

Annual Report 2023-2024



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Introduction

The Global Environment

The global geopolitical landscape continued to remain markedly turbulent in 2023-2024, with the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict exacerbating trends of 'de-globalization' and 'multi-polarisation' on the international stage. The conflict persisted, buffeted by both the moral and material support provided to Ukraine by the US and the Western alliance, as well as the steadfast determination of the Russian leadership to continue its military campaign. Meanwhile, China and several other countries pursued positions regarding the conflict that signalled a fracture in the global consensus on dealing with interstate conflicts. This fragmentation was further reinforced by differing international responses to the missile attacks on Israel by Hamas in October 2024. The ensuing Israel-Hamas conflict, which has deepened the Israel-Palestine conflict, has contributed to ongoing divisions in global opinion. The attacks by Houthis on shipping in the Red Sea and adjoining maritime areas has, along with the involvement of Iran and Hezbollah, complicated the situation.

These developments have adversely impacted global politics and the economy, with consequences that are both extensive and profound. Energy prices have surged, supply chains have experienced disruption, and financial markets have been destabilised. Additionally, the deterioration has triggered humanitarian crises in underdeveloped regions of the Global South, especially in Africa. These factors have intensified the climate crisis and shifted focus away from other crucial geopolitical issues. Consequently, tensions in areas such as China-Taiwan, US-Iran, Pakistan-Afghanistan, as well as numerous other regional and local conflicts, have not received the attention they deserve. The lack of attention has allowed these tensions to fester, thereby posing critical challenges to global peace.

Statistics indicate a significant increase in casualties from terror attacks, rising by 22 per cent (8352 in 2023) while the number of attacks have come down by about 23 per cent (from 4321 to 3,350). This disparity suggests that while the frequency of terrorist incidents has diminished, their intensity and lethality have escalated. In terms of regional dynamics, Afghanistan has seen a reduction in the frequency of terror incidents. In contrast, Pakistan has

experienced a substantial increase in attacks, approximately 34 per cent year on year. Consequently, fatalities in Pakistan surged by 35 per cent, from 509 to 689 in 2023. Conversely, fatalities in Afghanistan decreased dramatically by 81 per cent, from 638 in 2022 to 119 in 2023. The Sahel region, in the Western Sahara has emerged as the most violent area, accounting for nearly half of all global terrorism-related deaths. Data compiled and analysed by the Institute for Economics and Peace, which publishes annual global terrorism indices, underscores that Sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and North Africa, and South Asia, regions characterised by varying degrees of development, accounted for nearly 94 per cent of global terrorism-related deaths in 2023. In contrast, Europe and the US have seen a notable decline in terrorism incidents in recent years.

In 2023, the Islamic State (IS) and its affiliates have been identified as the most lethal terrorist groups globally, despite a 17 percent decrease in deaths attributed to them, from 1,963 to 1,636 fatalities over the year. IS demonstrated unprecedented activity in Syria, marking its most active year in a decade with a 4 per cent increase in attacks, totalling 224 incidents in 2023. While IS continues to perpetrate attacks in South Asia, its activities have diminished compared to previous years. In this region, IS was responsible for 39 attacks resulting in 148 deaths in 2023, a significant reduction from the 149 attacks and 506 fatalities recorded in 2022. Approximately 50 per cent of IS' attacks targeted security forces, accounting for 35 per cent of the total fatalities in 2023. Civilians constituted the second most frequent target, representing 28 per cent of all IS-related victims. The predominant tactics employed by IS include armed assaults and improvised explosive device (IED) attacks. The lethality of IS' armed attacks has increased, with an average of 3.5 deaths per attack in 2023, compared to an average of 3 deaths per attack in 2022.

