China's Transitions and India's Options

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"India conquered and dominated China culturally for 20 centuries without ever having to send a single soldier across her border." — Hu Shih, former Ambassador of China to USA

It's a Correction Not A Crisis

- Chinese policy makers mishandling lent it crisis like feel
- But China has deep reserves to handle it
- But even China cannot control the market

The Sudden Devaluation of the Yuan



SHANGHAI COMPOSITE INDEX



SOURCE: WWW.TRADINGECONOMICS.COM | SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Its Been a Bumpy Landing

- Whether it becomes a Hard Landing Remains to Be Seen ?
- Global reaction especially amongst commodity producers has been sharp
- Brazil just got downgraded to Junk status

China's Growth and Imports Are Falling Sharply



Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream

China exports



China Follows Japan and South Korea ??



But China's Transition To Industrial Country Status Looks Complicated

- It has both deflation and high debt
- It continues to Over-Invest
- It needs serious institutional reforms not more controls

The Rapid and worrisome rise of China's Debt



China Struggle's With Rebalancing



Data source: EIU CountryData.

Notes: Data for 2014 are estimates. Investment includes gross fixed investment and stockbuilding.

India Affected More Than Expected

- India's Stock Market Has Taken a Huge Beating
- The Rupee has depreciated against the Yuan
- But Real Effects Have been small

Rupee Has Depreciated Against The Yuan

INR/CNY 730 Day History



China India Growing Trade Imbalance



FDI Into India by China and Others

India's Foreign Fans

A sample of FDI into India over the last 14 years in billions of dollars.



India Follows China 13 Years Later ??



Source : Kala, Zhong and Mandhana (2015)

China's New Silk Strategy : Threat or Opportunity ?

The New Silk Road



The String of Pearls



The Silk and Spice Routes



India And China : Competitive and Cooperative

- India and China Have a Competitive Relationship in South Asia and Africa
- India has not Yet Signed On to the New Silk Road Strategy
- But India Has joined the New BRICS Bank (first President) and the AIIB (second largest shareholder)

China's Rising Investment in South Asia



Remittances in South Asia From China and India

WORLD BANK BILATERAL REMITTANCE ESTIMATES FROM INDIA AND CHINA TO SOUTH ASIA, 2014 (\$US MILLIONS)

	REMITTANCE- Receiving Country	Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Bhutan	India	Maldives	Nepal	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	Total
	FROM INDIA	1	4,163	1		0	832	2,061	488	7,546
	FROM CHINA	0	10	0	57		4	16	20	107
Source: World Bank Bilateral Remittances Matrix 2014 Credit: Ashlyn Anderson, Julia Ro										COUNCILon FOREIGN RELATIONS

Figure 1. Trade and FDI in Africa: China and Others

The scramble in Africa



Source : The Economist

Expect More Turbulence

- China's Transition Will Create More
 Turbulence
- China Could Also Become More Aggressive
- China Must Cooperate With India to Win Asian century

Ganesha Speaks : What Lies Ahead For the Yuan??

Currently, China is going through the Major-period of Saturn and the Subperiod of Rahu. And the Sub-sub period of Mercury will be under operation from 9th August, 2015 to 4th January, 2016. After that Ketu's Sub-sub period will be under operation from 4th January, 2016 till 5th March, 2016. This will remain a crucial period, and there may be some fluctuations as well as drastic changes. <u>There may remain an uneven pattern in the country's economy, and there may be frequent downs</u>. Overall, a negative trend may be seen.

Actually, the problems of China would have begun from 13th July, 2014 onwards, when Rahu had entered Virgo and started affecting the Natal Mercury (Business, Finance, Currency) and Sun (Government) in a negative way, because of which <u>the Government had to incorporate some</u> <u>drastic changes to the currency valuation</u>. This negativity may still continue to create problems for China till 13th March, 2017.

