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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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I. HIGHLIGHTS



7th DPG-JIIA Indo-Pacific Forum, Public Session, November 19, 2024.

In the October-December 2024 quarter, DPG launched a new series of periodic roundtable discussions on India's emerging foreign and security policy horizons. The first in this roundtable series (October 10) focused on India's strategic and neighbourhood challenges across the board. The second iteration (December 4) reviewed the outlook for India's relations with the great powers and the imperative of military modernisation.

DPG hosted the 7th edition of the India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum in New Delhi on November 18-19, in conjunction with The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA). The theme for this flagship India-Japan Track 1.5 dialogue was "India and Japan: Partners for Asian Stability and Progress". Closed-door discussions (November 18) concluded with a public panel discussion (November 19) on perspectives from India and Japan on the rise of Asia and the Indo-Pacific in the global order. EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar, and his Japanese counterpart Mr. Takeshi Iwaya, delivered virtual keynote addresses at the public session.

The DPG Faculty continued to share its expertise on strategic and international affairs through national capacity building, hosting the sixth DPG-Defence Intelligence Agency Workshop for Defence Attachés (designate) on October 18, and delivering lectures to IFS Officer Trainees of the 2024 batch at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service on December 11, as part of their training module on India's foreign policy and diplomacy.

DPG added a seventh publication to the list of its flagship monthlies by initiating the "West Asia Review" in November 2024. It also continued its traditional practice of bringing out year ending policy briefs on the global scene, regional developments, and national defence.

II. EVENTS



Roundtable Discussion on India's Emerging Foreign and Security Policy Horizons I

Date: October 10, 2024

DPG hosted a closed-door roundtable on "India's Emerging Foreign and Security Policy Horizons".

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Sixth DPG-DIA Workshop for Defence Attachés (Designate)

Date: October 18, 2024

DPG organised a comprehensive training workshop for Indian Defence Attachés (Designate) in collaboration with the Defence Intelligence Agency on October 18, 2024. This was the sixth iteration of the DPG-DIA training workshop. The DPG Faculty delivered presentations covering the state of global order, great power equations, maritime security challenges, and India's policy

priorities in Eurasia, South Asia, South East Asia and Africa. This was followed by an interactive Q&A session.

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

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7th DPG-JIIA Indo-Pacific Forum/10th India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue

Date: November 18-19, 2024

The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) jointly organised the 7th India-Japan Indo-Pacific Forum in New Delhi on November 18-19, 2024. This was the 10th edition of this flagship India-Japan Track 1.5 Dialogue. Deliberations at the Forum on the overarching theme "India and Japan: Partners for Asian Stability and Progress" were structured into three closed-door sessions and a special keynote session, culminating in a public panel discussion.

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Roundtable Discussion on India's Emerging Foreign and Security Policy Horizons II

Date: December 04, 2024

DPG hosted the second iteration of its closed door roundtable on “India’s Emerging Foreign and Security Policy Horizons” on December 4, 2024.

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“Indian Foreign Policy and Diplomacy: the Big Picture” Training Module for IFS Officer Trainees of the 2024 Batch, Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service

Date: December 11, 2024

The DPG Faculty delivered a series of lectures on various aspects of India’s foreign policy and diplomacy to IFS Officer Trainees (OTs) of the 2024 Batch at the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service (SSIFS) on December 11, 2024. This was part of the training module for IFS OTs organised by SSIFS, covering both territorial and thematic dimensions of India’s diplomacy. Amb. H.K. Singh’s lecture focused on “Global Order and India’s Role”; Amb. Nalin Surie spoke on “Managing Challenges in Eurasia”; and Amb. Biren Nanda spoke on “India’s Act East Policy: Challenges and Opportunities”.

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III. PUBLICATIONS

(i) Policy Briefs



Prabowo's balancing visits to China and the US yield uneven outcomes

By Ambassador Biren Nanda

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The Global Scene: A World in Turmoil

By Ambassador Hemant Krishan Singh

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Developments in Southeast Asia: 2024

By Ambassador Biren Nanda and Jayantika Rao T.V.

