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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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Policy Dialogues

DPG Faculty engages French Diplomacy, New Delhi, January 14, 2020



The DPG Senior Faculty held a policy dialogue with Mr. Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Director of the Center for Analysis, Planning and Strategy in the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, on January 14, 2020. Exchange of assessments regarding global developments and prospects for advancing the India-France strategic partnership, including through think tank interactions, were among the issues discussed.

DPG-Hudson Institute Video Conference, February 28, 2020



The DPG Senior Faculty held a Video Conference with counterparts at the Hudson Institute on February 28, 2020. The agenda of the meeting was to share assessments on outcomes of President Donald Trump's state visit to India (February 24-25) in critical areas of Trade and Technology, Defence and Security and the Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific. The DPG-Hudson virtual dialogue is to be continued periodically, culminating in an institutional meeting in Washington DC planned for August 2020.

Roundtable

DPG Roundtable on developments in Afghanistan, New Delhi, March 6, 2020



The Delhi Policy Group organised a closeddoor roundtable on “Taliban Ceasefire and Impending U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan: Implications for India and the Region” on March 6, 2020. Discussions at the roundtable were moderated by Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow, DPG. Mr. Tilak Devashar, Member, NSAB; Maj. Gen. B.K. Sharma (Retd.), Director, USI; Dr. Shalini Chawla, Distinguished Fellow, CAPS and Mr. Vishal Chandra, Research Fellow, MPIDSA were the key speakers at the roundtable.

Training Programme

Strategic Gaming Exercise at the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, February 21, 2020



The Delhi Policy Group conducted a strategic gaming exercise on India-China relations for the 2019 Batch of the Indian Foreign Service at the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi on February 21, 2020. Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow for Strategic Security issues, led this training module.

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

Joint Workshop on Maritime Security in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean Region: Exploring Convergent Views



Ambassador H.K. Singh, Director General participated in the “Joint Workshop on Maritime Security in the South China Sea and Indian Ocean Region: Exploring Convergent Views” organised by the National Maritime Foundation in New Delhi on January 30, 2020. He chaired the session on “Sharing Maritime Security Perspectives in the South China Sea” and was a panelist in the interactive Session on “Ways Ahead”.

Ambassador Nalin Surie, Distinguished Fellow

- Lecture on "The rising China- implications for world order and stability", Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, January 17, 2020
- Conference on "Understanding Africa: Continuity and Change" at the India International Centre 12 February 12, 2020
- Speaker, Panel Discussion on "Rise of China and India's response" with Norwegian Defense University delegation, Royal Embassy of Embassy, New Delhi, February 18, 2020
- Speaker, ET Now TV on visit of US President, February 24, 2020

Dr. Didar Singh, Senior Fellow

- Keynote Presentation and Chaired Session on "Future of Work" at Bhopal Literature Festival, January 12, 2020
- Keynote Presentations in Sessions on Future of Work and Enterprise at the New Delhi Institute of Management, January 16-17, 2020
- Keynote Presentation in Session on Human Rights and Global Security at IIM Rohtak, Model UN, January 18, 2020
- Keynote Presentation on Administration and E-Governance at St. Stephen's College Centre for Advanced Learning, Delhi University, January 18, 2020.
- Keynote Presentation in Session on Public Policy at the IILM Management Institute, New Delhi, January 22, 2020.
- Chair, Session on Innovation at the 7th International PRME Conference on Sustainability, IILM University, NOIDA, February 15, 2020.

Brig. Arun Sahgal (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Presentation of paper entitled "Indian Think Tanks: Strategies, Challenges and Operational Agenda for 2020" at the 4th India Think Tank Forum, New Delhi, January 12-13, 2020.
- Roundtable Discussion on "Think Tanks and Civil Society", organised by United Service Institute, New Delhi, January 30, 2020.
- Interview with Peninsula TV, Hong Kong on "Afghan Peace Accord and Implications for India" and "Strategic and Bilateral implications of President Trump's Visit to India", March 2, 2020.

Brig. Abhimanyu Ghosh (Retd.), Senior Fellow

- Represented DPG at the 5th STS Forum India-Japan Workshop, New Delhi, February 26, 2020

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

- Roundtable Discussion on "India US Defence and Economic Relations and Prospects for Cooperation", organised by Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi, February 14, 2020.