The global security landscape shows little sign of improvement, and the global economic situation suggests a potential continuation of disappointing outcomes. The Annual Outlook Report published by the IMF in October 2023 indicate that the world may transition from one challenging year to another. According to the report, weak growth rates are anticipated due to persistent higher inflation, reduced consumption, restrictive monetary policies by various central banks, and the ongoing aftershocks of the COVID-19 pandemic and the conflict in Ukraine. Leading economists predict the elevated prices and interest rates, decreasing savings rates, increased borrowing, and declining wealth levels will contribute to a slowdown in the global economy. This economic

deceleration is likely to diminish labour demand, leading to higher levels of unemployment rates and social and political unrest in some countries if these trends persist. The vulnerability of emerging markets may exacerbate financial distress and bankruptcies, further accelerating protectionist and autarkic tendencies. Such development could deepen global economic hardship. Addressing inflation without substantial job losses will remain a key challenge for States. The economic pessimism is expected to influence the overall security environment, impacting existing vulnerabilities.

At the political level, far-right ideologies and anti-incumbency sentiments are gaining traction globally. Elections across various countries consistently yielded new dispensations, reflecting a widespread desire for change in the face of economic and security challenges. As geopolitical dynamics evolve in unprecedented ways, longstanding issues are acquiring new dimensions, revealing inadequacy among global leaders to address these challenges with pragmatism and innovative solutions. This is evident in conflict such as the Shia-Sunni divide in the Gulf, the continuing efforts to expand NATO into competing spheres of influence, the defiant regimes exemplified by North Korea, and China's assertive actions regarding territorial claims over Taiwan, expansion into the South China Sea and cartographic representation of border areas encroaching on other countries. Effective solutions to these issues may be pursued through constructive negotiations rather than by adopting exclusive and rigid stances. Nonetheless, the prevailing trend favours inflexible positions, which are likely to perpetuate existing problems and contribute to a world that is as, if not more, unstable than it is today.

While India is bracing for such crises, in the realm of defence and security cooperation with countries in different regions of the world it has taken care to enhance defence trade which has added a critical dimension to its foreign and security policy. The major defence items being exported are Personal Protective items, Offshore Patrol Vessels, ALH Helicopter, SU Avionics, Bharati Radio, Coastal Surveillance Systems, Kavach MoD II Launcher and FCS, Spares for Radar, Electronic System and Light Engineering Mechanical Parts etc. About 50 Indian companies in the private sector have contributed to defence exports. Some of the major export destinations for defence products have been Italy, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Russia, France, Nepal, Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Israel, Egypt, UAE, Bhutan, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia, Philippines, Poland, Spain and Chile etc. The major defence items being exported are Personal Protective items, Offshore Patrol Vessels, ALH Helicopter, SU Avionics, Bharati Radio, Coastal

Surveillance Systems, Kavach MoD II Launcher and FCS, Spares for Radar, Electronic System and Light Engineering Mechanical Parts etc. India's defence exports have been on the rise, with the country exporting defence equipment to over 85 countries. In the financial year 2022-23, India's defence exports were valued at approximately \$2 billion and in the financial year 2023-24, the exports reached a record high of \$2.63 billion (approximately Rs. 21,083 crore) representing a significant 32.5 per cent increase over the previous year. Indeed, the defence exports have grown by 31 times in the last 10 years as compared to FY 2013-14.

In this context, it is valuable to assess the regional political dynamics unfolding in various geopolitical theatres today.

Regional Developments

South Asia

South Asia remained politically tumultuous and economically stressed like the previous year. In the face of the recessive impulses of the global economy as well as post-COVID-19 tremors, all States of South Asia with the exception of India, struggled to keep their economies afloat with external support and internal policy adjustments. As a whole, the security situation in the region remained tenuous with tribal areas straddling Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran emitting disconcerting signals for most part of the year. The prospects of regional cooperation remained bleak. Shorn of vigour, sub-regional initiatives picked up lackadaisically, with the overall health of regional engagement continuing to remain unimpressive. India-centric defence cooperation, mostly encompassing training and friendly exercises with some friendly countries inside and outside the region, continued. There was a spurt in terror activities along the Line of Control (LoC) on the Indian side indicating reactivation of the cross-border threat during the year with infiltration and targeting of security personnel and civilians reappearing as the modus operandi of the terrorists in a bid to revive militancy and terror in Jammu and Kashmir in an election year. Throughout the year, the reports of Indian intelligence agencies busting terror cells across the country appeared in the media with suspected links to Pakistan across the western border of India.

