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Dear Readers,

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The confrontational situation over the past fortnight, as triggered by China's unilateral aggression over the Doklam Area of Bhutan, continues to be a matter of concern for India. As we stoically deal with an obdurate People's Liberation Army (PLA) and an unusually aggressive barrage of propaganda and misinformation unleashed by China's state sponsored media, we also have to be prepared to keep our cause alive. The burden is further exacerbated by the subterfuge of undermining India's hoary neighbourly commitments that we nurture among our cultural brotherhood. Concerning this issue, we have two articles, as listed under, authored by our top experts, one analyzing China's propaganda war and the other exposing the misinformation campaign. Readers would find these articulations as most enlightening.

At our other flank, politics in Pakistan is reeling under a storm of intrigue, instigation and manipulative adaptations. Whatever be the outcome of this political quagmire and whosoever succeeds in grabbing power, there may not be any cause of comfort for India; no party in Pakistan, including its Army, is beholden to the ideals of freedom or peace. This issue has been summarized in another article uploaded on our website.

In contrast to the above, the sublime aspects of our internal institutions are highlighted by two thought provoking pieces, one explaining the cultural roots of our Constitution and the other distinguishing the standards of morality vis-a-vis the current brand of politics. As the readers would find, rather interesting these articles are.



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During the fortnight we had organized two major events of intellectual discourse. The first one was the formal release of our flagship Annual Publication 'VIF Perspective: Issues & Trends, 2017' which contains 15 papers authored by top experts on contemporary national level issues, with the Union Minister for the Railways, Shri Suresh Prabhu doing the honours. Then we had a Round Table Discussion to analyse various socio-economic solutions to deal with the Maoist rebellion; this was Chaired by Shri Sekhar Dutt, former Governor of Chattisgarh State. Reports on these events are listed below for the readers to access through our website, www.vifindia.org.

Gaining popularity of our productions is a matter of pride for me and my team. Indeed, we remain committed to the service of our informed readership.

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Yours Sincerely,



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