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- △ Vol. I, Issue 3, July 19, 2016: "The Way Forward for India-Japanese Ties", by Shingo Yamagami - Director General, JIIA
- △ Vol. I, Issue 4, August 01, 2016: "A Remarkable Milestone", by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh
- △ Vol. I, Issue 5, August 05, 2016: "Non-Alignment 3.0 or Strategic Relevance?", by Arvind Virmani
- △ Vol I, Issue 6, September 08, 2016: "Engaging Indonesia", by Ambassador Biren Nanda
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- △ Vol II, Issue 1, February 16, 2017: "A Review of Disaster Management Capacity in India", by Arjun Katoch
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- △ Vol. II, Issue 4, April 13, 2017: "What Irks China?", by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal
- △ Vol. II, Issue 5, May 9, 2017: "OBOR: China's Neo-Colonial Great Game", by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal
- △ Vol. II, Issue 6, July 12, 2017: "China's Himalayan 'Mission Creep'", by Brig. Arun Sahgal and Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh
- △ Vol. II, Issue 7, July 26, 2017: "Geopolitics of the Belt and Road Initiative: Maritime Imperatives for India", by Commodore Lalit Kapur (Retd.)
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Publications: DPG Policy Briefs

- △ **Vol. I, Issue 1, June 15, 2016:**

 - Assessing the Modi-Obama Summit, by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh
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 - India Steps up Maritime Diplomacy, by Vice Admiral Anup Singh (Retd.)
 - ASEAN Unity: Under Pressure but Surviving, by Antara Ghosal Singh
 - FDI Norms for Defence Tweaked Again, by Amit Cowshish
- △ **Vol. I, Issue 3, August 2, 2016:** “Evolving Regional Security Architecture in East Asia”, by Ambassador Biren Nanda
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- △ **Vol. II, Issue 7, September 27, 2017:** “The Rohingya Crisis”, by Amal Hundal
- △ **Vol. II, Issue 8, September 28, 2017:** “Lessons from Doklam”, by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal



- △ Vol. II, Issue 9, October 31, 2017: "Xi Jinping and the 19th CPC Congress", by Ambassador Biren Nanda
- △ Vol. II, Issue 10, November 3, 2017: "Xi's Speech at the 19th Party Congress: Continuity and Changes", by Antara Ghosal Singh
- △ Vol. II, Issue 11, November 9, 2017: "Insurgency in Southern Thailand", by Mohit Musaddi, Research Assistant
- △ Vol. II, Issue 12, November 22, 2017: "Xi Jinping's Address at the 19th Party Congress: Implications for the PLA and China's Defence Posture", by Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja (Retd.)
- △ Vol. III, Issue 1, January 9, 2018: "The Year of Trump: Redefining America's Global Purpose", by Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh
- △ Vol. III, Issue 2, February 8, 2018: "US National Defence Strategy: Implications for India" by Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.) and Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Retd.)

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- △ Vol. I, Issue 1, May 23, 2017: "Japan and the Indo-Pacific" by Ambassador Biren Nanda
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- △ India and Connectivity Frameworks by Sanjay Pulipaka, Antara Ghosal Singh and Saranya Sircar



Publications: DPG Weekly World Watch

- △ Coverage of global developments impacting India from Open Source Media, issued every week

Events: Conferences

- △ “Advancing the BBIN Agenda: Trade and Transit”, New Delhi, October 4-5, 2016
- △ DPG International Conference on “India and Japan: Confluence of Maritime Democracies”, October 7, 2016
- △ “2nd DPG-JIIA India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues”, New Delhi, October 25-26, 2016
- △ Advancing the BBIN Agenda: Energy and Water, New Delhi, November 10-11, 2016
- △ Advancing BBIN Cooperation, Guwahati, January 30-31, 2017
- △ Advancing BBIN Cooperation, Kolkata, March 16-17, 2017
- △ DPG International Conference on “Emerging Realignments in Asia”, March 10, 2017
- △ BBIN National Conference, May 4-5, 2017
- △ India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue on ‘Strategic and Security Issues’, May 30-31, 2017
- △ Conference on ‘India’s Maritime Security Challenges’, June 5, 2017
- △ Advancing BBIN Sub-Regional Cooperation, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 27-28, 2017
- △ Advancing BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 15-16, 2017
- △ Advancing BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, New Delhi, December 13-14, 2017
- △ DPG-CSIS Conference on “India-Indonesia Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues”, December 18-19, 2017