In *Afghanistan*, the Taliban operated with caution insofar as implementing their conservative agenda in the country. They chose not to be too rash and belligerent as they were in their previous incarnation. Even their ardent critics outside

acknowledged grudgingly that they attempted to provide a corruption-free administration and implemented their targeted developmental programmes with minimal funds more effectively than the previous governments. The incidence of violence came down drastically with the number of attacks receding by about 80 per cent. However, the Islamic State-Khorasan Province (IS-KP), mainly operating out of Afghanistan, went ahead with its attacks and the most audacious of these was the one on the Crocus City Hall in Krasnogorsk, Russia, on 22 March 2024 claiming 139 lives. The attacks conducted by the ISIS have become deadlier and more destructive ever since the Taliban came to power in Kabul. IS-KP's weekly newsletter *Al Naba* claimed in May 2023 that it had struck on 283 occasions in Afghanistan since the Taliban's takeover, killing at least 670 people and injuring 1,200.

The Taliban's efforts to stem the assertion of IS-KP in Afghanistan notwithstanding, the latter has orchestrated attacks against minority Shias and others including Taliban officials. On the diplomatic front, the Taliban have tried to reach out to many countries including India and projected the visit by the Joint Secretary in charge of the PAI Division in MEA in early March 2024 as a success, reiterating that India was interested in expanding political and economic cooperation with Afghanistan and enhancing trade via Chabahar port. Under Taliban's watch, Pakistan-Afghanistan relations have suffered, with the former accusing the latter of harbouring and encouraging Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) to carry out attacks on Pakistan from Afghan soil. The Taliban have denied the charge maintaining that these were Pakistan's internal matters and that they had no role to play. The Taliban have shown patience and willingness to engage, but they are in no mood to concede ground on women's rights and their earlier commitment on establishing an inclusive system of governance. The Taliban-controlled State apparatus remains Pashtun-heavy and conservative, despite the group showing its inclination for dialogue and diplomacy.

Bangladesh witnessed the success of Awami League (AL) led by Sheikh Hasina for the fourth consecutive term in the elections at the start of the year on 07 January 2024. The main opposition party Bangladesh National Party (BNP) boycotted the elections and it was largely a contest between AL and parties who were either part of the AL coalition or willing to work with it. The BNP protests did not gain much traction and AL swept the elections with critics arguing that such one-party dominance could offer much-needed administrative stability and continuity, however, the long-term impact of it on democracy and politics might

not be positive. There are reports of conservative elements affiliated to the Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh gathering momentum at the subterranean level even if the party had been banned and the BNP also winning popular sympathy as a party undergoing repression at the hands of the ruling AL.

Bangladesh came out with its Indo-Pacific Outlook in April 2023, which identifies national objectives and approaches to regional security and its inclination to emphasise its interest on the maritime front. Bangladesh has utilised of Chinese military sales to commission its first submarines in 2017 and their base was inaugurated in March 2023. It is not only buying ships; it is also building them now, transiting slowly from a “buyer’s navy” to a “builder’s navy.” In July 2023, the Sher-e-Bangla naval base was inaugurated to provide for domestically built patrol and landing craft. Bangladesh’s ability to implement a similar transition is worth monitoring in the coming decades. On the economic front, Bangladesh is confronted with serious challenges that threaten to lead to unmanageable crises according to experts in the country. There is a serious revenue shortfall which would force the government to rely on domestic and external borrowings leading to problems of debt repayments on a long-term basis. Already, debt payments constitute the second-largest item in the government’s expenditure. The inflationary pressures may increase if the central bank decides to print money in future to manage the situation. It could lead to price hike and further inflation. Aggravating matters further, there has been an ‘investment stagnation’ and depletion in forex reserves.

