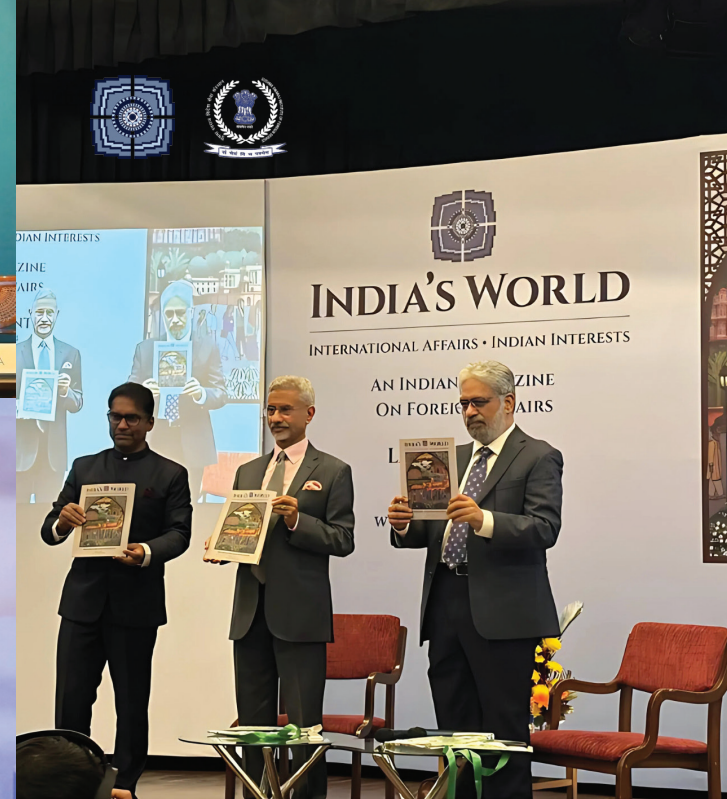




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- 15th August 2025  
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- 15th September 2025  
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*Top 100 Shortlist Announced*
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*Full Essay Submission For shortlisted candidates*
- November 2025  
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- 30th November 2025  
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