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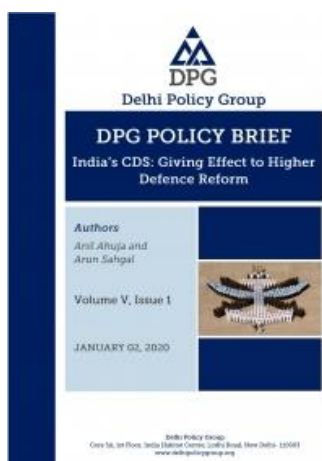
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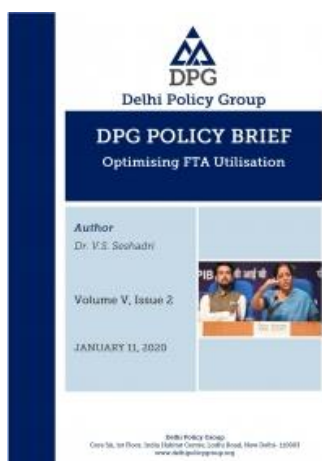
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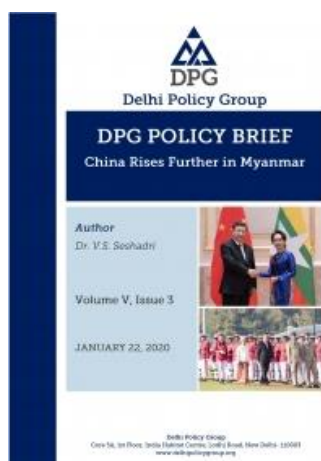
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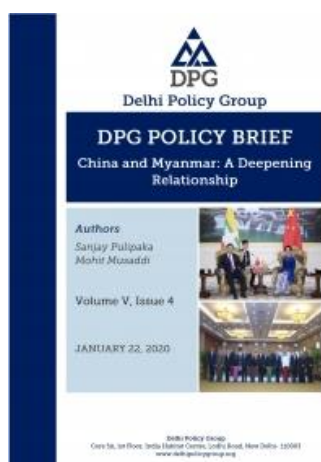
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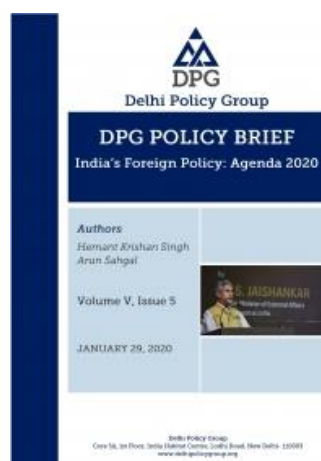
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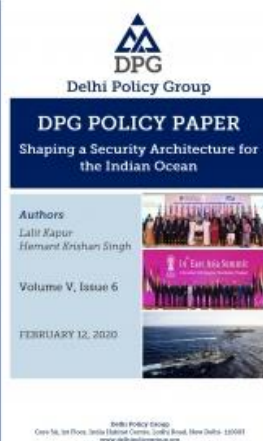
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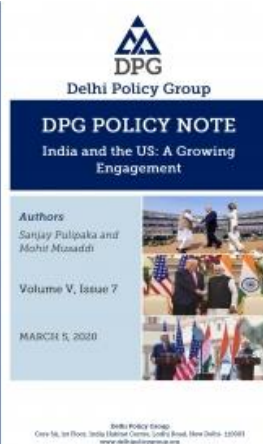


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by Lalit Kapur and Hemant Krishan Singh

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"India and the US: A Growing Engagement"

by Sanjay Pulipaka and Mohit Musaddi

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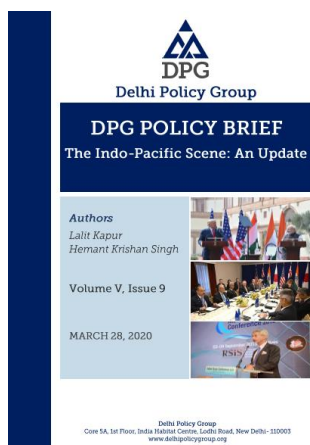


"India-US Trade: Prospects for an elusive limited trade and a looming big deal"

