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Commentaries

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1	11 May	From I2U2 to IUSU India is the Key	Amb Anil Trigunayat	2408
2	12 May	India's Growing Relations in Latin America and the Caribbean	K V Prasad	1924
3	13 May	Pakistan: Between the Devil and the Khaki	Rahul Bhonsle	1732
4	15 May	POKHRAN @ 25: The Evolution of India as a 'Responsible Nuclear Power'	Aditya Kumar Singh & Rahul Rawat	1849
5	16 May	Bhutanese Refugee Scam Dents Nepal's International Stature	Dr Rishi Gupta	1884
6	18 May	Can the West Understand Indian Traditions Better?	Rohith Krishna	1892
7	30 May	Nepal's Prime Minister Dahal in Upbeat Mood about India Visit	Prof Hari Bansh Jha	1120

Articles

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1	1 May	Is Vasudhaiva Kuṭumbakam a Pacifist Notion? Discussing the Blind Application of the Phrase	Rohith Krishna	3082
2	2 May	Bailing out Sri Lanka from its Economic Difficulties	Prof Rajaram Panda	2839
3	3 May	Dantewada Naxal Attack: A Calculated Cowardly Act of Red Terror	Anurag Sharma	2861
4	4 May	Bhimber Gali- Surankot Road Ambush 20 April 23: Psychology of Barrenness of Peace	Brig (Dr) Ashok Pathak	2530
5	8 May	Diplomatic Thaw between Japan and South Korea	Prof Rajaram Panda	2312
6	9 May	Pakistan's Foreign Minister in Goa: Standard Case of Rigged Match and Theatricals	Lt Gen (Dr) Rakesh Sharm	2235
7	10 May	India and China: Complexities of a Competitive Relationship	Col Gurinder Pal Singh	2739
8	11 May	The Indian Tricolour Shines again through Operation Kaveri	Samir Bhattacharya,	2236
9	13 May	Pakistan: Cataclysmic Clash of Institutions Brings Country to Precipice	Rana Banerji	2226
10	17 May	भारत के मध्य एशिया के साथ गहराते सम्बन्ध	Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta	2055
11	19 May	Pakistan Army: The Nature of Change!	Lt Gen (Dr) Rakesh Sharma	2386
12	23 May	Italy Slated to Withdraw from Chinese BRI Deal	Dr Dinesh Kumar Pandey	1771
13	24 May	Election in Türkiye: Test for Recep Tayyip Erdogan	Hirak Jyoti Das	1602
14	25 May	What does China-Central Asia Bonhomie Mean to the World?	Prof Rajaram Panda	1861
15	29 May	India's Foray into the South Pacific	Prof Rajaram Panda	1714
16	31 May	Prospects for the Political Settlement of Ukraine Crisis	Brig Vinod Anand	1014

India Positive | Explainer

No	Date	Title	Author	Views on website*
1	4 May	Cheruvayal Raman the Guardian of Native and Ancient Paddy Varieties	Sarada Subhash	2229
2	10 May	Revival of the Ancient Indian Martial Art of Kalaripayattu	Rohith Krishna	1610
3	26 May	The 'Doctrine of Discovery' and India's 'Adivasi'	Rohith Krishna	1560
4	26 May	Atmanirbharta in Defence: Approval of 4th Positive Indigenisation List	Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta	1254

Book Review

No	Date	Title	Author	Views/ Downloads on website
1	19 May	'A Life Well Spent: Four Decades in the Indian Foreign Service'; Amb. Satish Chandra, Roopa Publications, 2023, ISBN: 9357020950, pp. 284, Rs 636	Amb D P Srivastava	514

Podcast

No	Date	Title	Author	Views/ Downloads on website
1	09 May	India's Soft Power Diplomacy with Africa	Manish Chand	1409/42

VIF Briefs | **VIF Papers**

No	Date	Title	Author	Views/ Downloads on website*
1	4 May	Legal Dimensions of Commercialisation of Space	Naval Jagota	652/211
2	11 May	Drone Warfare Capacity Building in Securing India's National Interests	Harshini Nag	563/318
3	19 May	Foreign Universities in India: An Analysis on the Criticisms	Rohith Krishna	322/119
4	29 May	Sudan's Fate: Revolution, Coup and Civil War	Hirak Jyoti Das	258/40

VIF News Digest

No	Date	Title	Period	Views on website*
1	4 May	Global Developments and Analysis: Weekly Monitor	17- 23 April	316
2	4 May	Africa Now - Weekly Newsletter	Week 18, 2023	270
3	4 May	VIF News Digest: National Security - Defence Studies & Terrorism	16-30 April 2023	455
4	4 May	Science and Technology (S&T) Digest	1-15April 2023, Issue 11	532
5	5 May	Global Developments and Analysis: Weekly Monitor	24-30 April	316
6	9 May	Global Developments and Analysis: Weekly Monitor	01-07 May	343
7	13 May	Africa Now - Weekly Newsletter	Week 19, 2023	241
8	15 May	Cyber Review	April 2023	386
9	16 May	Eurasia News Digest	1-15 May	363
10	17 May	China Digest	1-15 May 2023	168
11	18 May	Myanmar Round Up	April 2023	574
12	19 May	Science and Technology (S&T) Digest	16-30 April 2023, Issue 12	776
13	23 May	Africa Now - Weekly Newsletter	Week 20, 2023	247
14	23 May	VIF News Digest: National Security - Defence Studies & Terrorism	01-15 May 2023	275
15	29 May	Africa Now - Weekly Newsletter	Week 21, 2023	218
16	29 May	West Asia Roundup	April 2023	256
17	31 May	Global Developments and Analysis: Weekly Monitor	08-14 May	198
18	31 May	Global Developments and Analysis: Weekly Monitor	15-21 May	211

^{*} VIF also issue Neighbourhood News Digest on a daily basis.

