, Ed O'Keefe

President Obama said in a video that he will lay out his proposal to overhaul the nation's immigration system Thursday and will travel to Las Vegas on the heels of that announcement to rally support for his initiative on

Friday.

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