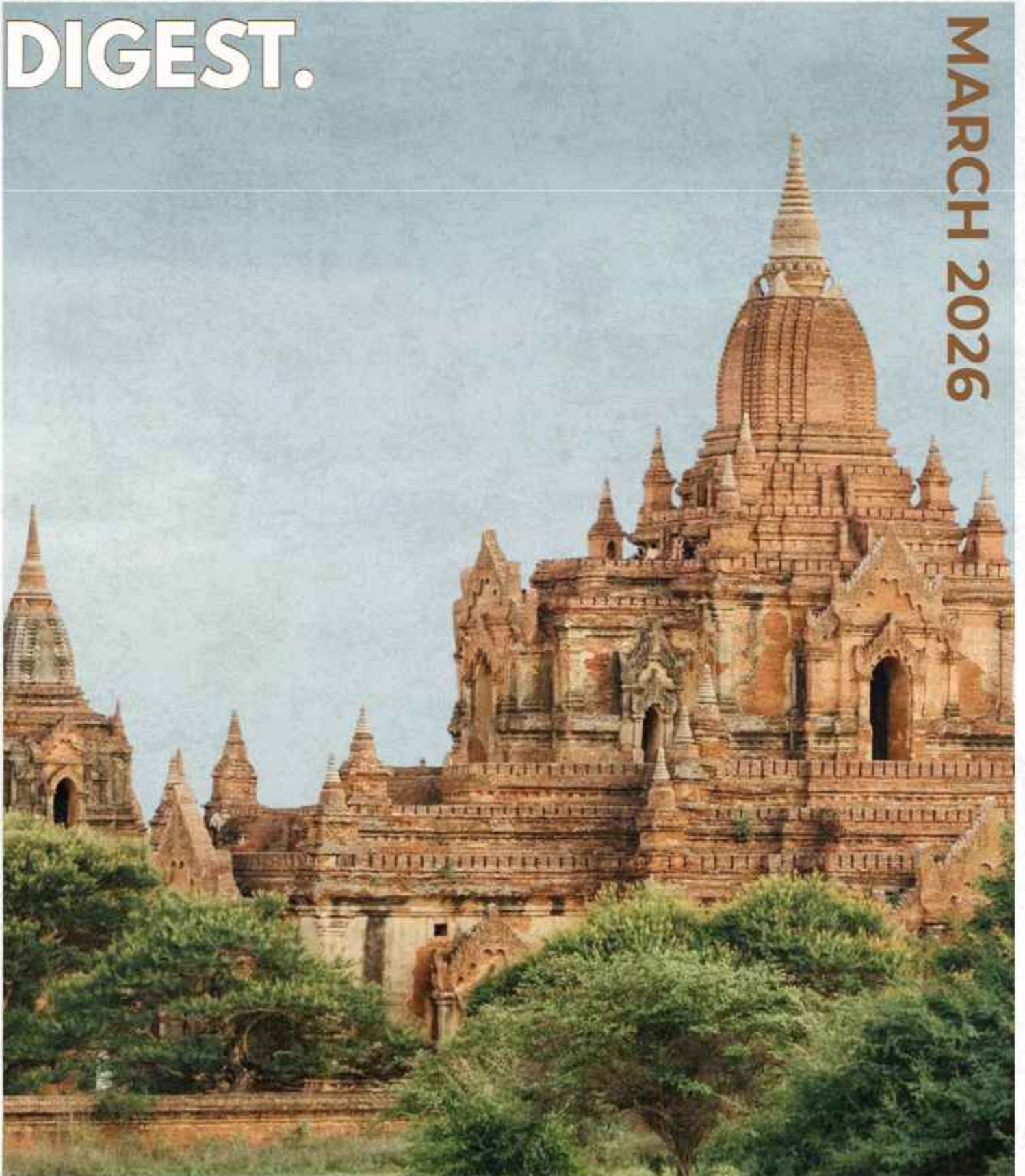




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# **INDIA'S NEIGHBORHOOD DIGEST.**

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## **BALENDRA SHAH SWORN IN AS NEPAL'S PRIME MINISTER**

Balendra Shah took oath as Nepal's new prime minister, marking a significant political transition in Kathmandu. His appointment is expected to shape Nepal's domestic governance and foreign policy outlook, particularly in balancing ties with India and China.



