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In keeping with India's increasing global profile as a leading power and the accompanying dynamism of India's foreign and security policy, the Delhi Policy Group has expanded its focus areas to include India's broader regional and global role; India's initiatives to strengthen its strategic periphery; India's political, security and connectivity challenges and policies across the Indo-Pacific; and the strategic partnerships that advance India's rise. To support these goals, the DPG undertakes research, publishes policy reports and organises conferences on strategic and geo-political, geo-economic, and defence and security issues.

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Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India delivering keynote address at the India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum: 4th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue, New Delhi, October 15, 2018. Source: DPG

Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India delivering keynote address at the MEA-DPG Conference on "International Disaster Response: Indian Participation", New Delhi, October 31, 2018. Source: DPG

Ms. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India delivering keynote address at the DPG-KAS Conference on "Emerging Realignment of the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives of Europe, India, ASEAN and Australia", New Delhi, December 6, 2018. Source: DPG

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Conferences

India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum: 4th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue



The Delhi Policy Group hosted the India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum in New Delhi on October 15-16, 2018 with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This was the 4th edition of the India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue, co-organised by the Delhi Policy Group and the Japan Institute of International Affairs. The keynote address at the Forum was delivered by Gen. (Dr.) V.K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India.

The broader and deeper participation of heads of major national think tanks, strategic experts and distinguished academics at this Forum reflected its coming of age. On the Indian side, 23 expert delegates and 10 representatives from the Government of India participated in the Forum. The 17 Japanese delegates included five senior functionaries of the Government of Japan.

Discussions at the Forum explored the potential of India-Japan relations across the domains of politics, diplomacy and strategy; defence and security; and energy, innovation and technology. The three conference sessions were followed by a panel discussion on the major outcomes and the way forward for an enhanced India-Japan partnership. Looking ahead to the forthcoming

India-Japan bilateral summit, the delegates identified specific areas of collaboration that will advance the strategic partnership and the shared interests of India and Japan across the Indo-Pacific in the years ahead.

JIIA will host the next edition of the India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum/5th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue in Tokyo during the course of 2019.

Read the Joint Statement of the DPG-JIIA India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum: [Joint Statement](#)

MEA-DPG Conference on "International Disaster Response: Indian Participation"



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a conference on "International Disaster Response: Indian Participation" in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, on October 31, 2018. The keynote address at the conference was delivered by Gen. Dr. V.K. Singh, Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India. Participation in the event included representatives from the Indian Armed Forces, the World Health Organisation, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, as well as former members of the National Disaster Management Authority and experts in the field of disaster management.

Discussions at the conference over three sessions focused on India's International Disaster Response Policy aspects; experience and lessons learnt; and International Frameworks. Each session included a panel discussion involving recognised experts. A report including a summary of recommendations arising from each session has been submitted to the Ministry of External Affairs.

[View Recommendations](#)

[DPG-CSCAP Australia Dialogue on "Emerging Realignments in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives of Australia and India"](#)



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation from CSCAP Australia for a dialogue on "Emerging Realignment in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives of Australia and India" on December 4, 2018. The dialogue commenced with a welcome address by Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General, Delhi Policy Group and opening remarks by Ambassador (Prof.) Richard Smith, Co-Chair of CSCAP Australia.

Read Summary: [DPG-CSCAP Australia Dialogue](#)

DPG-KAS Conference on "Emerging Realignments in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives of Europe, India, ASEAN and Australia"



The Delhi Policy Group in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung hosted a conference on “Emerging realignments in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives of Europe, India, ASEAN and Australia” at New Delhi on December 05-06, 2018. H.E. Dr. Martin Ney, Ambassador of Germany to India, delivered the Inaugural Address at this event, on December 05, 2018. Ms. Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, delivered the keynote address on December 06, 2018. Speakers at the event included heads and senior representatives from the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin; the Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin; the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the French Institute of International Relations, Paris; the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta; the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore; the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia; the Australian Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific; University of Melbourne; MacQuarie University, Sydney; Australian National University, Canberra; as well as the Delhi Policy Group.

Discussions at the conference spread over four sessions addressed the Changing Strategic Paradigm in the Indian Ocean; Whither ASEAN; Competing Connectivity Visions; and the Maritime Security Scenario. The event helped in generating an understanding of each other’s points of views on the emerging situation in the Indo-Pacific amongst the participating think tanks.

