



## DPG Interaction with Undergraduate Scholars from William and Mary

University, USA

January 14, 2026

0930-1430 hrs

Venue: Marigold, Indian Habitat Centre

### Programme

0930 – 1000	Registration and Tea/ Coffee
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#### Opening Session

1000 – 1010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Welcome Remarks by <b>Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh</b>, Director General, DPG</li> <li>➤ Remarks by <b>Dr. Eric Brown</b>, Senior Research Scientist, William &amp; Mary's Global Research Institute</li> </ul>
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#### Session I: The Global Scene (10 minutes per speaker)

1010 – 1145	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Global Order, the US and India: <b>Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh</b>, Director General, DPG</li> <li>➤ Evolving Power Equations – US, China, Europe, and Russia: <b>Ambassador Nalin Surie</b>, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, DPG</li> <li>➤ India's Relations with Southeast Asia and Australia: <b>Ambassador Biren Nanda</b>, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy, DPG</li> <li>➤ India's Relations with Japan: <b>Dr. Ashok Chawla</b>, Senior Fellow for India-Japan Security Studies, DPG</li> <li>➤ India's Policy in Africa, the Global South and G-20: <b>Ambassador Ruchira Kamboj</b>, Senior Fellow for International Security and Global Affairs, DPG</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A (45 minutes)</p>
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1145 – 1200	Tea/ Coffee
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#### Session II: India's Strategic Frontiers (10 minutes per speaker)

1200 – 1330	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Economic Security, Trade and Investment: <b>Ambassador V.S. Seshadri</b>, Senior Fellow for Economic Security, DPG (online)</li> <li>➤ India's Continental Security Challenges: <b>Lt. Gen. D.S. Hooda</b>, (Retd), Distinguished Fellow for Military Strategy, DPG</li> <li>➤ Securing India's Maritime Frontiers: <b>Cmde. Lalit Kapur</b> (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Maritime Strategy, DPG</li> <li>➤ India-US Defence Cooperation: <b>V. Adm. Anil Chopra</b>, (Retd), Distinguished Fellow, DPG</li> </ul>
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	<b>Q&amp;A</b> (50 minutes)
1330 – 1340	Closing Remarks
1340	Lunch

<b>Participants</b>
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<b>DPG FACULTY</b>	
1.	Ambassador H. K. Singh, Director General, DPG
2.	Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow for Diplomacy, DPG
3.	Lt. Gen. D.S. Hooda (Retd.), Distinguished Fellow for Military Strategy, DPG
4.	V. Adm. Anil Chopra (Retd.), Distinguished Fellow, DPG
5.	Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow for Act East Diplomacy, DPG
6.	Ambassador V.S. Seshadri, Senior Fellow for Economic Security, DPG
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8.	Dr. Ashok Chawla, Senior Fellow for India-Japan Security Studies, DPG
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