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Races , not cultures , will
clash in future wars: Deccan
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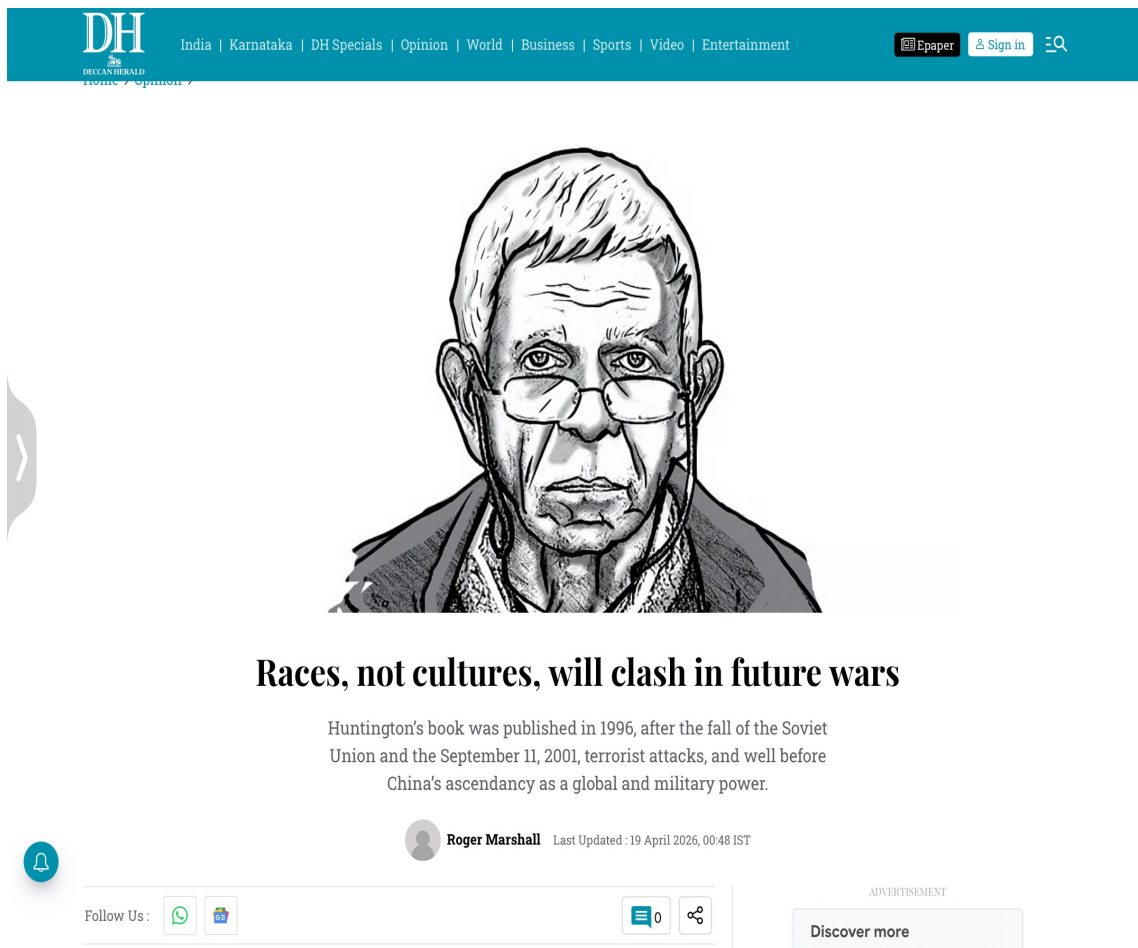
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Article - 1 : Races , not cultures , will clash in future wars



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Races, not cultures, will clash in future wars

Huntington's book was published in 1996, after the fall of the Soviet Union and the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, and well before China's ascendancy as a global and military power.

Roger Marshall Last Updated : 19 April 2026, 00:48 IST

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Context This article criticises Samuel Huntington's civilisational thesis and argues that future global conflicts are more likely to take the form of racial power politics than a clash of cultures.

Facts

Huntington argues that future wars would happen along religious & cultural lines.

Places India & China at the centre of this emerging racial power contest.

Analytical Crux

The article's main value lies in its sharp challenge to Huntington's old civilisational framework. It argues that the real fault line of future wars may be racial hierarchy and hegemonic anxiety, not religion alone. India is important in this argument because the author sees it as a major non-western power that must avoid becoming a tool in a larger Western strategy against China. The deeper message is that India should think from its own civilisational and strategic experience, not borrow Western threat perceptions blindly.

Verbatim Quotes

"India has suffered nearly three centuries of humiliation and is yet to acknowledge it."

"In any protracted US-led coalition versus China war, if India makes the grave mistake of joining the coalition, it will end up as collateral damage inflicted by both sides."

Article - 2: India as South Asia's stabilizer - Navigating middle east crisis

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India as South Asia's Stabiliser: Navigating the Middle East Crisis

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Rather than retreat into insular crisis management, New Delhi has leveraged its structural advantages to position itself as a regional energy stabiliser

Author

Context This article explains how India used its energy strength, supply diversification & regional diplomacy to emerge as a stabilising force in South Asia during the West Asia crisis.

Facts

India is the world's 4th largest oil refiner and a net exporter of petroleum products.

Indian refineries were running at more than 100% utilisation, allowing surplus exports.

India supplied 15,000 tonnes of diesel to Bangladesh through the Friendship pipeline.

Analytical Crux

The article's real argument is that India's regional leadership is now resting on material capability, not only diplomatic language. Its diversified import basket and strong refining base allowed it to convert energy resilience into geopolitical influence. The crisis showed a clear asymmetry in South Asia: most neighbours remained vulnerable, while India had the capacity to act as a first responder. In that sense, energy security has become a direct instrument of India's regional statecraft and strategic autonomy.

Verbatim Quotes


"In many ways, the crisis resembled a stress test for the region's economic resilience - and most countries failed that test."

"In an increasingly volatile world, India is not merely managing shocks, it is also more than willing to shape outcomes."

Article - 3 : A contested code for reform

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A contested code for reform

The Supreme Court of India has made a strong case for the UCC, suggesting it would strengthen national integration and remove diverse loyalties, thus encouraging social cohesion.

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Context The article argues that the Uniform Civil code is ultimately a constitutional and social reform issue, but in India it continues to remain deeply entangled with religion, history & political contestation.

Facts

Article 44 of the Constitution provides for a UCC as a Directive Principal of state policy.

The Lex Loci Report of 1840 had kept Hindu & Muslim personal laws outside uniform codification.

The BN Rau Committee (1941) recommended codified Hindu law with equal rights for women.

Analytical Crux

The article's deeper point is that the UCC debate is not only about law; it is about the relationship between constitutional equality and religion-based personal laws. It shows that reform through legislation is not new in India, because Hindu personal law itself was changed through state action. The article clearly leans towards the view that gender justice and civil rights cannot remain dependent on religious hierarchy. So, the real challenge is to frame the UCC as a project of equal citizenship and reform, not as a weapon in religious politics.

Verbatim Quotes

"Civil law or fundamental human rights cannot be subject of religious obligation or treated as munificence of religious hierarchies."

"Other religious groups also need to adapt with time."

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