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Developments in the Indian Military - 2024

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

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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.

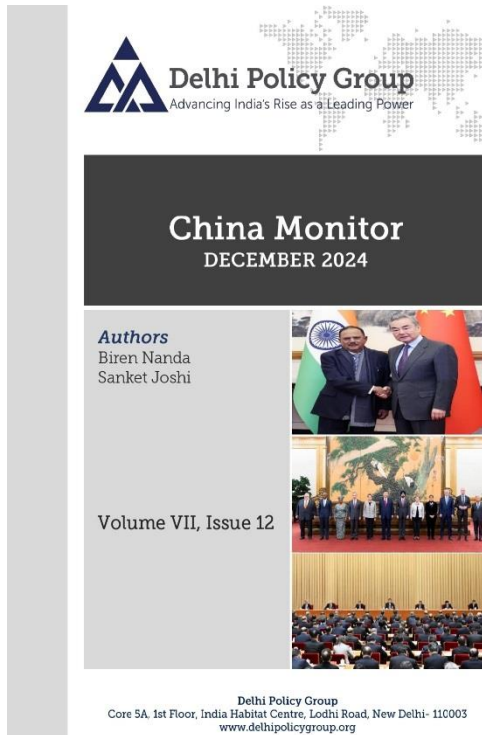
[Vol II, Issue 10-12](#)



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 V, Issue 10-12](#)



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. the section and start typing to add content.

[Vol. VII, Issue 10-12](#)



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.

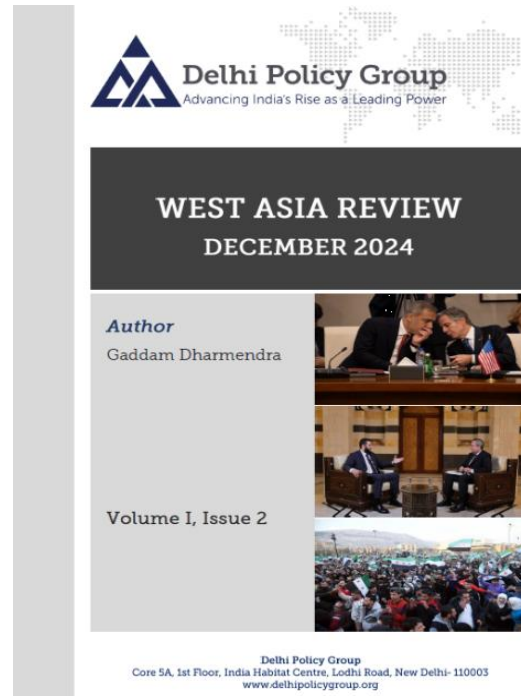
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India Strategic Review

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. V, Issue 10-12](#)



West Asia Review

Monthly assessment of strategic developments in West Asia, security issues relevant to the region, and India's regional diplomacy and initiatives, authored by Amb. Gaddam Dharmendra, Adjunct Senior Fellow for West Asian Security Affairs.

[Vol. I, Issue 1-2](#)



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.

[Vol. II, Issue 10-12](#)

(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. and Divya Rai.

[Vol. II, Issues 41-52](#)

IV. OPINION



India Must Fortify its Digital Defences

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

Date: October 01, 2024

Publisher: The Tribune

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India-China LAC agreement is welcome – but is it a breakthrough?

By: Amb. Phunchok Stobdan

Date: October 23, 2024

Publisher: The Indian Express

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Military lessons from the stand-off on LAC

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

Date: November 27, 2024

Publisher: Hindustan Times

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Manipur Conflict Not Just a Local Conflict

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

Date: December 23, 2024

Publisher: The Tribune

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Getting Ready for Trump 2.0

By: Dr. V.S. Seshadri

Date: January 01, 2025

Publisher: The Hindu BusinessLine

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Why China has made new units in Aksai Chin

By: Amb. Phunchok Stobdan

Date: January 09, 2025

Publisher: The Tribune

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