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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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*DPG Senior Faculty's Interaction with Students from University of Melbourne and Delhi University on February 07, 2024. Source: DPG*  
*DPG Senior Faculty's Dialogue with the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs on February 20, 2024. Source: DPG*  
*The 5th JIIA Tokyo Global Dialogue on February 29, 2024. Source: DPG*

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## Events



### [DPG-IDIR Virtual Dialogue on Global Order and Indo-Pacific Security](#)

January 23, 2024

The Delhi Policy Group and the Institute of Defence International Relations, Hanoi held a virtual dialogue on January 23, 2024. The discussion was focused on a structured agenda that included global order, implications of great power competition for the Indo-Pacific, and regional frameworks for security cooperation. The dialogue was conducted under the Chatham House rule.



### [DPG Senior Faculty's Interaction with Students from University of Melbourne and Delhi University](#)

February 07, 2024

The Delhi Policy Group held an interactive discussion with students from University of Melbourne and Delhi University on February 7, 2024. The thirteen member group of students pursuing post-graduate studies are taking part in a collaborative course at Delhi University on Security and Development in South Asia under the aegis of Universitas 21 (U21). The DPG senior faculty shared perspectives on the global order, Indo-Pacific defence and security issues, China's growing challenge across the Indo-Pacific, and regional security architecture in Asia. This was followed by Q&A interaction with the students.



### [Roundtable Discussion on Proposed DRDO Reforms and Improvements in India's Defence Technology Eco-system](#)

February 14, 2024

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) organised a roundtable discussion on proposed DRDO Reforms and Improvements in India's Defence Technology Eco-system on February 14, 2024.

This roundtable, conducted under the Chatham House Rule, brought together senior representatives from the military, DRDO, and industry to discuss how far the reforms suggested by the Raghavan Committee will go in creating an effective indigenous defence technology eco-system that can enhance India's military capability and deterrent power.



### [DPG Senior Faculty's Dialogue with the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs](#)

February 20, 2024

The DPG Senior Faculty held an interactive dialogue with the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs (HIIA), Budapest, on February 20, 2024.

The HIIA delegation was led by Dr. Gladden Pappin, President, and included Dr. Lilla Kakuk, Adviser to the President.

The discussion provided for an in-depth exchange of perceptions on the state of world order in the midst of raging conflicts and great power competition. Dr. Pappin elaborated upon Hungary's role and position within the European Union and developments in Europe, as well as the trajectory of narratives prevalent in the West.

The DPG Senior Faculty shared their views on India's positioning and growing role in world affairs, as well as the rise of the Indo-Pacific in an increasingly multipolar world.



### [The 5th JIIA Tokyo Global Dialogue](#)

February 29, 2024

Remarks by Amb. H. K. Singh, Director General at the Concluding Session on "The Future of International Security and Cooperation".



### [DPG Senior Faculty Conducts Training Module for IFS Probationers at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service](#)

March 07-08, 2024

As part of the ongoing training programme of the 2023 Batch of the Indian Foreign Service, the DPG Senior Faculty delivered a series of lectures at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service on March 7-8, 2024. The lectures were followed by Q&A interaction with the IFS Probationers and by objective type tests on the basic

concepts of world order, multilateralism based on the UN Charter and international law, emerging multipolarity and the rise of the Indo-Pacific, the strategic drivers of India's Act East Policy, and ASEAN's role in regional architecture. The IFS trainees were also introduced to the concepts of net assessment and comprehensive national power, and participated in a strategic gaming exercise.

## Publications

### Policy Briefs



### [The World in Conflict: The Global Scene and India's Positioning](#)

By Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh,  
I.F.S. (Retd.)

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 1

January 01, 2024



### [US-China Relations and the Balance of Power in the Indo-Pacific](#)

Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Ph.D.

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 2

January 06, 2024





### [Developments in the Indian Military-2023](#)

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

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 3

January 06, 2024



### [The Changing Contours of Indian Ocean Maritime Security](#)

By Commodore Lalit Kapur (Retd.)

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 4

January 24, 2024



### [China's Inroads in India's Eastern Neighbourhood](#)

By Angana Guha Roy, Ph.D.

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 5

February 07, 2024



[Polarisation at the Polls: Pakistan's Fragmented Election Outcome](#)

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

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 6

February 14, 2024



[Prabowo Subianto's Victory: Another Democratic Transition of Power in Indonesia](#)

By Jayantika Rao T. V.

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 7

February 19, 2024



[The Future of Australia's Surface Fleet](#)

By Commodore Lalit Kapur (Retd.)

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 8

March 19, 2024



[Australia-ASEAN Golden Jubilee Summit](#)

By Commodore Lalit Kapur (Retd.)

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 9

March 19, 2024



[13th WTO Ministerial Conference Outcomes](#)

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

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 10

March 20, 2024



[Mission Divyastra: MIRV Capabilities and India's Strategic Posture](#)

By Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Ph.D.

DPG Policy Brief, Vol.IX, Issue 11

March 28, 2024

**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. II, Issue 1](#)



[Vol. II, Issue 2](#)



[Vol. II, Issue 3](#)

## 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.), Senior Fellow for Military Strategy.

[Vol. V, Issue 1](#)



[Vol. V, Issue 2](#)



[Vol. V, Issue 3](#)

## Indo-Pacific Monitor



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

[Vol. V, Issue 1](#)

[Vol. V, Issue 2](#)

[Vol. V, Issue 3](#)

## East Asia Explorer



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

[Vol. II, Issue 1](#)

[Vol. II, Issue 2](#)

[Vol. II, Issue 3](#)

## 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 Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Strategic and Regional Security.

[Vol. VII, Issue 1](#)

[Vol. VII, Issue 2](#)

[Vol. VII, Issue 3](#)



## Economic Security and Resilience Review



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

[Vol. II, Issue 1](#)



[Vol. II, Issue 2](#)



[Vol. II, Issue 3](#)

## 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 Angana Guha Roy, Ph.D., Shreyas Deshmukh, Sanket Joshi, Anshita Shukla and Jayantika Rao T.V.

[Vol.II, Issues 1-13](#)

## Opinion

THE  
**WIRE**

### [‘Gujjar-Bakharwals Army's Eyes and Ears in J&K, Need to Rebuild Old Ties’](#)

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

Date: January 02, 2024

Publisher: The Wire

THE TIMES OF INDIA

### [Why Iran-Pakistan attacks is unlikely to escalate to war](#)

By: Shreyas Deshmukh

Date: January 19, 2024

Publisher: The Times Of India

**The Tribune**  
VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

[A small nation's attempt at playing the bully](#)

By: P. Stobdan

Date: February 05, 2024

Publisher: The Tribune

**The Tribune**  
VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

[Nature of war vs character of war](#)

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

Date: March 11, 2024

Publisher: The Tribune

**DH**  **DECCAN HERALD**

[India-China LAC stand-off: Four years and counting](#)

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

Date: March 23, 2024

Publisher: Deccan Herald

THE HINDU  
**businessline**

[India improves on its FTA template](#)

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

Date: March 28, 2024

Publisher: Business Line

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