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#### **ABOUT US**

Founded in 1994, the Delhi Policy Group is among India's oldest independent think tanks with its primary focus on international and strategic issues of critical national interest. Over the past decades, the Delhi Policy Group has established itself in both domestic and international circles, particularly in the area of national security.

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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*DPG faculty receives delegation of US Congressional Staff led by Mr. Don Bergin, Counsel for National Security Affairs to Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas), New Delhi, February 18, 2019. Source: DPG*

*4th DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group Video Conference, New Delhi February 25, 2019. Source: DPG*

*Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary (Department of Defence Research and Development) and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) delivering the keynote address at the DPG Conference on Defence Technology in India, New Delhi, March 11, 2019. Source: DPG*

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## Conferences

### 4<sup>th</sup> Video Conference of DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group



The fourth video conference of the DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group was held on February 25, 2019 with the participation of a dozen strategic experts and senior officials on each side. Participants held extensive discussions on potential areas of bilateral security cooperation in the western theatre of the Indo-Pacific.

## DPG Conference on "Defence Technology in India"



The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) organised a Conference on "Defence Technology in India" on March 11, 2019. Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, Secretary (Department of Defence Research and Development) and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) delivered the keynote address. The conference sessions covered 'Strengths in Defence Technology and Manufacturing in the Public and Private Sector' and 'Absorption of Defence Technology Transfers'. Participants in the event included representatives from the Indian Armed Forces, Ministry of Defence, think tanks and defence industry, including the private sector.



## 5th Video Conference of DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group



The fifth video conference of the DPG-CSIS India-US Security Working Group was held on March 12, 2019 with the participation of a dozen strategic experts and senior officials on each side. Participants held in-depth discussions on coordinated actions between military and diplomatic components of the India-US 2+2 Dialogue and other potential partnerships in the Indo-Pacific.

## Roundtables

### Meeting with Delegation of US Congressional Staff



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation of US Congressional Staff led by Mr. Don Bergin, Counsel for National Security Affairs to Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) on February 18, 2019. The DPG faculty briefed the visitors on India's political scene and global outlook, which was followed by an interactive discussion.

## Meeting with Delegation of US National Intelligence Council



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation of the US National Intelligence Council led by Mr. Brian Hahs, Director for Geopolitics, Strategic Futures Group, National Intelligence Council on February 26, 2019.

The DPG faculty interacted with the visitors on India's security posture, global outlook and long term prospect for US-India strategic partnership.

## Meeting with Delegation of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation of the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs led by Ms. Ernawati, Deputy Director of South and Central Asia Division, Policy Planning and Research Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia on March 1, 2019.

The visiting team was conducting independent research on "Connecting the Connectivities" in the Indo-Pacific. The DPG faculty made a brief presentation to the visitors on India's connectivity projects and outlook, followed by an interactive session.



## Meeting with delegation of USAF Air War College



The Delhi Policy Group hosted a delegation of US Air War College officers led by Professor Amit Gupta on March 5, 2019. The DPG faculty interacted with the visitors on developments in Afghanistan and the Indo-Pacific and apprised them of India's global outlook and security posture.

## Policy Dialogues

### DPG Policy Dialogue with the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS), Tokyo



Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General and Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group held a roundtable discussion with Prof. Akihiko Tanaka, President, and Senior Faculty of National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo on March 19, 2019.

### DPG Policy Dialogue with the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA), Tokyo

Ambassador H.K. Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal held a roundtable discussion with Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae, President, and Senior Faculty of the Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIJA) in Tokyo on March 20, 2019.

## DPG Policy Dialogue with National Institute for Defence Studies (NIDS), Tokyo



Ambassador H.K. Singh and Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.) in dialogue with Mr. Yukinari Hirose, President, and Senior Faculty of the National Institute for Defence Studies (NIDS) in Tokyo on March 22, 2019.



## Faculty Activities

### *Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General*



- Public lecture by Ambassador H.K. Singh and discussion on "Japan and India: Abiding Partners Amidst Global Uncertainty", with Prof. Tomohiko Taniguchi, Special Advisor to the cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo on March 26, 2019

### *Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow*

- Public lecture on "India's Strategic Security Challenges and National Response", Amity University, NOIDA, January 10, 2019
- Model UN Conference organised by St. Stephens College Planning Forum, February 3, 2019.
- Kalinga International Forum meeting on Sri Lanka, February 20, 2019.
- China Economy Conference by GOI's Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, February 26, 2019.
- M.L. Sondhi Foundation Conference on the Indo-Pacific, March 1, 2019



*Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow*

- Think 20 roundtable discussion on “Global Economic Governance” organised by Gateway House, Mumbai, January 28, 2019
- India-Japan Dialogue co-hosted by Gateway House and DPG, Mumbai, January 29, 2019

*Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Ph.D, Senior Fellow*



- 3rd Annual India Think Tank Forum organised by UPENN-TTCSP and ORF, New Delhi, January 7, 2019
- Conducted a Strategic Gaming Exercise on India-Pakistan relations, for IFS probationers, Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, January 4, 2019

