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Governor Nikki Haley News:

Indian Express: 'To attract investors, India needs to ensure predictability in rules'

<http://indianexpress.com/article/business/business-others/to-attract-investors-india-needs-to-ensure-predictability-in-rules/#sthash.JK9MNJrQ.dpuf>

Sandeep Singh

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, who has successfully pushed manufacturing in her state in the US, says that India now needs to make things predictable for investors to come and invest. In an interview with Sandeep Singh, Haley said that while there is a lot of confidence in the current leadership, investors want to be sure that there won't be any risk. Excerpts:

Note: You have to focus on three things. First is the business climate, where you need to reduce regulations, taxes and make sure that it is easy to do business. The second is training or workforce skills development and then you have to build trust — predictability and consistency in what businesses can expect.

WSPA: Haley Speaks About Economic Growth In India

<http://www.wspa.com/story/27413311/haley-speaks-about-economic-growth-in-india>

Brianna Smith

Governor Nikki Haley has spent the last two days in New Delhi on her 10 day trip to India. Tuesday morning Haley met with possible investors and talked to a panel about manufacturing jobs. She also spoke at a Indian and U.S. Technology Conference.

Note: Following the meetings with possible investors, Haley tweeted at India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "We are building great partnerships between SC & India, and we feel the positive energy and hope your leadership has created!"

Post and Courier: Nestle to build \$40 million water-bottling plant in Pee Dee

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141118/PC05/141119337/1177/nestle-to-build-40-million-water-bottling-plant-in-pee-dee>

Warren L. Wise

A major water-bottling company plans to build a \$40 million plant in the Pee Dee, creating 40 new jobs by 2016. Nestle Waters North America will produce bottled spring water under the company's Deer Park brand and bottled purified water under its Nestle Pure Life brand at the two-line bottling factory near McBee in Chesterfield County.

Note: The 200,000-square-foot plant is expected to open by early 2016 and distribute products primarily throughout the southeastern U.S., according to a statement from Gov. Nikki Haley's office. Nestle is the nation's leading bottled water company.

Clinton Chronicle: Millions in industries expansion dollars could be coming to Laurens County

http://www.clintonchronicle.com/articles/2014/11/18/top_stories/doc546ba937e8c8a846195440.txt

Vic MacDonald

In a visit this year to Clinton, SC Gov. Nikki Haley told Clinton Mayor Bob McLean and City Manager Frank Stovall that she keeps in her office a map of South Carolina, and every time an industry announces a location or expansion in the Palmetto State, she designates it with a push-pin.

Note: If the projects envisioned to come on-line in the final month of 2014 and the first quarter of 2015 in Laurens County come to fruition, Haley is going to be needing that box of push-pins.

Greenville News: New ed superintendent says the arts are a priority

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/entertainment/arts/paul-hyde/2014/11/18/incoming-state-superintendent-spearman-speaks-arts-education/19212475/>

Paul Hyde

Her predecessor tried to cut funding for arts education, but newly elected state Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman is offering a sharply contrasting message to arts supporters: "You've got my ear and my support."

Note: Spearman said she's a strong supporter of two state arts-education programs that in the past have been targeted for elimination by some of her fellow Republicans, including outgoing state Superintendent Mick Zais and Gov. Nikki Haley.

Note: The ABC program is funded by the South Carolina Arts Commission, an agency that Haley sought to eliminate three years in a row. Her vetoes, however, were overturned by the Legislature. This year, Haley chose not to veto funding for the agency.

Bridgestone Grand Opening News:

Area Development: Bridgestone Americas Opens Off-Road Radial Tire Production Center In Trenton, South Carolina

<http://www.areadevelopment.com/newsItems/11-18-2014/bridgestone-americas-manufacturing-facility-trenton-south-carolina755432.shtml>

Bridgestone Americas opened its first giant off-road radial tire plant in Trenton, South Carolina. Based in Aiken County, South Carolina, the 1.5 million-square-foot manufacturing facility produces various off road radial tire products used to equip heavy haul trucks in mining and aggregates applications.

Note: "South Carolina and Bridgestone have a long and successful history of working together, and we are excited to celebrate this next chapter in our growing partnership," said Governor Nikki Haley. "Bridgestone is a great South Carolina company, employing thousands of our citizens and playing an active and positive role in their local community. We look forward to seeing the new ORR plant reach full production and bring even more jobs to Aiken County."

