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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-Oct	Libya in Turmoil	Amb D P Srivastava	288
2	4-Oct	Maldives: Triumph for Democracy	Dr Sreeradha Datta	547
3	11-Oct	Forum of China-Africa Cooperation - Issue of 'Debt Trap'	Dr Teshu Singh	463
4	11-Oct	West Asia Developments: September, 2018	Amb Anil Trigunayat	365
5	15-Oct	The Challenge of Ensuring Rail Safety	Rajesh Singh	396
6	16-Oct	Pakistan Withdrawal from Combined Task Force 151: Does it Presage a Lethal Military Bloc – An Alliance of Four (Ao4)?	Somen Banerjee	508
7	22-Oct	New Opportunities for India's Pharma Companies in Israel	Aayush Mohanty	257
8	24-Oct	Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's Visit to India Charts a New Course in the 'Strategic Partnership'	Skand Ranjan Tayal	334
9	25-Oct	Review of India Nepal Relations in the Last 6 Months, 9 October 2018	Dr Sreeradha Datta	777
10	26-Oct	Wolesi Jirga Elections - Triumph of Afghan Democracy	Prateek Joshi	236
11	31-Oct	India Faces New Political Configurations in the Neighbourhood	Arvind Gupta	652

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## PUBLICATIONS

### ARTICLES

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website*
1	3-Oct	Analysing the Aborted India-Pakistan Meeting at New York	Amb Kanwal Sibal	422
2	5-Oct	Foreign Policy Challenges for Imran Khan's Naya Pakistan	Ankit Singh	614
3	5-Oct	Ayushman Bharat a Game-Changer, but concerns have to be addressed	Rajesh Singh	1292
4	17-Oct	Brexit: Implications for the United Kingdom and European Union Economy	Hennashka Israni	515
5	23-Oct	Defence Cooperation: India-Russia Strategic Partnership in Recess	Brig Gurmeet Kanwal	460
6	25-Oct	Strategic Policy Group - Evolution of Integrated National Security Structure	C D Sahay & Ramanand Garge	640
7	30- Oct	Artillery Today	Maj Gen (Retd.) P K Chakravorty	141

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## PUBLICATIONS

**BRIEFS** | **PAPERS**

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views/Downloads on website*
1	9-Oct	Cyber Security: Fundamental to India's Sovereignty	Lt General Davinder Kumar, PVSM, VSM Bar, ADC,	738/277
2	11-Oct	2+2 Dialogue and Indo U.S. Relations	Maj Gen P K Mallick, VSM	875/ 240
3	17-Oct	Japan's Changing Security Discourse from the prism of its Deterrence Imperative	Prerna Gandhi	806/52
4	25-Oct	Employability in India: Understanding Demography and the Skills Gap	Partha Pratim Mitra	763/140

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## PUBLICATIONS

### VIF NEWS DIGEST

No	Pub. Date	Title	Period	Views on website*
1	3-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	17 Sept – 23 Sept 2018	316
2	8-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	24 Sept – 30 Sept 2018	321
3	11-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	01 Oct – 07 Oct 2018	608
4	22-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	08 Oct – 14 Oct 2018	354
5	24-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	15 Oct – 21 Oct 2018	809
6	31-Oct	VIF News Digest: International Developments	22 Oct – 28 Oct 201	682

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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:

- **4 Oct:** Amb Anil Wadhwa, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, VIF – *'India, Russia Should Enhance Ties Beyond Military Domain'*, Published in Strategic News International.
- **5 Oct:** Amb Asoke Mukerji, Distinguished Fellow, VIF – *'Visit Of UN Secretary-General To India'*, Published in Air World Service.
- **6 Oct:** Amb Anil Wadhwa, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, VIF – *'Modi-Putin summit set a new milestone for Indo-Russian ties'*, Published in News Mobile.
- **9 Oct:** Amb Anil Wadhwa, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, VIF – *'India And Russia Need To Diversify Their Economic Relationship But Structural Constraints Remain'*, Published in Outlook on 7 October 2018.
- **10 Oct:** Lt Gen Gautam Banerjee, Editor, VIF – *'Awakening to National Defence: Hope at Last?'*, Published in the Indian Defence Review Jul-Sep 18 Issue.
- **15 Oct:** Dr Neha Sinha, Associate Fellow, VIF – *'Ghana's Contributions to the African Union'*, Published in 'Diplomacy and Beyond'.
- **21 Oct:** Prateek Joshi, Research Associate, VIF – *'India should keep close eye on Kabul as General Raziq's death gives ISI crucial role in stabilising Afghanistan'*, Published in Firstpost.
- **23 Oct:** Amb Anil Trigunayat, Distinguished Fellow, V – *'Kazakhstan's Odyssey of Peace and Harmony'*, Published in The Tuck Magazine.

