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# Monthly Report at a Glance

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## PUBLICATIONS

### COMMENTARIES

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website*
1	1-Aug	China-ASEAN Negotiations on Code of Conduct for the South China Sea	Arvind Gupta	383
2	2-Aug	Two Years of PCA Judgement on South China Sea: An Analytical Perspective	Somen Banerjee	591
3	2-Aug	Marine Debris Worry Indian and Indonesian Leaders	Dr Vijay Sakhuja	509
4	2-Aug	Pakistan Army and Imran Khan: From Macro to Micro Management Post Polls	Brig Rahul Bhonsle	309
5	6-Aug	Founding of a 'Higher Education Commission of India'	Rajesh Singh	538
6	7-Aug	West Asia Highlights	Amb Anil Trigunayat	216
7	9-Aug	Myanmar Peace Process Inches Forward: Key Issues Remain	Brig Vinod Anand	225
8	10-Aug	The NRC process: Both Complex and Necessary	Rajesh Singh	505
9	13-Aug	Another Casualty of US-China Trade Tussle: Tourism	Aayush Mohanty	383
10	13-Aug	Africa on Top Priority: Prime Minister Modi Visits Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa	Dr Neha Sinha	539
11	14-Aug	The First Nepal-India Think Tank Summit	Dr Sreeradha Datta	814
12	20-Aug	Is NRC Only for Assam, or to be Extended to All States Where Bangladesh Migrants Have Spread?	Pravas Kumar Mishra	338
13	21-Aug	Maldives in Election Mode	Akash Sahu	333
14	23-Aug	The Ottoman Syndrome	Amb Anil Trigunayat	658
15	28-Aug	Building Dams with Donations	Arvind Gupta	365
16	30-Aug	Pakistan Economy: Challenges Ahead for the New Government	Prateek Joshi	696

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### ARTICLES

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1	1-Aug	No Need to Engage Imran Khan Prematurely	Amb Kanwal Sibal	620
2	1-Aug	The Pakistan Elections 2018	Tilak Devasher	274
3	8-Aug	Will Chinese Economy ever surpass the US Economy?	Prerna Gandhi	414
4	8-Aug	Pakistan's Elections and 'Naya' Pakistan?	Amb D P Srivastava	442
5	9-Aug	Xth BRICS SUMMIT -Prospects and Limitations	Amb Anil Trigunayat	450
6	9-Aug	Imran Khan: Political Inclinations	Ankit Singh, Prateek Joshi & Shruti Punia	371
7	10- Aug	Armed Forces of Vietnam	Maj Gen (Retd.) P K Chakravorty	367
8	16-Aug	Overdependence on ZTE in India	Aayush Mohanty	403
9	20-Aug	Appointments of Judges: President to Collegium to NJAC and back to Collegium	Dr Makkhan Lal	289
10	20-Aug	He could sting, but also give a healing touch: A tribute to Atal Bihari Vajpayee	Dr Rajesh Singh	237
11	22-Aug	Withdrawal from FGFA: The Decision and Way Ahead	Lt Gen (Dr) V K Saxena	616
12	22-Aug	US-India 2 Plus 2 Dialogue: Significance of Strategic Partnership	Lt Gen Gautam Banerjee	423
13	23-Aug	A Threat Looming Large: India must display Resolve and Unit	Lt General Davinder Kumar	529
14	24-Aug	National Register of Citizens (NRC) - The Next Steps	Abhijit Chakraverty	453
15	24-Aug	Current International Order in Flux: Opportunities and Threats	Pinaki Bhattacharya	276
16	26-Aug	Pakistan's New Government: Are there reasons for Hope?	Sanjiv Khanna	339

17	30-Aug	समकालिक चुनाव: सहमति, असहमति और समाधान	Shiwanand Dwivedi	289
18	31-Aug	Making Sense of Missile Shield	Lt Gen (Dr) V K Saxena	472

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## PUBLICATIONS

## BOOK REVIEWS

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website
1	28-Aug	'China's Future', by David Shambaugh, Cambridge: Polity Press, 2016, Pages: 203, Price: \$ 19.95, ISBN: 978-15095-0714-6	Gunjan Singh	247

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## PUBLICATIONS

NATIONAL SECURITY | **BRIEFS** | **PAPERS**

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website
1	1-Aug	National Security Vol. I Issue I   August 2018		605
2	7-Aug	Delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the India-Indonesia Maritime Border	Asha Sundaramurthy	177
3	13-Aug	Nepal's March Towards Constitutional Democracy	C D Sahay & Dr. Madhumita Srivastava Balaji,	145
4	14-Aug	The Conclave on River Basin Management Equitable Use of River Basin Water	Report	67
5	21-Aug	Maritime Transport has the Potential to Reinvigorate Indian Economy	Somen Banerjee	32
6	27-Aug	Cryptocurrencies: A New Scourge of Terror Financing	Abhinav Pandya	66
7	28-Aug	Indian Engagement with Afghanistan: An Economic Perspective	Prof Nirmala Joshi	56