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- △ "Japan-India Indo-Pacific Dialogue" Series: Address by Professor Hideya Kurata, Director of Strategic Studies, National Defence Academy of Japan on "North Korea and Strategic Issues in the Asia-Pacific", February 12-13, 2018
- △ "Japan-India Indo-Pacific Dialogue" Series: Address by Professor Yusuke Anami, Tohoku University, on 'China and security challenges in East Asia', February 26-27, 2018
- △ "Japan-India Indo-Pacific Dialogue" Series: Address by Professor Takako Hikotani, Columbia University on "United States and its Asia Policy", March 15-16, 2018

Events: Seminars

- △ Seminar on "South China Sea Disputes" to assess the implications of the PCA Tribunal's ruling of July 12, 2016 on maritime rights in the South China Sea, July 21, 2016
- △ Seminar on "India-China Relations: Bilateral and Regional Contexts", September 14, 2016
- △ Seminar on "Review of Disaster Management in India", August 29, 2017
- △ DPG Policy Report Launch, "India and Connectivity Frameworks", November 27, 2017

Events: Roundtables

- △ Discussion on "China and the Strategic Architecture in Asia" with Mr. Elbridge Colby, Centre for New American Society (CANS), June 2, 2016
- △ Discussion on "Summit Meeting Between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Barack Obama", June 17, 2016
- △ DPG-JIIA discussion on "India-Japan Relations and the Regional Scenario in the Indo-Pacific", June 21, 2016
- △ Discussion on "Principles and Practice of Track II Diplomacy" with Prof. Peter Jones of Ottawa University, December 8, 2016
- △ "West Asia in Transition", Peer Review Session for DPG-IDSA publication on West Asia, December 14-16, 2016

- △ “DPG - US National Intelligence Council meeting”, with Mr. Robert Williams, Director for South Asia and his colleagues, to discuss NIC Global Trends report, connectivity and regional issues, January 11, 2017
- △ Discussion on “National Security Issues” with Admiral Arun Prakash, Distinguished Fellow, DPG, January 11, 2017
- △ Discussion with Richard Rossow, India Chair at CSIS and colleagues, to discuss regional and global trends and avenues for DPG-CSIS institutional collaboration, January 20, 2017
- △ Discussion on “India and the New Asian Great Game” with Prof. Michael Yahuda, Emeritus Professor, London School of Economics and Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, February 9, 2017
- △ Discussion with Hudson Institute delegation led by Mr. Lewis Libby, former Chief of Staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, February 16, 2017
- △ DPG faculty interaction with students of Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune, February 21, 2017
- △ DPG faculty interaction with International Relations students and faculty from University of Chicago, March 20, 2017
- △ Roundtable discussion with Mr Yusuke Ara, Director for National Security Policy, MOFA, Japan to India, July 4, 2017
- △ DPG Senior Faculty discussion with Mr. Osamu Izawa, Director General of International Affairs, Bureau of Defense Policy, Ministry of Defence of Japan, August 1, 2017
- △ DPG Senior Faculty meeting with Dr. John Hamre, CEO, CSIS, August 1, 2017
- △ DPG Senior Faculty meeting with Dr. Daniel Twining, Director, Asia Program, GMFUS, and Mr. Rob Williams, US NIC, August 7, 2017
- △ DPG Senior Faculty meeting with H.E. Mr. Sidharto Reza Suryodipuro, Ambassador of Indonesia, August 9, 2017
- △ Meeting with Dr. Joseph H. Felter, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence, September 12, 2017
- △ Roundtable discussion with Mr. Shankar Aggarwal and policy experts on “The Emerging Regulatory Framework for Labor”, September 18, 2017
- △ Roundtable Discussion with Mr Keith Webster, Senior Vice President, US-India Strategic Partnership Forum, October 25, 2017