## **INDIA SIGNS TRADE FRAMEWORK WITH PHILIPPINES AND MALDIVES**

India signed Terms of Reference with the Philippines and Maldives to begin trade negotiations, signalling a push to deepen economic engagement in the Indo-Pacific and Indian Ocean regions. The move aligns with India's broader regional connectivity and trade strategy.



## **INDIA SENDS MEDICAL AID TO AFGHANISTAN AFTER PAKISTANI STRIKES**

India dispatched 2.5 tonnes of medical assistance to Kabul following Pakistani strikes on a rehabilitation centre in Afghanistan. The move reflects New Delhi's continued humanitarian outreach and strategic engagement with Afghanistan despite regional instability.



## **PAKISTAN POSITIONS ITSELF AS MEDIATOR IN US-IRAN TALKS**

Pakistan has reportedly stepped in as a potential mediator between the US and Iran, with possible talks expected in Islamabad. The move reflects Islamabad's attempt to raise its diplomatic profile amid intensifying regional conflict.

# FUEL PRICES



## **BANGLADESH FACES FUEL SHORTAGE AMID IRAN WAR FALLOUT**

Bangladesh shut universities and restricted fuel sales as the Iran war triggered severe energy shortages. The crisis highlights the vulnerability of South Asian economies to external shocks and underlines Dhaka's struggle to manage domestic stability amid global disruptions.



## **THAILAND ELECTS ANUTIN CHARNVIRAKUL AS PRIME MINISTER**

Thailand elected Anutin Charnvirakul as its new prime minister, marking a fresh political chapter in Bangkok.

His leadership is expected to influence Thailand's domestic policy direction and its regional role within ASEAN and the wider Indo-Pacific.



## **MYANMAR LINK IN FOREIGNERS' ARREST RAISES SECURITY CONCERNS FOR INDIA**

The arrest of foreign nationals with a Myanmar connection has raised fresh security concerns for India. The case underscores the growing strategic and intelligence challenges emanating from Myanmar's instability and its spillover effects on India's Northeast.





## **BANGLADESH SWEARS IN SPEAKER AND DEPUTY SPEAKER OF 13TH PARLIAMENT**

Bangladesh's president administered the oath to the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the 13th Parliament, signalling the formal consolidation of the country's new legislative setup. The development comes amid broader efforts to stabilise Bangladesh's political environment.



## **INDIA AND MALDIVES HOLD HIGH-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT AND CONNECTIVITY TALKS**

India and the Maldives reviewed bilateral development cooperation and connectivity initiatives during a high-level engagement. The discussions reaffirmed India's continued commitment to regional partnership and strategic engagement in the Indian Ocean neighbourhood.



## **PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN AGREE TO TEMPORARY EID CEASEFIRE**

Pakistan and Afghanistan agreed to a temporary pause in hostilities during Eid al-Fitr, offering brief relief amid escalating tensions. The ceasefire reflects both humanitarian considerations and the fragile state of cross-border relations between the two neighbours.

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## SRI LANKA ANNOUNCE EMERGENCY MEASURES AMID MIDDLE EAST CRISIS

Sri Lankan President announced emergency economic measures to shield the country from the fallout of the Middle East crisis. The decision reflects Colombo's concern over energy prices, trade disruptions, and the broader impact of external shocks on its fragile recovery.





## **CHINA PASSES CONTROVERSIAL ETHNIC UNITY LAW**

China adopted a controversial Ethnic Unity Law, drawing criticism for potentially tightening state control over minority communities. The legislation has raised concerns over cultural assimilation, identity suppression, and broader implications for regions such as Tibet and Xinjiang.



## **INDIA AND INDONESIA PARTNER TO RESTORE SHARED HERITAGE SITE**

India and Indonesia came together to restore a 9th-century temple, reflecting growing cultural diplomacy between the two countries. The initiative underscores the role of civilisational ties and heritage cooperation in strengthening bilateral relations.

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