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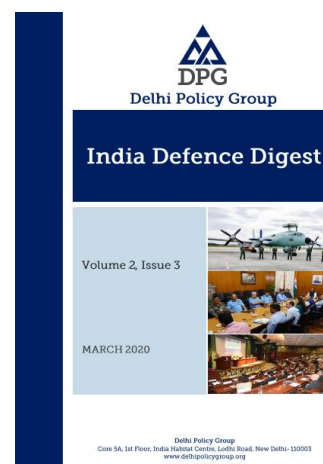
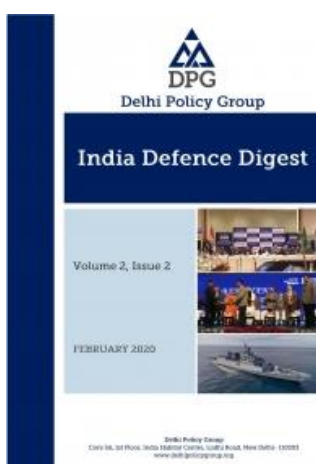
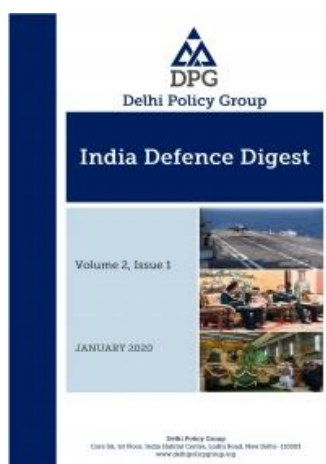
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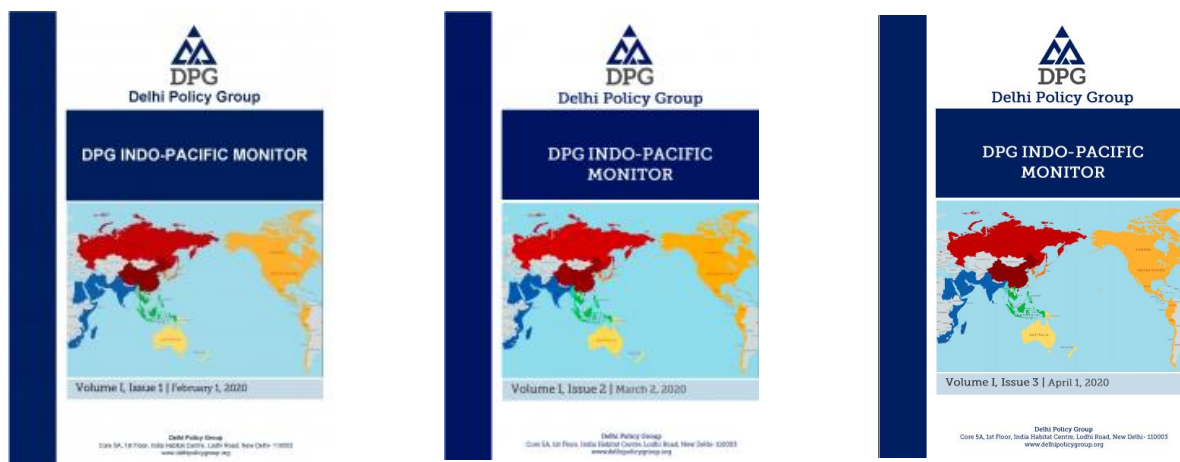
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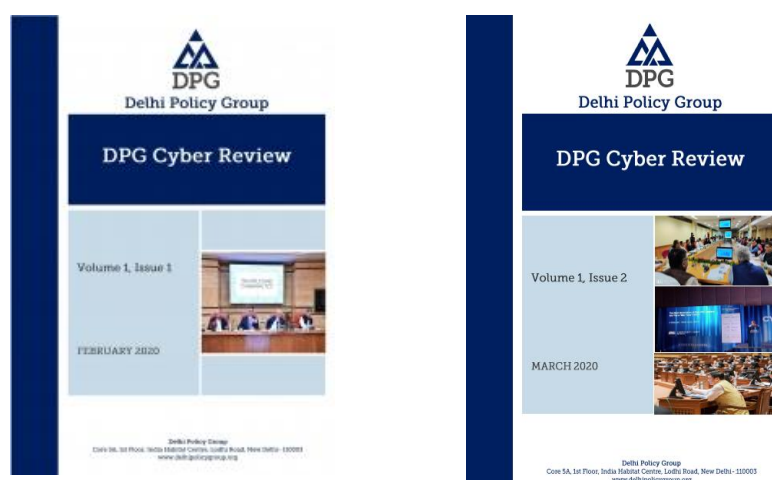
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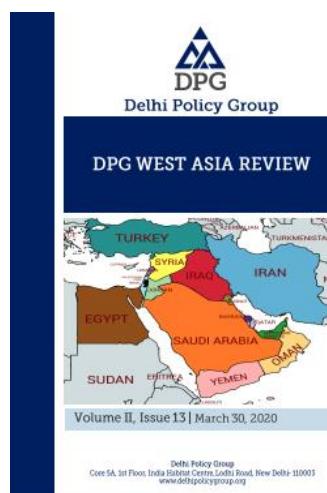
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