^{*} All these and more are available at the VIF website www.vifindia.org.

^{*} As on 12th June 2023

Scholars Outreach

Articles/OPEDS Published outside the VIF

- 8 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- Response from India: The results of the constitutional referendum held in Uzbekistan will be a legal basis for the continuation of the renewal process in the country (Published in the Dunyo Information Agency).
- 11 May Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF- Deconstructing the Sudan conflict (Published in Hindustan Times).
- 12 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- India-Armenia Relations: An Appraisal (Published in The Diplomatist).
- 14 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- Dragon in Central Asia: The Security Dimension (Published in Redlantern Analytica).
- 14 May Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF- Democracy at a Crossroads: The Quest for Hope in Sudan (Published in Modern Ghana).
- 16 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- Fergana: A mesmerizing destination to visit in Uzbekistan (Published in India Blooms).
- 21 May Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF- Operation Kaveri: India's call of duty to protect its citizens in peril (Published in Modern Ghana).
- 21 May Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF- Making sense of crisis in Sudan (Published in Sunday column of Ghana).
- 22 May Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF- Operation Kaveri in Sudan reflects India's unwavering commitment towards its citizens (Published in The Daily Guardian).
- 23 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- India and Central Asia Defence Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities (Published in Indian foreign affairs journal Vol 6. No. 4 October-December 2021- 331-34).
- 23 May Dr Pravesh Kumar Gupta, Associate Fellow, VIF- Implications of China's increasing security footprint in Central Asia (Published in Hindustan Times).
- 28 May Amb Satish Chandra, Vice Chairman, VIF- Modi government's foreign policy has been transformative (Published in The Sunday Guardian Live).

Participation in Conferences/Discussions

Arvind Gupta, Director, VIF

6 May Delivered a keynote address on the theme 'India and Southeast Asia: One Indic Belt', organised by JNU.

- 8 May Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session on 'Emerging opportunities in Think Tanks, Consultancies & Delivered a talk in the session of the Sautilla (Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla (Sautilla Sautilla Sautilla
- 10 May Attended a RTD on 'India's Nuclear Strategy 'organised by CAPS at Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park.

Television Appearances

Arvind Gupta, Director, VIF

20 May Discussion on 'Quad Summit at Hiroshima' at DD News.

Samir Bhattacharya, Senior Research Associate, VIF

11 May Discussion on 'Duniya Mere Aage' at DD Urdu.

Events

8 May	Talk by Prof Sreeradha Datta on India-Bangladesh Relations in the Face of Upcoming Elections.
9 May	Virtual - Quad plus dialogue on the future of the Ukraine crisis and its regional and global implications.
10 May	Interaction with a Visiting Delegation from Royal Collage of Defense Study (RCDS), UK.
17 May	Discussion with Prof. Tomasz Stepniewski, lecturer and Research Director at the Institute of Central Europe in Lublin.
17 May	Vimarsh on Hindutva and Religion by Prof Arvind Sharma
18 May	Eleventh Lecture on Gita for the Millennia
24 May	VIF-BISS-World Bank Joint Workshop on Bluer, Greener and Inclusive Growth in the Sundarban through an Ecosystem- based Approach

VIF in Social media

27K

Followers on Twitter

172K

Impressions on Twitter





12,588

49,770

5.5K

444.1

Views on VIF YouTube Videos Hours watched on VIF YouTube Channel



VIF Website Analysis

From Google Analytics

Sessions: 42,646

(A session is the period time a user is actively engaged with our website, app, etc.)

Users: 33,772

(Users who have initiated at least one session in May2023.)

Page Views: 74,998

(Page Views is the total number of pages viewed.)

Sessions Country 42,646 75.37% % of Total: 100.00% (42,646) Avg for View: 75.32% (0.06%) 🍱 India 25,634 (60.11%) 68.74% China 5,342 (12.53%) 95.88% United States 3,173 (7.44%) 79.83% Singapore 1,337 (3.14%) 94.24% Pakistan 728 (1.71%) 79.53% 642 (1.51%) 81.93% Hong Kong Vietnam 502 (1.18%) 84.86% 402 (0.94%) Bangladesh 81.34% United Kingdom 384 (0.90%) 80.99% 10. k Nepal 331 (0.78%) 68.58%

From Server Analytics

Visits: 224,095

(A visit is one individual visitor who arrives at our web site and proceeds to browse.)

Unique Visits: 11,541

(First Time Visitor from different IP Address.)

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