- △ DPG Roundtable discussion with Dr. Mai'a K. Davis Cross, Professor North Eastern University Boston on "India's approach to security and defence and broader geopolitics encompassing Indo-Pacific and South Asia", November 8, 2017
- △ Roundtable Discussion on "Japanese Politics and PM Abe's Political Agenda" by Prof. Harukata Takenaka, November 30, 2017
- △ IIC-DPG Event: Address by Prof. Harukata Takenaka on Japanese politics and PM Abe's political agenda at IIC, December 1, 2017
- △ Roundtable Discussion with Mr. Jaideep Saikia on "North East India and Bangladesh: Criss-Crossing & Overlapping Security Concerns", February 01, 2018

Events: Ambassadorial Roundtables

- △ Discussion on "India-Japan bilateral relations" with H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan, December 5, 2016
- △ Discussion on "Internal Developments in Pakistan and India-Pakistan Relations" with Ambassador Aziz Ahmad Khan, Pakistan's former High Commissioner to India (2003 to 2006), March 16, 2017
- △ Discussion with Ambassador Peter Galbraith on "Kurdish Situation in Iraq and Syria", March 17, 2017
- △ "India-Australia Relations and Developments in the Indo-Pacific", discussion with H.E. Ms. Harinder Sidhu, High Commissioner of Australia, April 21, 2017
- △ Ambassadorial Roundtable Discussion with H.E. Mr. Shaida M. Abdali, Hon'ble Ambassador of Afghanistan to India on "Role of Regional Powers in Shaping the Future of Afghanistan", December 6, 2017

Events: DPG-IHC Lecture Series:

- △ Address by H.E. Mr. Kenichiro Sasae on "Japan, India and the United States: Partners for a Free and Open Indo-Pacific", January 8, 2018.

Publications: Event Reports:

- △ DPG Conference Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 2: “Conclave on a National Security Doctrine for India”, February 15-16, 2016
- △ DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 1: Roundtable On “South China Sea Disputes”, July 21, 2016
- △ DPG Policy Seminars, Vol. 1, Issue 2: Seminar on “India-China Relations: Bilateral and Regional Contexts”, September 14, 2016
- △ DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 2: Roundtable on “Advancing BBIN Trade and Transit Cooperation”, New Delhi, October 04-05, 2016
- △ DPG Conference Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 1: Conference on “India and Japan: Confluence of Maritime Democracies”, October 07, 2016
- △ DPG Conference Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 3: “2nd India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues”, October 25-26, 2016
- △ DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 3: Roundtable on “Advancing the BBIN Agenda: Energy and Water”, New Delhi, November 10-11, 2016
- △ DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 1: Roundtable on “Advancing BBIN Sub-Regional Cooperation”, Guwahati, January 30-31, 2017
- △ DPG Conference Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 1: Conference on “Emerging Realignments in Asia”, March 10, 2017
- △ DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 2: Roundtable on “Advancing the BBIN Sub-Regional Cooperation”, Kolkata, March 16-17, 2017
- △ DPG Conference Report Vol. 2, Issue 2: 3rd Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue on ‘Strategic and Security Issues’, Tokyo, Japan, May 30-31, 2017
- △ DPG Conference Report Vol. 2, Issue 3: National Conference on “Advancing the BBIN Sub-Regional Cooperation”, May 4-5, 2017
- △ DPG Conference Report Vol. 2, Issue 4: “India’s Maritime Security Challenges”, New Delhi, June 5, 2017



- △ **DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 5:** Roundtable on Advancing the BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, July 27-28, 2017
- △ **DPG Seminar Reports, Vol. 1, Issue 1:** DPG-NDMA Seminar on “Review of Disaster Management in India” August 29, 2017
- △ **DPG Roundtable Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 6:** Roundtable on Advancing the BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, October 15-16, 2017
- △ **DPG Conference Reports, Vol. 2, Issue 7:** India-Indonesia Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues, December 18-19, 2017
- △ **DPG Roundtable Report, Vol.2, Issue 8:** Roundtable on Advancing the BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, December 13-14, 2017

DPG Outreach: Conferences and Faculty Engagements:

Meeting of Heads of Think Tanks of India and Russia, Moscow September 22-23, 2016

Session: Balancing Asia: Russia’s “Asian Pivot” and India’s “Act East”

Speaker: Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General

RIS-AIC Seminar on India-Japan CEPA, October 6, 2016

Speaker: Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General

Primakov Readings/International Studies Think Tanks Summit, Moscow, November 28, 2016

Session: Developments in the Asia Pacific on the theme “Asia-Pacific Regional Order: Strategic Flux to Mutual Restraint”

Speaker: Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

National Defence College, New Delhi, January 12, 2017

Admiral Arun Prakash, Distinguished Fellow, DPG addressed the National Defence College on “Determinants of National Security and India’s Strategic Perspective”.

