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### ABOUT US

Founded in 1994, the Delhi Policy Group (DPG) is among India's oldest think tanks with its primary focus on strategic and international issues of critical national interest. DPG is a non-partisan institution and is independently funded by a non-profit Trust. Over past decades, DPG has established itself in both domestic and international circles and is widely recognised today among the top security think tanks of India and of Asia's major powers.

Since 2016, in keeping with India's increasing global profile, DPG has expanded its focus areas to include India's regional and global role and its policies in the Indo-Pacific. In a realist environment, DPG remains mindful of the need to align India's ambitions with matching strategies and capabilities, from diplomatic initiatives to security policy and military modernisation.

At a time of disruptive change in the global order, DPG aims to deliver research based, relevant, reliable and realist policy perspectives to an actively engaged public, both at home and abroad. DPG is deeply committed to the growth of India's national power and purpose, the security and prosperity of the people of India and India's contributions to the global public good. We remain firmly anchored within these foundational principles which have defined DPG since its inception.

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Seventh Delhi Policy Group–Defence Intelligence Agency Workshop for Defence Attachés (Designate), April 25, 2025. Source: DPG

RSIS-DPG Dialogue 2025, Singapore, June 10, 2025. Source: DPG

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## I. EVENTS



### Delhi Policy Group - US National War College Discussion

Date: April 03, 2025

The Delhi Policy Group held an interactive discussion with student officers of the US National War College (NWC) on April 3, 2025, marking the fifth iteration of this annual event. The 15-member US NWC team was led by Professor Gregory Macris. Members of the DPG senior faculty shared perspectives on global order, regional security challenges and prospects for enhanced India-US defence partnership. This was followed by Q&A interaction with the US NWC team.

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### Roundtable Discussion on "India-US Defence Cooperation"

Date: April 24, 2025



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a closed door roundtable under the Chatham House Rule to discuss India-US defence cooperation, with a primary focus on strengthening co-production arrangements, technology transfer and integrating defence supply chains. The event brought together distinguished scholars and domain experts, who deliberated on the way forward to implement the decisions taken at the Modi-Trump Summit.

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**Seventh Delhi Policy Group–Defence Intelligence Agency Workshop for Defence Attachés (Designate)**

**Date: April 25, 2025**

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) organised a training workshop for Indian Defence Attachés (Designate) in collaboration with the Defence Intelligence Agency on April 25, 2025. This was the seventh iteration of the DPG-DIA training workshop.

The event was part of DPG's regular outreach programmes with the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Armed Forces.

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**RSIS-DPG Dialogue 2025, Singapore**

**Date: June 10, 2025**

The RSIS-DPG Dialogue 2025 was hosted by RSIS in Singapore on June 10, 2025. The respective delegations were led by Amb. Ong Keng Yong, Executive Deputy Chairman, RSIS and Amb. H.K. Singh, Director General, DPG. This was the fourth iteration of this Track-2 dialogue, which covered a broad spectrum of strategic issues of mutual interest.

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**DPG-RAND Dialogue on India-U.S. Defence Relations**

**Date: June 20, 2025**



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a closed-door DPG-RAND dialogue on India-U.S. Defence Relations in New Delhi on June 20, 2025. Views were exchanged on the outlook for the bilateral defence relationship, in the context of decisions taken at the bilateral summit held on February 13, 2025, as well as subsequent developments. Participants included strategic and domain experts, including from the private sector. The dialogue was conducted under the Chatham House Rule.

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**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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## II. PODCASTS



EP#1 | Geopolitics Today

Date: April 25, 2025

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EP#4 | India's Maritime Power

Date: June 02, 2025

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EP#2 | Indonesia Today

Date: April 28, 2025

[Play Podcast](#)



EP#5 | Transformations in Battlespace

Date: June 23, 2025

[Play Podcast](#)



EP#3 | Operation Sindoor

Date: May 19, 2025

[Play Podcast](#)



EP#6 | Preparing for Future Conflicts

Date: July 10, 2025

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## III. PUBLICATIONS

### (i) Policy Briefs



#### The Trump Tariffs and India

By Dr. V.S. Seshadri, I.F.S (Retd.)

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#### A Breakthrough in Central Asia: The Khujand Declaration

By Ambassador Phunchok Stobdan

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#### Russia Revives Stakes in Southeast Asia

By Arshiya Chaturvedi

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#### A New Vigour around India's Nuclear Power Programme

By Dr. Manpreet Sethi

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## India Forges Ties with the Taliban

By Ambassador Phunchok Stobdan

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## The India-UK FTA

By Dr. V.S. Seshadri, I.F.S (Retd.)

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## India-US Partnership for AI Leadership

By Arshiya Chaturvedi

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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.

[Vol III, Issue 4-6](#)



### Developments in Southeast Asia: 2024

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.

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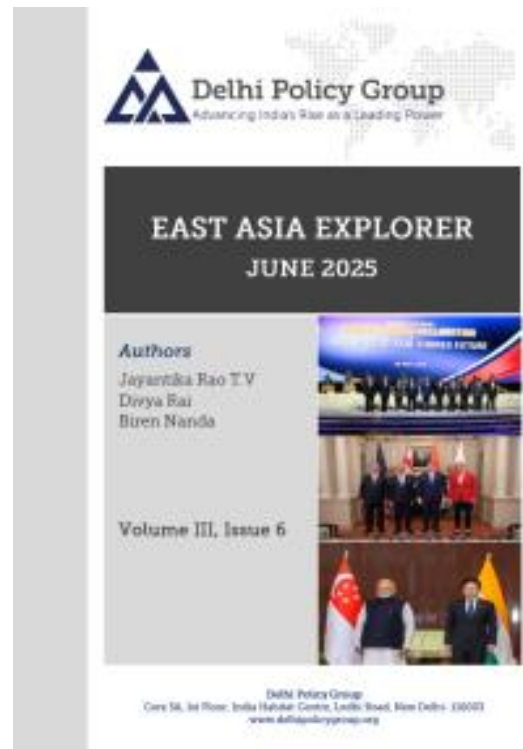




## China Monitor

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 4-6](#)



## 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.

[Vol. VI, Issue 4-6](#)



## 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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### (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, Jayantika Rao T.V., Divya Rai and Arshiya Chaturvedi.

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### III. OPINION



#### **The horrific attack on tourists, selection of place, planning... this seems a deliberate escalation by Pakistan**

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

Date: April 28, 2025

Publisher: The Indian Express

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#### **Red alert for Pak on the terror front**

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

Date: May 9, 2025

Publisher: The Tribune

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#### **How to win the war of narratives in times of Conflict.**

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

Date: May 23, 2025

Publisher: Hindustan Times

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#### **Preparing for the new normal post-Operation Sindoor**

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

Date: June 11, 2025

Publisher: The Indian Express

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#### **India's Afghan policy and how it will impact the Pakistan security challenge for New Delhi**

By: Amb. Phunchok Stobdan

Date: June 13, 2025

Publisher: The Tribune

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

By: Amb. Phunchok Stobdan

Date: July 02, 2025

Publisher: The Indian Express

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#### **US-UK deal: Takeaways for India**

By: Dr. V.S. Seshadri

Date: May 14, 2025

Publisher: The Hindu

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