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Roundtable Discussion on "Future of India-Japan Relations", on August 22, 2025. Source: DPG

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I. EVENTS



National Defence and Security and Strategic Gaming Exercise (SGE) Training Module for IFS Officer Trainees of the 2024 Batch Sushma Swaraj Institute for Foreign Service.

Date: July 08, 2025

The DPG Senior Faculty delivered a series of lectures on various aspects of key national security and strategic issues for IFS Officer Trainees (OTs) of the 2024 Batch at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) on July 8, 2025. This was part of the scheduled training module for IFS OTs organised by SSIFS, covering both territorial and thematic dimensions of India's defence strategy.

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DPG-FTI discussion on “Cybersecurity and the Protection of India’s Critical Infrastructure”

Date: July 28, 2025

In collaboration with FTI Consulting, the Delhi Policy Group hosted a closed-door discussion on ‘Cybersecurity and the Protection of India’s Critical Infrastructure’ on July 28, 2025. Speakers from FTI Consulting shared key findings and recommendations from FTI’s ‘Trusted Bharat Critical Infrastructure’ report aimed at raising India’s cyber maturity. This was followed by a moderated discussion on India’s cybersecurity challenges, including the protection of critical civilian infrastructure and the broader aspects of cyber defence.

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Roundtable Discussion on “Future of India-Japan Relations”.

Date: August 22, 2025

The Delhi Policy Group organised a Roundtable discussion on the “Future of India-Japan Relations” on August 22, 2025. The keynote remarks were delivered by H. E. ONO Keiichi, the Ambassador of Japan to India, which were followed by an interactive discussion with invited experts from Think Tanks, Research Institutes and academia. The session was conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

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II. PUBLICATIONS

(i) Policy Briefs



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By Lt. Gen. Deependra Singh Hooda (Retd.), PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, VSM & Bar

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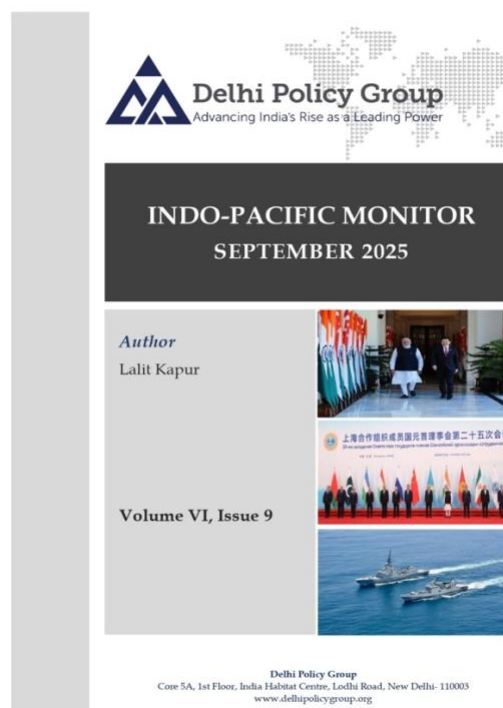
(ii) Flagship Monthlies



Global Horizons

Monthly assessment of salient trends and ongoing transformations in the increasingly multipolar global order, as well as India's diplomatic initiatives and role in global institutions, authored by Amb. Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy.

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Indo-Pacific Monitor

Monthly analysis of significant developments, trends and emerging issues impacting the interconnected Indo-Pacific maritime, authored by Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy.

[Vol VI, Issue 7-9](#)



China Monitor

Monthly overview of significant domestic and external trends and developments related to China, including India-China relations, authored by our research team led by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy.

[Vol. VIII, Issue 7-9](#)



East Asia Explorer

Evolving geopolitical trends, security challenges, role of regional institutions, and India's relations with ASEAN, authored by our research team led by Amb. Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy.

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India Strategic Review

Monthly assessment of key developments, trends and policies pertaining to India's strategic neighbourhood, authored by Lt. Gen. Deependra Singh Hooda (Retd.), Distinguished Fellow for Military Strategy.

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Economic Security and Resilience Review

Monthly assessment of global, regional and national initiatives to address the issues of economic security and resilience, authored by Dr. V.S. Seshadri, Senior Fellow for Economic Security.

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Monthly studies of strategic developments in Europe and India's relations with the EU and major European powers, authored by our research team led by Amb. Ruchira Kamboj, Senior Fellow for International Security and Global Affairs.

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African Pulse

Monthly studies of strategic and economic security related developments in Africa of significance for India, authored by our research team led by Amb. Ruchira Kamboj, Senior Fellow for International Security and Global Affairs.

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(iii) Weekly Archives



India's Proximity Archives

This weekly publication covers major developments in South Asia, Southeast Asia, West Asia, China, and Central Asia of strategic relevance to India and is compiled by DPG Research Associates Shreyas Deshmukh, Sanket Joshi, Jyantika Rao T.V., Divya Rai and Arshiya Chaturvedi.

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III. OPINION



Dalai Lama has confirmed a succession plan. But uncertainty is far from ended

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Date: July 02, 2025

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The real drone war is yet to come

By: Lt. Gen. Deepenadra Singh Hooda (Retd.)

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Data sovereignty is a strategic imperative

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A soldier must not be fighting the state

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Modi-Xi meet: Can the PM pull off a Vajpayee moment with China at the SCO?

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How India can bridge trust deficit with China

By: Amb. Phunchok Stobdan

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Security stakes must spur jointness

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