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## PUBLICATIONS

### VIF NEWS DIGEST

No	Pub. Date	Title	Period	Views on website
1	1-Aug	VIF News Digest: International Developments	23-29 July, 2018	296
2	10-Aug	VIF News Digest: International Developments	30July - 5 August, 2018	473
4	20-Aug	VIF News Digest: International Developments	6-12 August, 2018	219
5	23-Aug	VIF News Digest: International Developments	13-19 August, 2018	430
6	31-Jul	VIF News Digest: International Developments	20-26 August, 2018	398

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\* VIF also issues Neighbourhood News Digest & Information Alerts on a daily bases.

\* All these and more are available at the VIF website [www.vifindia.org](http://www.vifindia.org).

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## SCHOLARS OUTREACH

### Articles/OPEDS in Indian main stream Media/Journal:

- **1 Aug:** Maj Gen P K Mallick, VSM (Retd), Consultant, VIF – *Technological Solutions to Reinforcing Security*, Published in India Foundation Journal, July-August issue, pp 45 -53.
- **3 Aug:** Amb Asoke Mukerji, Distinguished Fellow, VIF – *US Moves India Into Tier 1 Of The Strategic Trade Authorization (Sta)*, Published in All India Radio World Service.
- **7 Aug:** Gunjan Singh, Associate Fellow, VIF – *Ann Lee. Will China's Economy Collapse?*, Published in Asian Affairs, Pages 561-563 on 7 Aug 2018..
- **9 Aug:** Brig Vinod Anand, Senior Fellow, VIF – *BRICS summit in South Africa shows high level of mutual understanding between leaders*, Published in Quoted majorly in Russian media PenzaNews.
- **12 Aug:** Gunjan Singh, Associate Fellow, VIF – *Increasing Nationalism and Censorship under Xi Jinping*, Published in Asia Times.
- **12 Aug:** Dr. Arpita Mitra, Associate Fellow, VIF – *Darśana, Overview of Six Schools'—entry in Pankaj Jain et al (eds.) Hinduism and Tribal Religions Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*, Springer, Dordrecht, 2018..
- **17 Aug:** Prateek Joshi, Research Associate, VIF – *Imran Khan's victory and the question of South Asian Strategic Stability*, Published in Hudson Institute's South Asia Program.
- **17 July:** Amb Asoke Mukerji, Distinguished Fellow, VIF – *ATAL-THE AJATSHATRU*, Published in Air World Service.
- **21 Aug:** Amb Anil Trigunayat, Distinguished Fellow, VIF – *Tenacious Tenets of Israel's Foreign Policy*, Published in Values, Foreign Policy and Universality.
- **21 Aug:** Amb D P Srivastava, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, VIF – *Opinion / Imran Khan's many economic challenges*, Published in LiveMint.
- **21 Aug:** Lt Gen Gautam Banerjee, Editor, VIF – *Now Doklam: Renounce of the Eternal 'Wisdom of China'*, Published in India Defence Review.



## Participation in Conferences:

Dr Arvind Gupta, Director - VIF

- **24 Aug:** Chaired a session on 'China-India Maritime Cooperation: Opportunities, Challenges and Maritime Confidence Building Measures' at The Fourth National Maritime Foundation (NMF) - Academy for World Watch (AWW) Dialogue.

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## MAJOR EVENTS

**1 Aug:** Talk on 'Humanitarian Perspectives on Global security Trends' by Mr Jeremy England, Head, Regional Delegation of the International Committee ICRC.

- **3 Aug:** Conference on 'Assessing India's Connectivity with Its Neighborhood'.
- **6 Aug:** Talk on 'India- Nepal Relationship: Current Perspectives' by Amb. Jayant Prasad, DG, IDSA.
- **6 Aug:** Interaction with 'Al Haj Syed Nazibul Bashar Maizvandary', MP & Chairman, Bangladesh Tariqat Federation.
- **7 Aug:** Interaction with a visiting 'Chinese delegation from Sichuan University, Chengdu', China.
- **7 Aug:** Talk on 'Dharma & Ecology' by Dr Pankaj Jain (Associate Professor Department of Philosophy and Religion University of North Texas, USA).
- **8 Aug:** Vimarsha on 'Technology for Sustainable Development' by Professor M. Jagadesh Kumar, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- **12 Aug:** Talk by Dr Shashi Bala on 'Indian Scholars in China - Voyages for Cultural Advancemen'.
- **14 Aug:** Release of the book 'Who Should Say Sorry for Two Millennia of Injustices' authored by Amb Surendra Kumar.
- **20 Aug:** Brainstorming Session on 'India-China Relations: Global, Regional and Bilateral Context including Future Trajectory'.
- **22 Aug:** Release of 'Policy Recommendation by the Quadripartite Commission on the Indian Ocean Security'.
- **23 Aug:** Interaction with Dr. Ying Rong, Vice President China Institute of International Studies.
- **23 Aug:** Brainstorming Session on Afghanistan.
- **27-28 Aug:** Asian Buddhist Media Conclave – 'Mindful Communication for Conflict Avoidance and Sustainable Development'.

