



Vivekananda International Foundation

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at a Glance

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PUBLICATIONS

COMMENTARIES

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website*
1	1-May	Constitution of the new Defence Panel Chaired by the NSA	G. Mohan Kumar	547
2	2-May	Swami Vivekananda's Impressions about China and Japan	Dr. Arpita Mitra	1039
3	3-May	The Fifth India-China Strategic Economic Dialogue	Dr Teshu Singh	640
4	3-May	Exploring India-Russia cultural linkages at 70	Dr. Arpita Mitra	836
5	4-May	Modi-Xi Informal Summit: Striving to Achieve Equilibrium	Brig Vinod Anand	439
6	7-May	Significance of Exercise 'Gagan Shakti-2018'	Arvind Gupta	557
7	8-May	Why S-400 Will Make Sense Despite (Un)Likelihood of US Sanctions	Lt Gen (Dr) V K Saxena	556
8	10-May	President Kovind's Visit: India - Africa Relations Reach New Heights	Neha Sinha	417
9	10-May	Modi Xi-Summit: All About 'Feel Good'!	Gunjan Singh	592
10	10-May	Iran Nuclear Deal	Amb D P Srivastava	482
11	11-May	ASEAN Summit at Singapore: Urgent Need for a Legally Binding Code of Conduct in South China Sea	Brig Vinod Anand	298
12	14-May	Economy in 2018: Changes and Challenges	Aayush Mohanty	574
13	14-May	India's Fifth Largest Military Spending Rank by SIPRI - A Reality Check	Brig (ret'd) Rahul Bhonsle	509
14	15-May	Obituary: Pravrajika Atmaprana, Biographer of Sister Nivedita, Passes Away in Delhi	Dr. Arpita Mitra	782
15	16-May	Will Japan Carry the Bastion of Constitution Amendment After Abe?	Prerna Gandhi	349
16	16-May	India's Lines of Credit Dilemma	Amb Anil Trigunayat	905

17	17-May	PM Modi's Visit to Nepal - the Beginning of a New Chapter	C D Sahay & Abhigya Langeh	463
18	18-May	Bangladesh: Quota Politics	Abhijit Chakraverty	366
19	21-May	Changing Political Landscape in the Middle East	Amb D P Srivastava	286
20	21-May	India Should Be Innovative in the Challenging Times Ahead	Arvind Gupta	610
21	22-May	Minister of State for External Affairs Visits North Korea	Skand Ranjan Tayal	255
22	22-May	China's Maritime Challenges in the Indo-Pacific	Jayadeva Ranade	597
23	24-May	The Rise in Pakistan Defence Budget: What to Read?	Prateek Joshi	462
24	24-May	20 Years of India's Nuclearisation: Retrospect and Prospect	Kapil Patil	487
25	25-May	Fifty-Fourth Death Anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the First Prime Minister of India	RNP Singh	261
26	28-May	Rise of Regional Parties and Coalition Politics and its Pitfalls	RNP Singh	424
27	29-May	India and North Korea: Future Directions	Amb Anil Wadhwa	220
28	30-May	Australia Defines Priorities of National Security Science and Technology Policy - Relevance for India	C D Sahay & Ramanand Garge	218

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ARTICLES

No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website*
1	9-May	Kyrgyzstan in Political Turmoil	Dr Rashmini Koparkar	624
2	17-May	Sri Lanka: Reforms in Policing-Work in Progress	Akash Sahu	316
3	30-May	Demilitarising the South China Sea: Concerted Efforts Needed	Brig Vinod Anand	435
4	31-May	Modi-Putin: The Sochi Rendezvous	Amb Anil Trigunayat	533

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No	Pub. Date	Title	Author	Views on website
1	1-May	Terror Financing: Battle beyond the Banks	Abhinav Pandya	294
2	11-May	Emerging Structure of Maritime Security in the Bay of Bengal	Somen Banerjee	185
3	18-May	Xi's Tightening Control over the Media	Gunjan Singh	179
4	29-May	India and UN Peace keeping Operations in South Sudan	Neha Sinha	174

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PUBLICATIONS

VIF NEWS DIGEST

No	Pub. Date	Title	Period	Views on website
1	1-May	VIF News Digest: USA, Europe, Eurasia, Russia, CARs (Vol 2 Issue IV)	March 1 - 31, 2018	279
2	7-May	VIF News Digest: National Security- Defence Studies & Terrorism (Vol 2 Issue VI)	April 16 – 30, 2018	321
3	8-May	VIF Digest – USA and Russia (Vol 2 Issue V)	April 1 - 30, 2018	224
4	10-May	VIF News Digest: International Developments	1-7 May, 2018	252
5	17-May	VIF News Digest: International Developments	21-27 May, 2018	186
6	24-May	VIF News Digest: International Developments	14-20 May, 2018	201
7	28-May	VIF News Digest: National Security- Defence Studies & Terrorism (Vol 2 Issue VII)	May 1 – 15, 2018	255
8	31-May	VIF News Digest: International Developments	21-27 May, 2018	167

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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.