16+1 Dialogue on OBOR organized by Centre for Asian Studies, University of Belgrade, April 22-23, 2017

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Ottawa Dialogue, Bangkok, May 25-29, 2017

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Roundtable Discussion at Moscow Diplomatic Academy, Moscow, June 15, 2017

Speaker - Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

IMEMO Primakov Readings, Moscow, June 28-29, 2017

Participation by Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Delhi Dialogue, July 5, 2017

Speaker: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

India China Think Tank Forum, Beijing, July 22-26, 2017

Presentation by Ambassador Biren Nanda on 'Strategic Communication between the two countries'.

Institute of Security & Development Policy (Sweden) Workshop for Myanmar Armed Forces on Strategic Planning or National Security', September 11-12, 2017

Speaker: Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Symbiosis Law School, October 7, 2017

Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow delivered a talk on CPEC

Russian International Affairs Council (RIAL) Russia-India conference on "Strategic Visions of Russia-India Relations and Changes in the World Order", Moscow, October 12-13, 2017

Session: "Russian and Indian Policies in the East: Strategic Interests and Common Challenges"

Speaker: Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

2017 Asia Pacific Think-tanks Summit, Taipei, October 14-15, 2017

Session 1: Roles of Think-tanks at Current Asia-Pacific Dynamics

Speaker: Mr. Siddharth Shriram, Chairman and Managing Trustee

India-Pakistan Ottawa Dialogue, Bangkok, October 23-26, 2017.

Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellows

SAARC Disaster Management Centre, Gandhinagar on October 27, 2017

Arjun Katoch, Senior Fellow delivered a lecture on the "International Disaster Response System" to participants from SAARC countries

Ottawa Military to Military and Nuclear Dialogue between senior diplomats and Military officials at Bangladesh, November 3-6, 2017

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

British High Commission Roundtable on Connectivity, November 14, 2017

Session 1 Geo-Economics and Geo-Politics of Connectivity Projects in Asia and India's Role

Speakers:

Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Cmde. Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow

3rd Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Dialogue on Indian Ocean (TDIO), November 21, 2017

Session I: Building Norms for Indian Ocean Regional Cooperation/Follow up of the IORA Concord

Speaker: Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh, Director General

IDSA India-Australia Track 1.5 Dialogue, November 22, 2017

Session 4: Emerging Mini-lateral Opportunities: Regional Defence Outlook

Chair: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Seminar on "India-Vietnam Defence Cooperation - Achievements and Prospects", Vietnam Institute of Defence International Relations, Hanoi, November 28 2017:

Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja participated in the Seminar.

Second Meeting of India-Russia Heads of Think-Tanks, New Delhi, December 4-5, 2017

Session I: Strategic Partnership between India-Russia in the Backdrop of the Changing Landscape of World Order

Opening address by Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General

Session III: Russia's Role in Asia

Chair: Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General

Speaker: Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Session V: Impact of the Relationship between Russia and the US on the Arctic and the Indo-Pacific

Speaker: Cmde Lalit Kapur, Senior Fellow

FSI-KAS-CLAWS joint event on Indo-Pacific Security and India – In an Era of Transition, New Delhi, December 11-12, 2017

Panelist: Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Indonesian Defence University, Jakarta, December 20, 2017:

Amb. H.K. Singh delivered a public lecture on 'Changing Global Order and the Indo-Pacific'

RIS-International Conference on ASEAN-India @25: Retrospection and the Way Ahead, January 12, 2018.

Session II: ASEAN-India Economic Partnership: Achievements and Next Phase

Panelist: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Annual Seminar of the College of Defence Management January 19, 2018:

Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja delivered a talk on "Capability Development and Perspective Planning for Military Effectiveness"

CII Session on “India-US Economic and Strategic Partnership” with Dr. James Carafano, South Asia Expert, Heritage Foundation, January 19, 2018

Speaker: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

ICWA Seminar on “Emerging Trends in Globalisation and Regionalism”, February 7, 2018

Session II: Experiences in Regionalism

Speaker: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

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