CONFIDENCE doesn't come when you have all the answers. But it comes when you are ready to face all the questions.

The HINDU Analysis
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Intro:- This verdict by South Korea’s highest court, upholding Parliament’s vote to impeach Park Geun-hye- Ms. Park has been through her tenure since 2013

Ms. Park could now face criminal proceedings on allegations that she was complicit in nefarious activities.

Her autocratic and whimsical rule was marked by fierce attacks on

1) Labour unions,
2) Smear campaigns against critics, and
3) Efforts to rewrite history textbooks.

4) The most provocative foreign policy move was the deployment of the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence, an American missile defence system, escalating regional tensions.

China retaliated with calls for the boycott of South Korean imports.
The task of public cleansing in South Korea is far from over, as is evident from the ongoing criminal proceedings involving tycoons from its best-known corporations.

The recent assertion of the independence of the judiciary from political interference and the capacity of legislators to uphold their authority are notable.

It would be no surprise, therefore, if South Korea’s example becomes a model worthy of emulation elsewhere in the region.

South Koreans are due to elect their next President by May — and by all indications, they are seeking to strengthen the country’s democratic institutions
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Q-Why was AIIB is established when the IMF and World Bank are already there?

Q-Critically comment on the ‘neo-isolationist’ tendency of the new US administration and its implications for India and the world.
For a bold foreign policy

- **Intro:** In a fast-changing world, national interest is not served by avoiding problems left over by a previous order.
- Elements of power in the next world order will revolve around diplomacy, force, or trade as the primary tool.
- Moving to a multipolar world
- In the last 20 years, incomes of 80% of the population in the West stagnated while per capita income in China quadrupled, and India’s more than doubled.
- Society is ageing; technology is disrupting labour markets and business models.
- The digital economy is expected to provide one-quarter of global productivity by 2025 and will have the U.S., China and India reinforcing the multipolar order.
- Functioning of the global economy has affected the economic and political relationship between the large and small economies.
- Reducing and increasing the leverage exercised by the U.S. and China, respectively.
The China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, which former U.S. President Barack Obama failed to weaken, and the New Development Bank of the BRICS.

China is projecting the One Belt, One Road (OBOR) initiative as a replacement for the U.S.-led post-1950 multilateral institutions.

Mr. Trump is understandably questioning the relevance of the United Nations for the U.S., favouring bilateral deals and forcing others to rethink the nature and role of international cooperation.

He is resetting priorities away from peacekeeping, environment and human rights to trade.

His ‘America First’ strategy has broad support within the U.S.

Other rich countries like Japan and the U.K. are likely to adopt this new template doing away with concessions to others.

Mr. Trump is prepared to limit imports and boost exports even at the cost of upsetting long-standing agreements and allies.
Mr. Trump is “willing to find new friends and to forge new partnerships.

Rejecting the Cold War logic of containment, reliance on foreign bases and alliances.

He sees China as the greatest threat, as the combination of military and economic strength.

Asian connectivity and India

Mr. Trump is moving for a political deal with Russia and a trade deal with China.

India is more vulnerable with two-thirds of the exports of the $150-billion IT industry to the U.S. and the ‘Make in India’ strategy colliding with Mr. Trump’s priorities, requiring India to make strategic choices.
Conclusion...

- We first need a bold vision on Kashmir and must not just seek to isolate Pakistan.
- We should join the OBOR, while maintaining our reservations on its branch passing through Kashmir, and become part of the growing Asian market.
- The nature of conflict is changing from direct clashes to disruption of critical infrastructure through remote attacks.
- With world-class cyber-space-biotech capability, we should reconsider large-scale purchases from abroad for massive investment in cybersecurity and the related digital economy that will make the ‘Digital India’ initiative into a ‘Digital Asia’ one.
- India expects nothing less from Mr. Modi.
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Market will find its way

- **Intro:** Government must not intervene in the battle between cab aggregators and drivers as long as the law is not broken.
- Uber and Ola, the top players in India, have about 32,000 cabs plying in Chennai according to a union member who participated in the recent drivers’ strike.
- Uber has about 2.4 lakh drivers at any point — it may not be a great idea to ban such services.
- Protesting driver unions in Chennai have demanded that the government fix a minimum of ₹100 for the first 4 km in a standard ride.
- However, if two competing ride services help bring prices down for the commuter, why meddle with that model?
- For drivers who have spent savings or taken loans to buy a new car hoping that earnings will remain high, it is a let-down.
‘This is business’
The drivers bought, and continue to buy, new vehicles even as the terms of engagement have been changing over the last few months.
After all, regulators don’t prevent a player from reducing prices just to protect revenues of other players.
However, when service providers collude to fix prices above competitive levels, thus harming the consumer, the government should step in to break the cartel-Otherwise, let the market decide.
If Ola does not change its terms of engagement with drivers, Uber may lure drivers away with better terms.
If Uber refuses to drop its commission for every trip, as drivers now demand of it, its drivers may leave.
Even if commuter prices in a competitive environment charged by cab operators go up to astronomical levels, the government should not enter the picture. The market will find its way.
Intro: In an interesting study, the immune system of monkeys was found capable of controlling HIV-like virus-(Simian-Human Immunodeficiency Virus or SHIV) when treatment with a combination of two anti HIV antibodies was started three days after infection.

