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- Technological and Strategic Implications of MTCR for India, by Brig. Arun Sahgal
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△ Vol. I, Issue 2, July 12, 2016:
- 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. III, Issue 15, August 27, 2018: “Rationale for a BIMSTEC Free Trade Agreement” by Dr. A. Didar Singh


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India and Connectivity Frameworks
by Sanjay Pulipaka, Antara Ghosal Singh and Saranya Sircar

Advancing BIMSTEC Cooperation: Action Plans and recommendations for Policy Makers
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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
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Seminar on “Review of Disaster Management in India”, August 29, 2017
Advancing BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation, Dhaka, Bangladesh, October 15-16, 2017
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DPG-CSIS Conference on "India-Indonesia Dialogue on Strategic and Security Issues", Jakarta, Indonesia, December 18-19, 2017
DPG Regional Conference on Advancing BIMSTEC Cooperation, New Delhi, April 26-27, 2018
DPG Regional Conference on Advancing BIMSTEC Cooperation, Myanmar, June 14-15, 2018
DPG Regional Conference on Advancing BIMSTEC Cooperation, Colombo, Sri Lanka, August 2-3, 2018
DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group – second conference, July 26, 2018
DPG-CSIS held third video conference of the DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group, September 26, 2018
India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum – 4th DPG-JIIA India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue, New Delhi, October 14-16, 2018
DPG-MEA Conference on ‘International Disaster Response: Indian Participation”, October 31, 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
DPG Policy Report Launch, "India and Connectivity Frameworks", November 27, 2017
"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: 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
- 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

Roundtable Discussion with Professor Amit Gupta, USAF Air War College, USA on “Trump’s Foreign Policy in Asia”, March 1, 2018

Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Damos Dumoli Agusman on "Maritime Cooperation between India and Indonesia", March 9, 2018

Roundtable Discussion with Professor Jeff Schubert, Visiting Professor of Russian Foreign Policy, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, March 12, 2018
Roundtable Discussion with Mr. Yamamoto, President, NIDS, Japan and his delegation, March 13, 2018

DPG-RSIS Dialogue with Amb. Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS and delegation, March 16, 2018

DPG-USISPF Roundtable discussion on “Enhancing US-India Defence Cooperation, March 21, 2018

Roundtable Interaction with Japanese Members of Parliament/GRIPS Statesmen Project delegation at DPG, April 9, 2018

DPG Roundtable Series on India’s Economy: “Can the Elephant Jump?” with Professor Shankar Acharya, Honorary Professor, ICRIER, April 23, 2018

DPG Roundtable Series on India’s Economy: “Changing Discourse on Globalisation: Where does India stand on Trade”, May 9, 2018

DPG Roundtable on “Internationalisation of Renminbi with Mr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Senior Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML), June 19, 2018

DPG/ILO Roundtable on “Future of Work: ICT Sector”, July 30, 2018

DPG Policy Dialogue with the Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Tehran delegation led by Ambassador Seyed Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour, President of IPIS. September 7, 2018

DPG-SDS Roundtable Series on India's Economy titled "Free Trade Agreements: A Successful Strategy for RCEP", October 4, 2018

DPG Roundtable with US Congressional Staffers, October 29, 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

Ambassadorial Roundtable Discussion with H.E. Ambassador Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of the French Republic on “India-France Strategic Partnership in the Indo-Pacific”, July 5, 2018

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.

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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”.


Talk by Ambassador Biren Nanda on “Evolution of Security Architecture in East Asia”

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

“Japan and the Indo-Pacific” at the Association of Indian Diplomats, Sapru House, May 2, 2017.
Presentation by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Ottawa Dialogue, Bangkok, May 25-29, 2017
Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal

Roundtable Discussion on India-Russia Bilateral Relations at Diplomatic Academy, Moscow, June 15, 2017
Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow delivered a paper on Strategic Communications

India China Think Tank Forum, Beijing, June 24-26, 2017
Presentation by Ambassador Biren Nanda on 'Strategic Communication between the two countries'.

