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Dear Readers,

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*We are negotiating through to a period which is marked by divergence of interests, actual or perceived, between the many nation-states of our South Asian Region. Thus there are anomalies in the individual nation-states' bilateral as well as multilateral policy adaptations, and those anomalies have added to the complexities of our regional politics. But that is not all. Such complexities go on to exacerbate the conflict between policy adaptations that are beneficial in short-term, and those having long-term implications for the host nation as well as its neighbours. Nepal's fixation with 'balancing' India with China and Sri Lanka's economic harness of its strategic location are some examples of such anomalies.*

*Furthermore, most, if not all, such divergence of interests are induced by an array of Chinese ventures across a vast horizon of economic, infrastructural and political projects. India, situated at the hub of all such regional ventures, has to address the anomalous fallouts of such divergences with wisdom and foresight. That call requires regular exchange of ideas and mature discussions between neighbours. Towards that end, the past fortnight found us interacting with Nepal's ambassador to India and a delegation of scholars from China's Sichuan University. Reports on these confabulations are listed below.*

*Besides, there have been regular uploads on our website [www.vifindia.org](http://www.vifindia.org) under the headings of 'Fortnightly Review Analyses' of international events of note, 'Politics and Perspectives', and papers related to subject matters that are dealt with various Centres of the VIF. Articles of special note among these are also listed below.*



*I enjoin our readers to peruse these and consider the arguments put forth in furtherance of their strategic understanding.*

*Yours Sincerely,*



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