## Participation in Conferences:

**Dr Arvind Gupta, Director - VIF**

- **28 Oct:** Delivered a speech on 'Agenda for Peace: What should be on the Peace Agenda?', at the India Foundation Ideas Conclave.

**Dr Neha Sinha, Associate Fellow, VIF**

- **4 Oct:** Presented a paper on "An overview of Indian Diaspora in Africa: Implications for India", in an International Conference held in the Center for the Study of Indian Diaspora, University of Hyderabad.

## Television Appearances:

**Amb Asoke Mukerji, Distinguished Fellow, VIF**

- **24 Oct:** Interview about his time at the UN on United Nations India Youtube Channel.

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## MAJOR EVENTS

- **5 Oct:** Interaction with the 'Prospect Foundation', Taipei Delegation.
- **8 Oct:** Brainstorming Session on 'Evolving a Strategy for International Defence Cooperation'.
- **9 Oct:** Brainstorming Session on 'India-Nepal Relations - Oli's Six Months: A Review'.
- **10 Oct:** Talk on 'Indian Mode of Philosophizing' by Prof. S. R. Bhatt, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research.
- **13 Oct:** Vimarsha on 'Swami Vivekananda and his Contemporary Relevance' by Ku. Nivedita Bhide (Vice President, Vivekananda Kendra Kanyakumari).
- **16 Oct:** Seminar on 'Emerging India-Korea Relations: Convergence of India's Act East Policy and Korea's New Southern Policy'.
- **17 Oct:** RTD on the 'Next Steps in US-India Relations' with Heritage Foundation.
- **22 Oct:** Seminar on 'Enhancing National Security through Diplomacy'.
- **25-26 Oct:** National Workshop on 'Earthquake Preparedness in India'.
- **29 Oct:** Talk on 'Chinese Masters in India in Search of Wisdom Texts and to Pay Homage to the Holy places' by Dr Shashi Bala.
- **30 Oct:** Interaction with Mr. Gong Xiaosheng, China's Special Envoy on 'Middle East Issue'.
- **30 Oct:** Round Table Discussion on Neighbourhood.

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## VIF IN SOCIAL MEDIA

381K

Impressions on Twitter

14,984

Followers on Twitter



9,811

Followers on Facebook Page

1,06,618

Impressions on Facebook Page

32,361

Minutes watched on VIF YouTube Channel

5,848

Views on VIF YouTube Videos



### Top 3 Videos watched on VIF YouTube Channel

Video Title	Watch time (Minutes)	Views
Swami Avdheshanand Giri ji Maharaj on Desh, Samaj aur Vyakti	4,386	427
Vimarsha on Swami Vivekananda and his Contemporary Relevance by Ku. Nivedita Bhide (VP, VKK)	3,550	477
Understanding the Ancient Indian Texts : Puranas & the Bhagavad Gita' by Dr Bibek Debroy	2922	207

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## VIF WEBSITE ANALYSIS

### From Google Analytics

Sessions: 21,088








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

Users: 14,667

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

Page Views: 50,906

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

Country	Sessions	
	<b>21,088</b> % of Total: 100.00% (21,088)	<b>64.18%</b> Avg for View: 64.08% (0.16%)
1.  India	<b>17,431</b> (82.66%)	62.59%
2.  United States	<b>1,282</b> (6.08%)	85.10%
3.  Switzerland	<b>266</b> (1.26%)	5.64%
4.  Pakistan	<b>200</b> (0.95%)	72.50%
5.  United Kingdom	<b>135</b> (0.64%)	74.81%
6.  United Arab Emirates	<b>132</b> (0.63%)	54.55%
7.  China	<b>120</b> (0.57%)	71.67%
8.  Bangladesh	<b>108</b> (0.51%)	79.63%
9.  Netherlands	<b>104</b> (0.49%)	16.35%
10.  Russia	<b>89</b> (0.42%)	67.42%

### From Server Analytics

Visits: 141,258

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

Unique Visits: 43,798

(First Time Visitor from different IP Address.)

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- 5, 6 & 8 Nov: Certificate Programme on 'Introduction to Indian Strategic Thinking'.
- 13-14 Nov: 'BIMSTEC Think Tank Dialogue on Regional Security'.
- 15 Nov: Panel Discussion on 'Economy'.
- 15 Nov: **Vimarsha** on 'State of the Economy: India and the World' by Shri S Gurumurthy, Chairman, VIF (Economic & Political Analyst).

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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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