- The immune system of the animals was found to control the virus even after the anti-HIV antibodies were no longer present in the monkeys.
- Five to 22 months after the virus resurfaced, the immune system of the six monkeys spontaneously regained control of the virus and brought it down to undetectable levels.
- A particular kind of immune cells called CD8+ T cells were found to be higher in all the animals that were infected with the SHIV virus.
- Though SHIV infection in macaque monkeys differs from HIV-1 infection in humans, the researchers suggest that immunotherapy should be explored to control the spread of virus, contain the damage to CD8+ T cells, mobilise a robust immune response, and control HIV infection in humans.
- The **macaques** constitute a genus (**Macaca**) of Old World monkeys of the subfamily Cercopithecinae.
- The 23 species of macaques are widespread over Earth.

- A **T cell**, or **T lymphocyte**, is a type of lymphocyte (a subtype of white blood **cell**) that plays a central role in **cell**-mediated immunity.
- **T cells** can be distinguished from other lymphocytes, such as **B cells** and natural killer **cells**, by the presence of a **T-cell** receptor on the **cell** surface.

- Chimeric **simian/human immunodeficiency virus** that causes progressive loss of CD4+ **T cells** and **AIDS** in pig-tailed macaques. ... By animal-to-animal passage of **simian/human immunodeficiency virus (SHIV)** in pig-tailed macaques, we have developed a macaque model of **human immunodeficiency virus** type 1 (**HIV-1**) disease in **humans**.
- Immune **function** is helped by two kinds of white blood **cells**. The “**B cells**” (so-called because they develop in bone marrow) produce antibodies. The “**T cells**” (so-called because they develop in a small organ called the thymus gland) are responsible for a variety of other immune responses.
All Africa Students Association Bengaluru

Africans seek probe into death of city businessman.

The circumstances leading to the death are suspicious and we are not ready to accept the accident theory.

It is a murder. The officers involved should be brought to book and an independent probe conducted.

Commissioner of Police

It was a case of motor vehicle accident. We are ready for an independent probe into the incident. The autopsy (शव परीक्षण) will reveal the truth.
Excluding minorities will hurt growth: Chidambaram

BJP had not fielded a single Muslim candidate in the just concluded Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, despite the community constituting 19.3% of the population in the State.

(BJP) government didn’t have a coherent plan for the way forward Citing Swachh Bharat, International Yoga Day, Make in India, Stand Up India.

Religious conversions, ghar wapsi, the ban on cow slaughter, ban on sale and consumption of beef, love jihad, moral policing.
Congress knocks on SC’s door- Goa

The writ petition accused the Centre of using its political clout to defeat the mandate of the people and grab power by misusing the office of the Governor, who turned a Nelson’s eye to the fact that the Congress was voted the “single largest party in the State Legislature.”

The actions of the Centre and the Governor sound the “death knell for democracy,” the petition said.
‘Indians have no reason to fear under Trump’+ ‘Visa fears - H-1B visas

Violence against the community in different parts of the country.

U.S. President Donald Trump is committed to building good relations with them, said Shalabh Kumar, founder of the Republican Hindu Coalition (RHC) and a mega donor to the President’s election campaign.

Trump isn’t racist- Mr. Kumar said the President’s chief strategist, Stephen Bannon, would play an “important role” in the U.S relations with India. Mr. Bannon is an avid reader of the Bhagavad Gita and Hindu and Buddhist philosophy.
Scotland seeks to exit U.K.
Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon will ask the Scottish Parliament for authority next week for a second referendum on Scottish independence.
“Brexit has made change inevitable...
Scottish government published a white paper “Scotland’s Place in Europe” calling for the U.K. to either remain in the single market or commit to an outcome that would enable Scotland to remain within it
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- China planning five-fold increase in marine force
- Maritime Silk Road (MSR), which covers the Pakistani port of Gwadar, and Djibouti in the Horn of Africa.
- Guarding CPEC- Collaboration with Pak.
New Development Bank

Abbreviation: NDB, or NDB BRICS
Type: International Financial Institution
Headquarters: Shanghai, China
Membership: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa
Official language: English
President: K.V. Kamath
Website: www.ndb.int

The New Development Bank, formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, is a multilateral development bank established by the BRICS states. Wikipedia

Headquarters: Shanghai
President: K.V. Kamath
Founder: BRICS
Founded: 15 July 2014, Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil
Type of business: International Financial Institution
First president: K.V. Kamath
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It juts hundreds of kilometers into the Arabian Sea and Indian Ocean, lying along the southern side of the Gulf of Aden. The area is the easternmost projection of the **African** continent.

The **Horn of Africa** denotes the region containing the countries of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia.