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Conferences

DPG-JIIA 2nd Japan-India Indo-Pacific Forum: Navigating the New Great Power Rivalry, Tokyo, Japan, October 2-4, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group and the Japan Institute of International Affairs organized the 2nd edition of the Japan-India Indo-Pacific Forum (5th Japan-India Track 1.5 Dialogue) in Tokyo on October 3-4, 2019. The theme of the Forum was “Navigating the New Great Power Rivalry” and its sessions covered Regional Security Outlook: Challenges and Opportunities for Japan and India in the Indo-Pacific; Japan-India Security Cooperation: Bilateral, Trilateral and Beyond; Prospects of Third Country Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific: Southeast Asia, Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean Region; and Promoting Digital Connectivity in the midst of Digital Hegemonic Competition: Japan-India Cyber and Digital Cooperation. Participants included 24 strategic experts and government representatives from Japan and 10 from India. This premier Forum for India-Japan strategic communication and Track 1.5 discussion is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and the Ministry of External Affairs of India.

DPG-JIIA Public Forum: “US-China Rivalry and Japan’s Future: Emerging Role of Japan-India Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific”, Tokai University Club, Tokyo, October 4, 2019



The Japan Institute of International Affairs (JIIA) organized a Public Forum on “US-China Rivalry and Japan’s Future: Emerging Role of Japan-India Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific” at the Tokai University Club, Tokyo on October 4, 2019.

The Public Forum was moderated by Ambassador Kenichiro Sasae, President of JIIA and featured a discussion on the prospects and challenges for Japan and India in pursuing security and economic cooperation amidst great power rivalry. Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General and Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow participated in the Forum as panelists from the Delhi Policy Group, while Amb. Sasae was joined by Mr. Hiroyuki Akita, Commentator at the Nihon Keizai Shinbun (Nikkei). The event drew the participation of over 100 Japanese academics, students and members of civil society.

Australia-India Roundtable, Melbourne, November 13, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group and its Australian partners – AusCSCAP, AsiaLink and the Australia-India Institute – organised an Australia-India Roundtable in Melbourne on November 13, 2019. The agenda included India-Australia Bilateral Relations; Recent Developments in the Indo-Pacific; and Foreign and Security Policy Challenges of India and Australia.

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DPG-KAS Conference on "Regional Frameworks to Address Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean and South East Asia", December 3-4, 2019



The Delhi Policy Group (DPG) and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) organised a Conference on "Regional Frameworks to Address Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean and South East Asia" in New Delhi on December 2-3, 2019. The four sessions of the Conference addressed Regional Security Frameworks in the Indian Ocean; Maritime Security; India's Act East Policy and ASEAN; and Competing Connectivity Visions. International participants from leading think tanks in Germany, Singapore, Indonesia, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Nepal participated.

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Roundtables

DPG Roundtable with US Defence delegation, New Delhi, October 22, 2019



The DPG Senior Faculty held a closed door roundtable discussion with an eleven-member delegation of the US Department of Defence led by Ambassador Tina Kaidanow, Senior Advisor for International Cooperation [and Co-Chair of the DTTI Interagency Task Force (DIATF)] on October 22, 2019. Indian Participants included representatives of the Integrated Defence Staff, Ministry of Defence and the private sector defence industry. Discussions covered the Regional Security outlook and the US-India partnership in the Indo-Pacific; status of US-India defence cooperation; and Industry perspectives on defence industrial cooperation.

DPG Roundtable with Japan NIDS delegation, New Delhi, December 23, 2019



DPG hosted an interaction on strategic and security issues with a delegation of Japan's National Institute for Defence Studies on December 23, 2019. The NIDS team was led by Dr Marie Izuyama, Senior Fellow and included the Defence Attache, Embassy of Japan. Discussions focused on India-Japan defence cooperation and the emerging security scenario in the Indo-Pacific.

Faculty Activities

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

Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General

ICWA-CPIFA Bilateral Dialogue, New Delhi, November 7, 2019



- Ambassador H. K. Singh participated in the Sixth ICWA-CPIFA Bilateral Dialogue hosted by the Indian Council for World Affairs on November 7, 2019 and chaired its first session on "From Wuhan to Chennai: Looking Forward to the 70th Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations".

Tokyo Global Dialogue: Rebuilding a Free, Fair and Transparent Rule Based International Order, Tokyo, December 02-03, 2019



Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General, participated in the inaugural edition of the Tokyo Global Dialogue hosted by the Japan Institute of International Affairs in Tokyo on December 2-3, 2019. He was a panelist in Conference Sessions on “Seeking out a new order in the Indo-Pacific Region (BRI & FOIP)” and “Challenges to Multilateral Systems”

Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow

- Panel discussion on the Modi-Xi Chennai Informal Summit organised by ET Now (TV), October 11, 2019
- Discussion on the Modi-Xi Chennai Informal Summit, organised by DD News, October 12, 2019
- India Forum Roundtable on the Modi-Xi Chennai Informal Summit, October 23, 2019
- Panelist at Chanakya Chakra Seminar on Understanding China Chinese World View in the 21st Century, November 1, 2019
- Valedictory address at the 12th ICS All India Conference of Chinese Studies, Jindal Global University, Sonapat, November 10, 2019

- Lecture on India-China Relations Post Wuhan under the Distinguished Lectures Series organised by MEA, IIT Roorkee, November 28, 2019
- 3rd ICS-KAS India Forum on China@Goa, December 5-8,2019: Chair, session on “China Factor in Evolving Discourse on Asia’s Geopolitical Challenges and Indo-Pacific: Scope, Power Shifts, Contestations”.

Dr. Didar Singh, Senior Fellow

- Keynote Presentation in Session on “Driving & Restraining Forces Affecting International Business”, Amity University, NOIDA, October 18, 2019
- Chaired FICCI Task Force meeting with ILO on Migration, New Delhi, November 6, 2019
- Keynote Presentation on Future of Work at the ILO 100th Year Celebration held at XLRI, Jamshedpur, November 9, 2019
- Chaired Session on “Bringing Paradigm Shift in Financial Sector to promote Sustainability” at the CRB 6th Annual Sustainability Conference, New Delhi, November 20, 2019

Cmdr. Lalit Kapur (Retd.), Senior Fellow

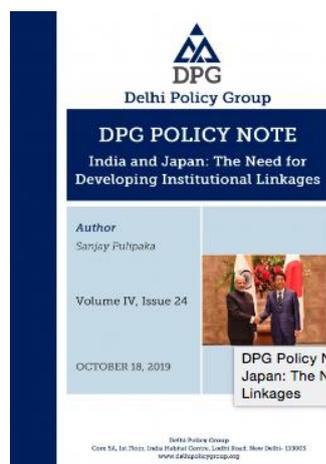
- Address on “Transition of the Asia Pacific to the Indo-Pacific” to the Asia Pacific Advisory Board of the RAND Corporation, New Delhi, December 6, 2019

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

- Panelist in session on “Legal and Regulatory Frameworks: Developing Long Term Strategies towards Partnerships in the Defense Supply Chain”, BCIU-CII U.S.-India Defense Ties Conference, Hyderabad, December 18-19, 2019

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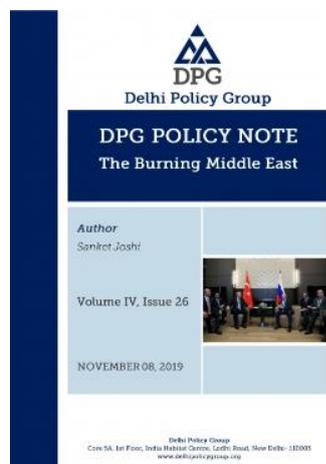
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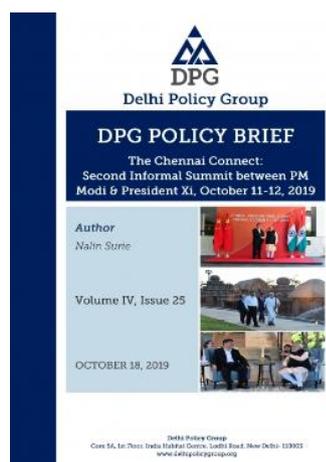


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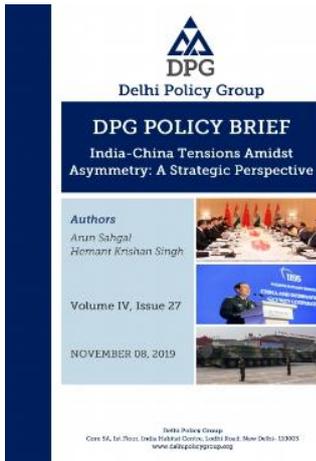
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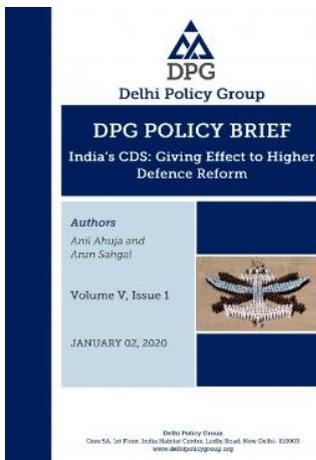
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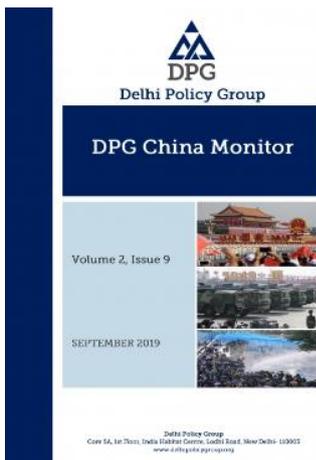


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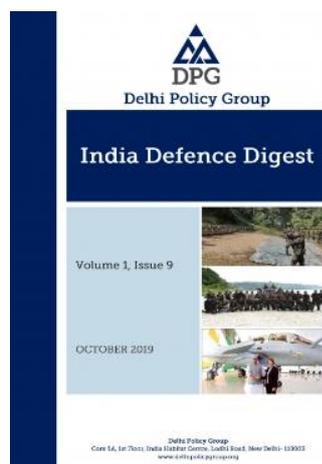
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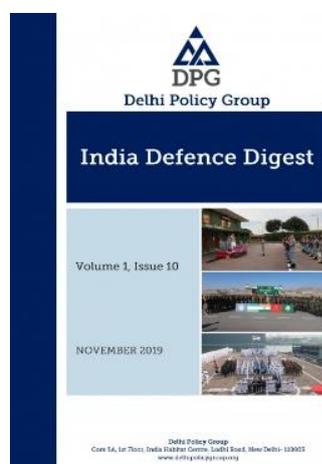
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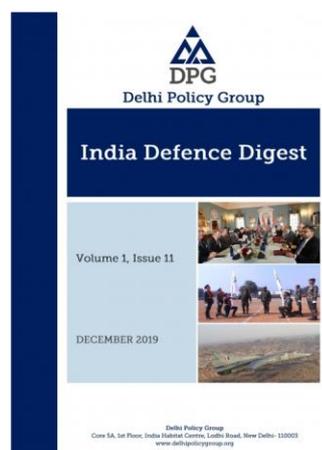
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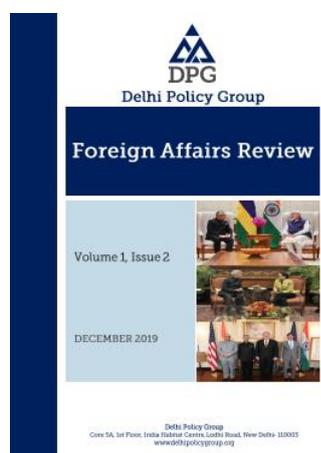
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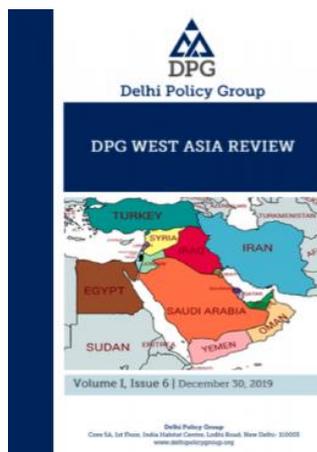
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