DPG delegation interacted with CSIS; National Bureau of Asian Research and Hudson Institute; meetings at the U.S. Department of Defence and U.S. State Department; and US-India Business Council on defence trade, U.S., June 17-25, 2017

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 Bangkok, 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:

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

Panellist: 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

NMF-RSIS Bilateral Dialogue: “India’s ‘Act East’ Policy: Expectations and Outcomes”, March 15, 2018

Session 4: The Maritime Security Dimension of India’s ‘Act East’ Policy

Chaired by Ambassador H. K. Singh, Director General

Scenario Building Exercise, VIF, New Delhi, April 9-11, 2018

Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh, Senior Fellow
Conference on “Enhancing Trade and Connectivity between India and Myanmar”, ICRIER, New Delhi, April 23, 2018

Panel Discussion on the Way Forward
Panelist: Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

Brookings India Roundtable Discussion "Indian perspectives on developments in the Indo-Pacific and possibilities for deepening cooperation with New Zealand", April 24, 2018, New Delhi

Presentation by Amb. H.K. Singh on “Indo-Pacific and South Pacific Security Issues”

CII Task Force on Cyber Security and War, New Delhi, April 26, 2018

Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh, Senior Fellow

Neemrana Group meeting in Islamabad, Pakistan, April 27, 2018 - May 1, 2018

Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh, Senior Fellow

32nd Asia-Pacific Roundtable (APR), Hilton Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, May 7-9, 2018

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

China Earthquake Administration International Conference for the Decade Memory of the Wenchuan Earthquake, May 12-14, 2018, Chengdu, China

Topic: “Lessons Learnt from the International Urban Search and Rescue Response to the Nepal Earthquake”
Speaker: Mr. Arjun Katoch, Senior Fellow
United Nations Peacekeeping Course for African Partners conducted by the UN Peace Keeping Centre, New Delhi, May 22, 2018

Resource Person: Mr. Arjun Katoch, Senior Fellow on Humanitarian-Military Coordination in the Field.


Panel III: "India, China and Realignments in the Indian Ocean".

Presentation by Amb. H.K. Singh on "The Emerging Indo-Pacific Seascape"

Primakov Readings: International Think Tank Summit, Moscow, Russia, May 28-30, 2018

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Roundtable on "Defence Planning Committee", VIF, New Delhi, May 31, 2018

Participation by Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja, Senior Fellow

XIth International Safety and Security Exhibition 2018, Noginsk, Russia, June 6-8, 2018

Seminar on "International Humanitarian Assistance, Experience, Realities, Prospects".
Speaker: Mr. Arjun Katoch, Senior Fellow

National Seminar on Internal Dynamics of Pakistan, CLAWS, New Delhi, June 9, 2018

Participation by Lt. Gen. Aditya Singh, Senior Fellow
CS - Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) high-level dialogue, Shanghai, China, June 21-22, 2018

Sessions: "Global and Regional situation: Views from China-India scholars"; and "Cooperation and Challenges for China and India in the Global and Regional Domain: Politics and Security".

Presentation by Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow

CSIS South China Sea Conference, Washington D.C., July 26, 2018

Panel: “Dispute Resolution in the South China Sea and Beyond”

Presentation by Cmde. Lalit Kapur on “India’s Experience with Maritime Boundary Dispute Resolution”

International Conference on "India-Vietnam Strengthening Economic Ties" organised by The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, July 27-28, 2018

Presentation by Amb. Biren Nanda on "Regional Connectivity and Economic Aspects of People-to-People Connectivity"

Ambassador H.K. Singh held a series of discussions with the heads of leading Sri Lankan think tanks in Colombo on July 31 and August 1, 2018. These included the Pathfinder Foundation, the Institute of Policy Studies, the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies and the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies.

Ottawa Dialogue on "India-Pakistan Mil to Mil and Nuclear CBMs", Bangkok, August 5-8, 2018

Participation by Brig. Arun Sahgal, Senior Fellow

Workshop organised by Indian National Defence University Cell at HQ, Integrated Defence Staff, September 11, 2018

Presentation by Brig. Arun Sahgal on "Artificial Intelligence - Developing Operational Scenario's for Emergent Warfare and Exploitation"

Lecture by Brig. Arun Sahgal on "China Net Assessment 2030" for senior officers at Army War College, Mhow, September 13, 2018
Roundtable on “Review of the India-US 2+2 Dialogue”, Vivekanand International Foundation, September 14, 2018

Panelist: Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja, Senior Fellow

International Seminar on "Two Decades of Migration Research", Centre for Development Studies, September 17-18, 2018

Chair: Dr. Didar Singh in the Session on "Inclusive Development and Migration"

Workshop on "BIMSTEC at 20: Priorities and Prospects" organised by ISAS-COSATT-KAS, Singapore, September 24, 2018

Presentation by Amb. Biren Nanda on "India and BIMSTEC"

2018 Asia-Pacific Think-tank Summit organised by the Institute for National Policy Research, Taipei, September 29-30, 2018

Presentation by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow
Panel 1: "BRI and Indo-Pacific Strategy"
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