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Dear Readers,

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As the esteemed readers are aware, the discourse at the Vivekananda International Foundation covers the entire gamut of national security issues. The issues taken up by the Foundation are then placed on our website, www.vifindia.org, for the readers to peruse, study and contribute. In that context, during the past fortnight, our publications have accorded special focus upon the issues related to internal security.

Thus in our recent uploads, the readers would delve into the organisational aspects of dealing with the Maoist menace, and in similar vein, find certain key considerations that would make our defence procurement – a bugbear so far – more effective. In the matter of long term policy making, we have offered to our readers, two significant analyses – one dealing with the conflict in Manipur and another addressing the internecine intransigence of Pakistan.

Little, apart from media pyrotechnic, comes through to the notice of Indian readership regarding that elusive nation known as the North Korea and its dangerous dictator. That is even when in many direct and indirect ways, India cannot remain untouched by the doings of that regime. An Issue Brief, uploaded in current edition of our upload, does much to fill that void. Readers would find it rather interesting, besides being a rare source of inputs on that country.



Lastly, we have uploaded a Report on the visit of a delegation from the Fudan University, China. As the Report suggests, the delegation's visit was of an exploratory nature and was an occasion for candid discussions.

I am sanguine that our readers would find the papers listed below, as well as those uploaded on our website, interesting and educative.

Yours Sincerely,



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