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

- "Citizenship Amendment Bill and Its Implications on the Security Environment in the Northeast", VIF, January 7, 2019
- Roundtable discussion on "India-US Defence Relations" with senior US Defence Officials, including Commander INDOPACOM, Adm Davidson, organised by USISPF, New Delhi, January 7, 2019
- Roundtable discussion on "Review of China's Military Capability – Looking Below the Crust", VIF, February 11, 2019

*Cmde. Lalit Kapur (Retd.), Senior Fellow*

- EU-India Think Tanks Annual Conference on "EU and India: Partners in Shaping Global Affairs", New Delhi, January 8, 2019

*Dr. Didar Singh, Senior Fellow*

- ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work, Launch of Report, Geneva, January 22, 2019
- IILM 6th International PRME Conference 2019, February 2, 2019
- ILO Global Commission on the Future of Work, India Launch of Report by Ministry of Labour at National Stakeholder Consultation on the Future of Work February 8, 2019
- Vaishvik 2019, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Pune, February 17, 2019
- Migration and Health Experts Meeting, WHO, Geneva on February 27-28, 2019
- Pragyan '19, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (NIT-T), March 14-17, 2019
- Indo-German symposium on 'Future of Work', German Centre for Research and Innovation, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, March 19-20, 2019

## Publications

### *DPG Policy Briefs*



#### *"The Brexit Impasse"*

by Nalin Surie

*DPG Policy Brief, Vol. III, Issue 19*

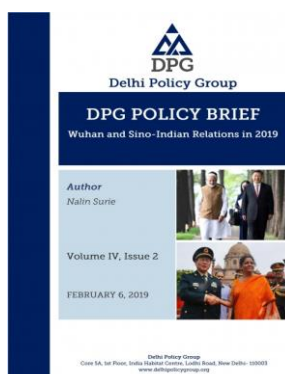
*December 20, 2018*



#### *"The Asia Reassurance Initiative Act 2018 (ARIA) of the US and India's Security Challenges"*

by Hemant Krishan Singh and Arun Sahgal

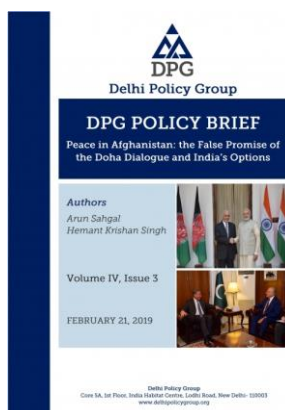
*DPG Policy Paper, Vol. IV, Issue 1*  
*January 28, 2019*



#### *"Wuhan and Sino-Indian Relations in 2019"*

by Nalin Surie

*DPG Policy Brief, Vol. IV, Issue 2*  
*February 6, 2019*



*[“Peace in Afghanistan: the False Promise of the Doha Dialogue and India’s Options”](#)*

*by Arun Sahgal and Hemant Krishan Singh*

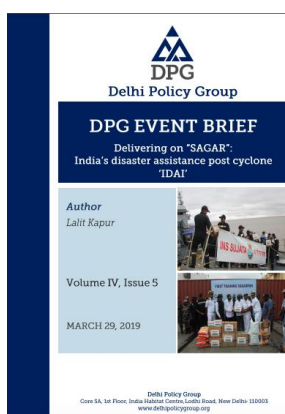
*DPG Policy Brief, Vol. IV, Issue 3  
February 21, 2019*



*[“Balakot and the New Normal”](#)*

*by Hemant Krishan Singh and Arun Sahgal*

*DPG Policy Brief, Vol. IV, Issue 4  
March 1, 2019*

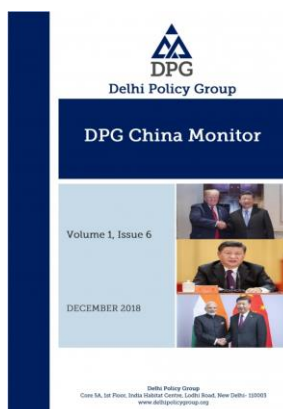


*[“Delivering on ‘SAGAR’: India’s disaster assistance post cyclone ‘IDAI’”](#)*

*by Lalit Kapur*

*DPG Event Brief, Vol. IV, Issue 5  
March 29, 2019*

## DPG China Monitor



### [DPG China Monitor: December 2018](#)

Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol. I, Issue 6



### [DPG China Monitor: January 2019](#)

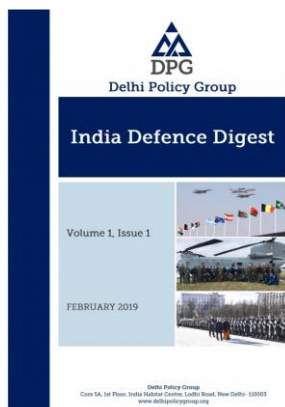
Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol. II, Issue 1



### [DPG China Monitor: February 2019](#)

Monthly review of India-China relations as covered in reports and commentaries appearing in open source Chinese media, Vol. II, Issue 2

## *DPG India Defence Digest*



### [DPG India Defence Digest: February, 2019](#)

Monthly overview of defence related developments within India and in its immediate neighbourhood from publicly available information and open source media, Vol. I, Issue 1

## *DPG Weekly World Watch*



### [DPG Weekly World Watch:](#)

Weekly review of major developments impacting India from open source media, Vol. III, Issues 1-13



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