WJBF: Bridgestone Opens First US Giant Off-Road Radial Tire Manufacturing Facility

<http://www.wjbf.com/story/27417312/bridgestone-opens-first-us-giant-off-road-radial-tire-manufacturing-facility>

Extending its leadership in the heavy-duty, earthmoving tire segment, Bridgestone Americas announced, on Tuesday, the opening of its first giant off road radial tire plant. Based in Aiken County, South Carolina, the 1.5 million-square-foot manufacturing facility produces various off road radial tire products used to equip heavy haul trucks in mining and aggregates applications.

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Aiken Standard: Bridgestone tire facility brings 500 new jobs

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20141118/AIK0101/141119418/1004/bridgestone-tire-facility-brings-500-new-jobs>

Derrek Asberry

Aiken's position as a competitor in the business market took a giant leap forward Tuesday when Bridgestone announced the opening of its largest manufacturing investment in corporate history. Three years ago, the company announced the building of a \$1 billion facility for off-road radial tires and held the ribbon cutting Tuesday morning along with officials from the city, county, and Aiken County Legislative Delegation.

The State: Bridgestone opens giant off-road tire plant in Aiken County

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/18/3820153/bridgestone-opens-giant-off-road.html>

Roddie Burris

In the works since 2011, the 1.5 million-square-foot manufacturing facility located in Trenton is the tire maker's second production plant in Aiken County and represents a \$1.2 million local investment that coincides with announced plans to also expand production capacity at plants in Tennessee and Japan.

Augusta Chronicle: Bridgestone celebrates opening of giant-tire plant

<http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/business/local-business/2014-11-18/bridgestone-celebrates-opening-800-million-plant>

Tim Rausch

Bridgestone has been making tires for customers for a couple of months, but on Tuesday its officials marked the opening of their largest manufacturing investment in corporate history. Taiko drummers welcomed Bridgestone executives from Japan to view the nearly \$1 billion giant-tire plant in Aiken County.

Tire News: Bridgestone opening S.C. radial OTR tire plant

<http://www.tirebusiness.com/article/20141118/NEWS/141119920/bridgestone-opening-s-c-radial-otr-plant>

Chris Sweeney

Bridgestone Americas Inc. is celebrating its expanded capabilities in Graniteville with the opening of its \$1 billion-plus radial OTR tire plant and an ongoing capacity increase to its existing passenger tire facility, both located in Aiken County, S.C.

Note: Mr. Brooks lauded South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley, saying, "I think she's made it very inviting and she is very progressive in recruiting new business to South Carolina. They also have a strong commissioner of commerce in Bobby Hitt. Her whole staff has been great to work with."

Tire Press: Grand opening held for Bridgestone's US giant tyre plant

<http://www.tyrepress.com/2014/11/grand-opening-held-for-bridgestones-us-giant-tyre-plant/>

Bridgestone Americas has opened its giant off-road radial tyre facility in Aiken County, South Carolina. Kazuhisa Nishigai, COO and board Member of Bridgestone Corporation, and Gary Garfield, president and CEO of Bridgestone Americas, were joined at a grand opening ceremony for the 140,000 square metre (1.5 million square feet) plant by state and local dignitaries.

S.C. Same-Sex Marriage News:

Post and Courier: Federal appeals court denies effort to block gay marriage in South Carolina

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141118/PC16/141119328/1177>

Jennifer Berry Hawes

A federal appeals court denied an emergency stay Tuesday that would have halted gay marriages in South Carolina. The stay, denied by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, was issued Tuesday afternoon as the clock ticked toward a noon Thursday deadline when same-sex marriages could begin in the state. Attorney General Alan Wilson sought the emergency stay.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Associated Press: SC House committee to explore road funding ideas

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=9cYXfeCC

Seanna Adcox

The chairman of the House committee crafting that chamber's proposal for funding road and bridge work in South Carolina suggests relying on the sales tax instead of the gas tax. Its chairman, Rep. Gary Simrill of Rock Hill, says the state first needs to turn thousands of state-maintained miles over to local governments.