Roundtables



The Delhi Policy Group organised a roundtable discussion with a high level delegation of the Prospect Foundation, Taipei led by its Chairman, Dr. Tan-Sun Chen on October 3, 2018. The agenda included major global developments, review of political, economic and security issues in the Indo-Pacific and convergences between India's Act East Policy and Taiwan ROC's New Southbound Policy.



SDS-DPG Roundtable Series on India's Economy: Roundtable on "Free Trade Agreements: A Successful Strategy for RCEP" was organised on October 4, 2018. Dr. A. Didar Singh, I.A.S. (Retd.), Senior Fellow, DPG moderated the roundtable. Dr. Arpita Mukherjee, Professor, ICRIER and Ambassador Jayant Dasgupta, former Indian Ambassador to the WTO, led off the discussion.

Read Summary: [SDS-DPG Roundtable Series on India's Economy](#)



DPG hosted a delegation of US Congressional Staffers led by Mr. Jason Suslavich, National Security Advisor, Office of the Senator Dan Sullivan (R-Alaska) on October 29, 2018. The interaction was organised in conjunction with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Embassy of India, Washington D.C.

Faculty Activities

The DPG faculty was an active participant in various think tank interactions during this period, some of which are mentioned below.

Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow

- 11th All India Conference of China Studies organised by ICS at Bangalore, November 14-17, 2018
- International Conference on "India and Central China" organised by India International Centre, New Delhi, December 3-4, 2018
- 2nd India Forum on China @ Goa on "Changing Drivers of China's Economy" organised by the University of Goa, ICS and KAS, Goa, December 7-9, 2018

Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Delivered a talk at the Army War College, Mhow on "China Net Assessment 2025" at the "Combined Operational Review and Evaluation Programme" for Senior Officers of the three services, Mhow, October 11, 2018
- Delivered a talk at the Workshop organised by the Integrated Defence Staff on Artificial Intelligence entitled "Developing AI based Decision Support Systems for Emerging Operational Scenarios", New Delhi, October 13, 2018
- Attended "Ottawa Dialogue" - India-Pakistan Track II Meeting, Bangkok from December 7-9, 2018.

Lt. Gen. Anil Ahuja (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Discussion on "Approach to International Defence Cooperation" organised by the Vivekanand International Foundation, New Delhi, October 8, 2018.
- Delivered a talk on "Defence Diplomacy" at a training programme held for designated Defence Attachés, New Delhi, October 22, 2018.
- International Symposium in Strategic Studies - The Indo-Pacific Strategy & Taiwan, organised by the National Defense University, Taiwan R.O.C., November 21, 2018
 - Session 1: The Indo-Pacific Strategy and Regional Military Cooperation - Presentation on "India-US Defence Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific"
- Seminar on "Future Artillery - India" organised by Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), in conjunction with the Indian Army and Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, New Delhi, November 30, 2018
 - Chair, Session on "Development and Employment of Precision Munitions"

Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Roundtable Discussion among Law of the Sea Experts of Indonesia and India on "How UNCLOS 1982 Addresses Emerging Issues in the Oceans of the Indo-Pacific Region" organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, New Delhi, December 11, 2018

Dr. Didar Singh, Senior Fellow

- Participation in ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work, Geneva, November 15, 2018
- Delivered a talk at the 6th International Relations Conference 2018 on "Shaping a New Strategic Culture for India", organised by Symbiosis School of International Studies, Pune, December 21-22, 2018

Publications

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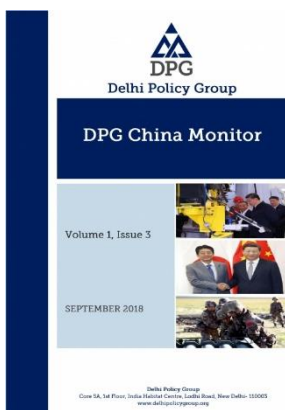


["Strategic Balance in the Indo-Pacific: A Role for Maritime Democracies?"](#)

by Hemant Krishan Singh and Arun Sahgal

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DPG China Monitor



[DPG China Monitor: September 2018](#)

Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol.I, Issue 3



[DPG China Monitor: October 2018](#)

Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol.I, Issue 4



[DPG China Monitor: November 2018](#)

Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol.I, Issue 5

Weekly World Watch



[DPG Weekly World Watch:](#)

Weekly review of major developments impacting India from open source media, Vol.II, Issues 40-52



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