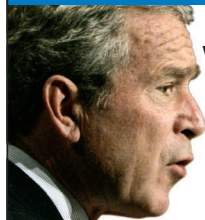
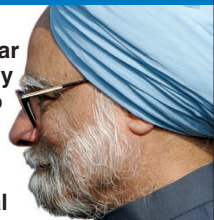


U.S. and India seek landmark nuclear deal



A pact agreed in principle last year would give India access to U.S. nuclear technology to meet its soaring energy needs in return for a commitment to separate its civilian and military nuclear programmes. India says it will make concessions but will not compromise security to seal the deal



President Bush:

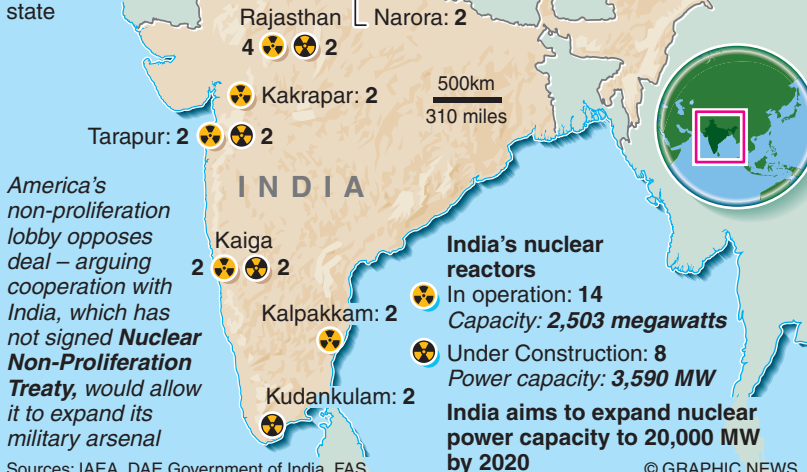
Insists on separation

of programmes because U.S. recognizes India as having civilian nuclear programme only – not as legitimate nuclear weapons state

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh:

Prepared to list

reactors generating 65% of atomic power as civilian – and thus open to international scrutiny – but experimental fast-breeder reactors to be excluded



America's non-proliferation lobby opposes deal – arguing cooperation with India, which has not signed **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty**, would allow it to expand its military arsenal