Associated Press: SC child advocates present plan on early childhood

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=7tnsKqbn

Susanne M. Schafer

Advocates for children in South Carolina have released proposals to improve the lives of the state's youngest citizens. The groups include the Children's Trust, United Way and the Institute for Child Success. Their suggestions involve children up to five years old. The group is sending the suggestions to lawmakers in the General Assembly.

South Carolina News:

Greenville News: DialAmerica announces 100 new jobs in Greenville

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2014/11/18/dialamerica-announces-new-jobs-greenville/19221533/>

DialAmerica, one of the nation's largest privately held teleservices companies, said it is expanding its contact center operations in Greenville and will hire additional employees. To support growing client demand – particularly in the entertainment and financial services sectors – DialAmerica said it will hire 100 contact center agents for its facility on Roper Mountain Road.

Greenville News: Server issue stalls SC DMV system

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/11/18/server-issue-stalls-sc-dmv-system/19217747/>

Romando Dixon

A server issue Tuesday morning within the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles prevented transactions from being processed, spokesperson Beth Parks said. The South Carolina DMV rebooted its servers about 10:30 a.m. in an attempt to solve the problem, stalling systems statewide, Parks said. There are 66 offices around the state, she said.

The State: Job fair brings 80 employers to Fort Jackson

<http://www.thestate.com/2014/11/18/3820158/job-fair-brings-80-employers-to.html>

Jeff Wilkinson

A record 80 employers were on hand Tuesday for a job fair at Fort Jackson designed to help veterans and military spouses find employment. "This is a tough time for all the services. We've got a lot of people transitioning," said Maj. Gen. Bradley Becker, Fort Jackson commander.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:**Huffington Post:** Lindsey Graham Calls On Republicans To Restore Senate Filibuster Rules

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/11/18/lindsey-graham-filibuster_n_6178260.html

Amanda Terkel

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) wants Republicans to reverse the Democrats' filibuster reforms in the new year, arguing that doing so will make it tougher for President Barack Obama to get his nominees approved.

Local News:**Post and Courier:** Record freeze in store tonight for Charleston

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20141118/PC16/141119387>

Dave Munday

Tonight's freezing temperatures are expected to smash a weather record for Charleston. Forecasters at the National Weather Service are predicting a low of 25 degrees at the Charleston International Airport. That's well below the old record of 27 degrees that was set in 1949.

Sun News: Record-breaking cold expected overnight in Myrtle Beach area

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/2014/11/17/4612260/forecasters-storms-winty-weather.html?sp=/99/209/&ihp=1>

Tonya Root

If temperatures continue to drop overnight Tuesday, area residents will likely be waking up Wednesday morning to record-breaking cold, according records with the National Weather Service in Wilmington, N.C. The low temperature record for Wednesday was set in 1949 at 25 degrees, but forecasters predicted the overnight low to be near 23 or 24 degrees, said Tim Armstrong, a meteorologist.

Island Packet: Freeze warning issued for Beaufort County on Tuesday night, Wednesday morning

<http://www.islandpacket.com/2014/11/17/3437130/tornado-watch-in-effect-for-sc.html?sp=/99/100/&ihp=1>

Beaufort County residents bundled up Saturday as temperatures dipped to near freezing, shed the extra layers Monday as temperatures rose to the high 60s and were even briefly under threat of tornados. Now comes another sudden change in the weather -- the National Weather Service in Charleston has issued a freeze warning for Beaufort County from 9 p.m. Tuesday until 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Rock Hill Herald: Council punts on Lake Wylie overlay district

http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/11/18/6539932_council-punts-on-lake-wylie-overlay.html?rh=1

Bristow Marchant

York County Council on Monday voted to defer action on the Lake Wylie overlay district until after a discussion of the legal issues involved in executive session. County planning staff recommended the county go through a six-month planning period to gather data and community input before the final details of the overlay district are worked out.

National News:**USA Today:** W.H.: No date set for Obama immigration announcement

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/theoval/2014/11/18/obama-white-house-immigration-executive-orders-republicans/19223973/>

David Jackson

The timing of President Obama's announcement of executive orders on immigration is a well-kept state secret. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Tuesday that no date is set for a formal announcement of the executive orders. He wouldn't even say whether the president has received final recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security.

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