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SCHOLARS OUTREACH

Articles/OPEDS in Indian main stream Media/Journal:

- **2 May:** Arvind Gupta, Director - VIF – *Achieving self-reliance in defence production will require a comprehensive roadmap*, Published in The Economics time.
- **3 May:** Prateek Joshi, Research Associate, VIF – *The Wuhan dialogue: dismantling old structures and debating the 'reset'*, Published in Australian Strategic Policy Institute.
- **5 May:** Dr Teshu Singh – *Has the Wuhan Meeting "reset" the India-China Relations?*, Published in Institute for Transnational Studies.
- **8 May:** Asha Sundaramurthy, Young Professional, VIF – *India Keeps Australia out of the Malabar Exercise - Again*, Published in The Diplomat.
- **9 May:** Maj Gen P K Mallick, VSM (Retd), Consultant, VIF – *Defence Implications of Key Emerging Technologies*, Published in the March April 2018 issue of Salute.
- **15 May:** Prateek Joshi, Research Associate, VIF – *Narendra Modi and Xi Jinping signal reset at Wuhan, but BRI and Afghanistan may further complicate relations*, Published in Firstpost.
- **25 May:** Amb Anil Wadhwa, Senior Fellow & Cluster Leader, VIF – *Chinese Investments in Europe*, Published in Institute of Chinese Studies.
- **31 May:** Prateek Joshi, Research Associate, VIF – *Gilgit Baltistan Order 2018: Towards greater federalism or redefining alienation?*, Published in Hudson institute.

Participation in Conferences:

Dr Arvind Gupta, Director - VIF

- **12 May:** Delivered a Valedictory address on '7-Day Certificate Programme on International Relations for Officers of the Central Tibetan Administration, OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat.

- **28 May:** Delivered a talk on 'National Security' to Somalian Diplomats' at the The Foreign Service Institute, New delhi.
- **30 May:** Keynote address on 'Cyber Security' at the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi.

C D Sahay, Centre Head & Senior Fellow, Neighbourhood Studies and Internal Security Studies, VIF

- **1 May:** Met with Delegation from Kashmir regarding current developments.
- **30 May:** Attended VIF-FICCI meet on Cyber Security.
- **30 May:** Attended a meeting in Cabinet Sectt on Intelligence Restructuring as a Key Participant.
- **31 May:** Attended a meeting with Home Secretary and DIB on Intelligence Reforms as main Participant.

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MAJOR EVENTS AT VIF

- **9 May:** Brainstorming Session on Wuhan informal Summit.
- **14 May:** Talk with Prof CR Babu.
- **15 May:** Interaction with Vietnam delegation from diplomatic academy of Vietnam.
- **15 May:** School Essay Contest Prize Distribution.
- **21 May:** Interaction with the Visiting Uzbek Delegation Led by Mr. Akmal Burkhanov, Director of Development Strategy Center and Member of Parliament, Uzbekistan.
- **23 May:** Round Table Discussion on Iran Nuclear Deal and its Implications on India.
- **23 May:** Vimarsha on 'The Role of Indian Navy in the Changing Security Environment' by Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Chief of Naval Staff.
- **24 May:** Brainstorming Session on Campaign Beyond hard Power: Neutralising the 'Idea of Azadi' & Road Ahead in J &K.
- **30-31 May:** Conference on Homeland Security.
- **31 May:** Brainstorming Session on Defence Planning Committee.

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VIF IN SOCIAL MEDIA

492K

Impressions on Twitter

11,948

Followers on Twitter



9,319

Followers on Facebook Page

34,193

Impressions on Facebook Page

70,888

Minutes watched on VIF YouTube Channel

7,680

Views on VIF YouTube Videos



Top 3 Videos watched on VIF YouTube Channel

Video Title	Watch time (Minutes)	Views
Vimarsha on "The Role of Indian Air Force in the Changing Security Environment" by Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa, PVSM, AVSM, YSM, VM, ADC.	38,382	2,538
Changing Security Environment: The Role of Indian Army - General Bipin Rawat, COAS.	11,424	1,359
The Role of Indian Navy in the Changing Security Environment by Adm Sunil Lanba, CNS	5,179	458

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VIF WEBSITE ANALYSIS

From Google Analytics

Sessions: 24,007











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

Users: 18,097

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

Page Views: 55,335

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

Country	Sessions	
	24,007 % of Total: 100.00% (24,007)	70.35% Avg for View: 70.32% (0.05%)
1.  India	20,256 (84.38%)	69.25%
2.  United States	940 (3.92%)	78.72%
3.  Pakistan	265 (1.10%)	63.40%
4.  China	204 (0.85%)	69.12%
5.  United Kingdom	196 (0.82%)	73.47%
6.  Australia	147 (0.61%)	74.15%
7.  Canada	121 (0.50%)	73.55%
8.  United Arab Emirates	110 (0.46%)	80.91%
9.  Russia	107 (0.45%)	57.94%
10.  Bangladesh	99 (0.41%)	72.73%

From Server Analytics

Visits: 162,224

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

Unique Visits: 45,816

(First Time Visitor from different IP Address.)

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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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