- **29 Aug:** Interaction with 'Tsinghua University Delegation' led by Prof. Yan, Xuetong, Dean of the Institute of International Relations, Tsinghua University.
- **30 Aug:** Discussion on 'India-China Trade' with Dr. Rajiv Kumar (Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog).
- **31 Aug:** Interaction with HE Kenneth I Juster (US Ambassador to India) on 'Recent developments in India-US bilateral relations, the forthcoming 2+2 Dialogue and the road ahead'.

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## VIF IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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Impressions on Twitter

12,819

Followers on Twitter



9,541

Followers on Facebook Page

1,16,789

Impressions on Facebook Page

39,011

Minutes watched on VIF YouTube Channel

6,434

Views on VIF YouTube Videos



### Top 3 Videos watched on VIF YouTube Channel

Video Title	Watch time (Minutes)	Views
Release cum discussion on Black Money and Tax Havens authored by Prof R Vaidyanathan	4996	234
Understanding the Ancient Indian Texts : Puranas & the Bhagavad Gita' by Dr Bibek Debroy	4963	342
27-28 August 2018 - Asian Buddhist Media Conclave – Mindful Communication for Conflict Avoidance	1638	306

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## VIF WEBSITE ANALYSIS

### From Google Analytics

Sessions: 18,684











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

Users: 13,648

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

Page Views: 46,346

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

Country	Sessions	
	<b>18,684</b> % of Total: 100.00% (18,684)	<b>66.84%</b> Avg for View: 66.79% (0.07%)
1.  India	<b>15,766</b> (84.38%)	65.24%
2.  United States	<b>1,096</b> (5.87%)	79.84%
3.  Pakistan	<b>144</b> (0.77%)	60.42%
4.  United Kingdom	<b>135</b> (0.72%)	64.44%
5.  France	<b>105</b> (0.56%)	97.14%
6.  Nepal	<b>102</b> (0.55%)	75.49%
7.  China	<b>96</b> (0.51%)	70.83%
8.  Australia	<b>76</b> (0.41%)	80.26%
9.  Philippines	<b>72</b> (0.39%)	69.44%
10.  Canada	<b>68</b> (0.36%)	75.00%

### From Server Analytics

Visits: 129,127

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

Unique Visits: 42,339

(First Time Visitor from different IP Address.)

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## VIF IN NEWS

**22 Aug:** Media Coverage of release of the 'Policy Recommendations by Quadripartite Commission on the Indian Ocean Regional Security'.

- Quad countries discuss ocean security
- Quad should work to oppose permanent Chinese military bases in IOR: 4 think tanks
- Quad should work to oppose permanent Chinese military bases in IOR: 4 think tanks
- QUAD Brains against China's Bases in the Indian Ocean Region

**27-28 Aug:** Media Coverage of 'Asian Buddhist Media Conclave Seeks Dharma-inspired Paradigms for Buddhist and Secular Journalism'.

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## About the VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

The Vivekananda International Foundation is an independent non-partisan institution that conducts research and analysis on domestic and international issues, and offers a platform for dialogue and conflict resolution. Some of India's leading practitioners from the fields of security, military, diplomacy, government, academia and media have come together to generate ideas and stimulate action on national security issues.

The defining feature of VIF lies in its provision of core institutional support which enables the organisation to be flexible in its approach and proactive in changing circumstances, with a long-term focus on India's strategic, developmental and civilisational interests. The VIF aims to channelise fresh insights and decades of experience harnessed from its faculty into fostering actionable ideas for the nation's stakeholders.

Since its inception, VIF has pursued quality research and scholarship and made efforts to highlight issues in governance, and strengthen national security. This is being actualised through numerous activities like seminars, round tables, interactive dialogues, Vimarsh (public discourse), conferences and briefings. The publications of VIF form lasting deliverables of VIF's aspiration to impact on the prevailing discourse on issues concerning India's national interest.



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