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Trans-Arctic Transport Corridor and India-Russia Cooperation

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Context

This article argues that Russia's Trans-Arctic Transport corridor, along with India's eastern maritime push & the Chennai-Vladivostok corridor, can deepen India-Russia connectivity, energy security and long-term economic cooperation.

Facts

TATC was announced in March 2025 as Russia's major Arctic connectivity project.

India allocated ₹ 70,000 crore in March 2026 for shipbuilding & related sectors.

The CVMC can cut shipping time from about 40 days to 18-20 days.

Analytical Crux

Arctic connectivity is becoming a new geoeconomic frontier for India-Russia ties. TATC is important not only for shipping, but also for shipbuilding, labour mobility, port development, digital logistics and long term energy investments. For India, it offers a way to diversify trade and energy routes beyond the vulnerable West Asian space. For Russia, it offers Asian markets, manpower & investment at a time of sanctions and logistical pressure. In simple terms, the article sees TATC as a route through which India-Russia ties can move from a narrow defence-energy partnership to a wider connectivity led strategic partnership.

Verbatim Quotes

“TATC and its extension via CVMC can offer broader economic partnerships among BRICS countries.”

“Like the NSR, once fully operational the CVMC also has the potential to become global extension of TATC.”

Article - 2: What the failure of 131st amendment reveals about constitutional control

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A delimitation without discipline: What the failure of the 131st Amendment reveals about constitutional control

The deeper question is not how representation would have changed, but who controls the process that determines it.

Context This article argues that the real issue in delimitation is not just redistribution of seats, but whether such a core constitutional process should remain rule-bound or be left to parliamentary discretion.

The 42nd Amendment (1976) froze seat allocation on the basis of the 1971 census.

Facts

Under the present system, the freeze continues until the 1st census after 2026.

Constitutional-political lenses

Constitutional design vs political discretion → "Modern systems rest on the idea that fundamental political choices must be settled in advance."
→ "The constitution assumes opposite. It relies on limits, not goodwill."

■ Federalism → "Indian federalism is not limited to the distribution of legislative powers between the Union and the states. It also works through representation in parliament."

■ Bicameralism → "India's two-house system allows the Rajya Sabha to represent state interests within parliament."

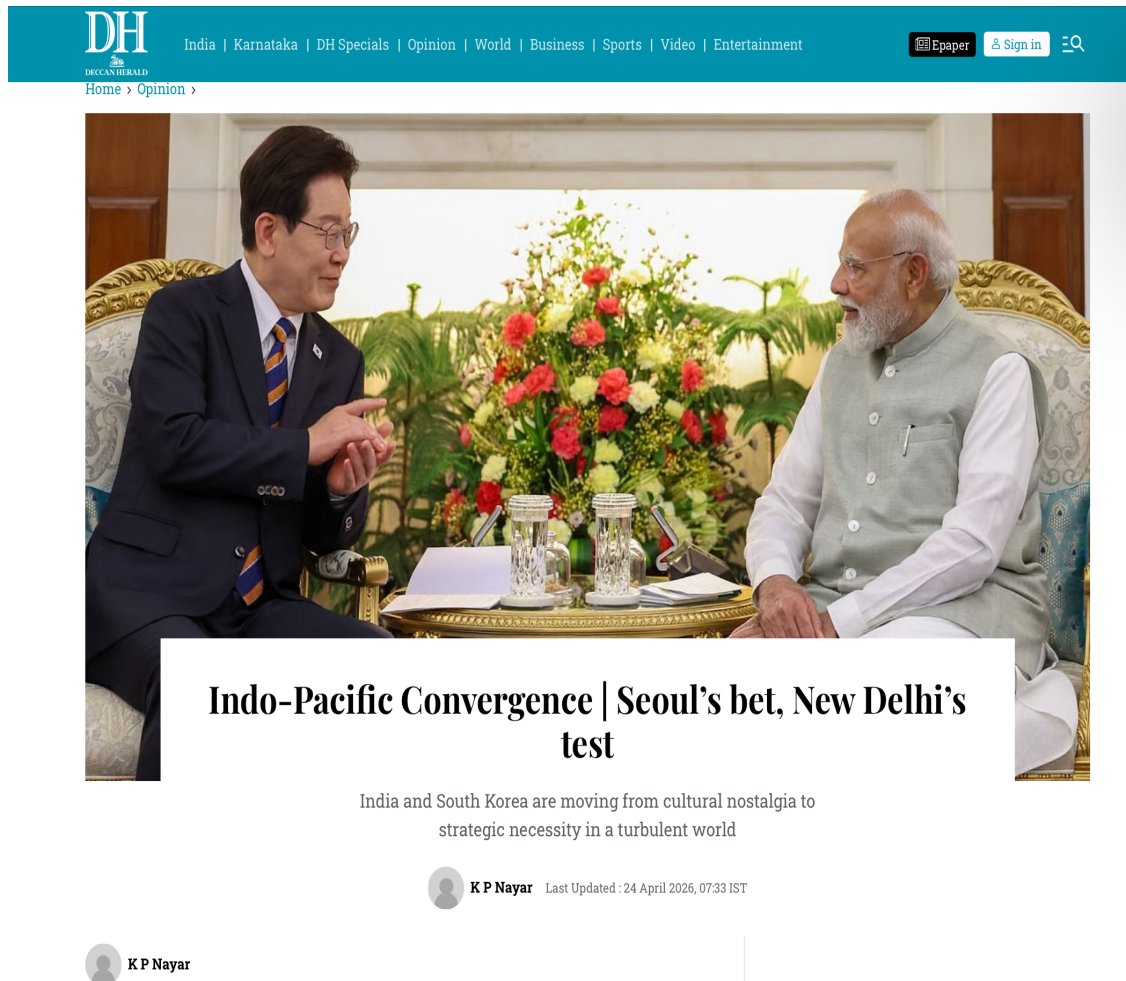
Analytical Crux

Delimitation is not just an arithmetic exercise; it is a question of constitutional control. The failed 131st Amendment would have shifted a structured constitutional process into the sphere of ordinary parliamentary choice. That matters because in India, representation is part of federal balance, not just electoral equality. A population-based seat shift without safeguards can weaken both the federal compact and the balancing role of the Rajya Sabha. So, the article is a warning against replacing constitutional design with political discretion.

Verbatim
Quotes

"The freeze on delimitation was not an act of avoidance; it was a deliberate constitutional compromise."

Article - 3 : Indo-Pacific convergence; Seoul's bet, New Delhi's test



Context This article argues that India-South Korea ties are moving beyond symbolic friendship & trade into a wider Indo-Pacific partnership centred on maritime security, energy coordination and strategic convergence.

Facts

India and South Korea have had a CEPA in force since 2010.

India's trade deficit with South Korea is \$15.24 billion.

The two sides have already gone through 11 rounds of negotiations over nine-years to fix CEPA related issues.

Analytical Crux

The article's central point is that India-South Korea ties are no longer confined to trade and symbolic goodwill. The Middle East crisis has pushed both countries to think in terms of energy security, maritime routes and Indo-Pacific interdependence. That is why the article treats LNG coordination and consumer-country cooperation as strategically important. The CEPA imbalance still matters, but the bigger story is the political shift from a trade-heavy relationship to a strategic maritime partnership. In short, South Korea is now looking at India not only as a market, but as a key partner in shaping the wider Indo-Pacific.

Verbatim Quotes

“The war in the Middle East has underscored the strategic reality that the Indian and Pacific Oceans form a single, interconnected maritime space - one whose stability no country can secure alone.”
- Lee Jae Myung

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