Bhutan witnessed a change in government in the fourth national elections held during November 2023 and January 2024. After the second round of elections, the People’s Democratic Party (PDP) of Bhutan secured 30 out of 47 seats in the national assembly routing the ruling Druk Nyamrup Tshogpa (DNT). Tshering Tobgay, leader of PDP became the seventh Prime Minister of Bhutan and under his leadership, Bhutan has expressed its desire to continue with the relationship of trust, goodwill and mutual understanding at all levels with India. Bhutan’s relations with China remains tenuous with the latter continuing to press for border reconciliation on its own terms. Bhutan’s foreign policy goal is to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity, security, unity, and enhance its well-being and economic prosperity.

There was a change of government in ***Maldives*** after the presidential elections in September 2023. The year 2023 witnessed political turbulence in the country with the ruling Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) facing electoral

challenge from the opposition parties. The incumbent President Ibrahim Mohammed Solih was finally defeated by Mohamed Muizzu of the People's National Congress (PNC) in the run-off in September 2023. Muizzu was known to be supported by former President Abdulla Yameen of the Progressive Party of Maldives (PPM) and his utterances after the elections showed that he has a strong nationalist and pro-China approach, which manifested in his party's 'India Out' campaign. Immediately after assuming power, he asked Indian defence personnel present in Maldives to vacate within months. Muizzu's assumption of power is seen as a diplomatic setback for India; however, the MDP has tried its best to balance Maldives' approach to China by continuing to strive for better relations with India.

Nepal has been passing through leadership crises leading to chronic political instability over the years. After the election in 2022, a government headed by Pushp Kumar Dahal of Communist Party of Nepal-Maoist Centre (CPN-MC) as Prime Minister, supported by Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) took charge, but the power struggle continued leading to change of government in February 2023 with Dahal continuing as PM with support from Nepali Congress (NC). However, after nearly a year, in March 2024, the coalition collapsed again with CPN-UML extending support to Dahal as Prime Minister again. For a country with more than 70 per cent population under the age of 40, three septuagenarian leaders (KP Sharma Oli, Sher Bahadur Deuba and Dahal) have been engaged in a power struggle aimed at raising their political stock among the people at the cost of one another.

Such instability did affect economic development in Nepal and in recent years, there was a significant Nepali outmigration for education and jobs which continued in 2023. In addition to more than 800,000 Nepali people securing labour permits abroad in 2022, 300,000 permits were issued to Nepalis in the first five months of the 2023–24 fiscal year. This has also shown up in growing remittances which reached US\$9.33 billion by February 2024.

The tale of corruption in public life has become a recurrent theme in Nepalese society and polity. Large-scale scams came to the fore in 2023, there was a case of a fake Bhutanese refugee scam, involving the former Home Minister, Bal Krishna Khand, a close confidant of Deuba, who was accused of cheating millions from Nepalis with false promises of settling them in the US as refugees from Bhutan. The other scam involved Lalita Niwas, indicting two former Prime Ministers—Madhav Kumar Nepal and Baburam Bhattarai—who allegedly sold

government-owned land illegally and benefitted from such transactions. There were other scams too, i.e., the case of gold smuggling and transfer of NCell shares to a UK-based Nepali owner. Despite all this, inflation remained more or less constant at about 8 per cent and real GDP grew by about 1.76 per cent. Forex reserves grew by about 27.4 per cent and the balance of payment situation improved from negative to positive. Nepal is looking forward to benefit from a corridor for energy exports to multiple countries thanks to a pilot project to export 40 MW of power to Bangladesh through India. China-funded Pokhara International Airport started operating from 01 January 2023 but it may not attain its full capacity because India has not opened routes to the Pokhara and Bhairawa airports, so far.

Pakistan experienced huge political turbulence in the wake of elections in February 2024. The elections threw up a hung House with Imran Khan's party candidates contesting independently, emerging as the largest political group but far short of the halfway mark, in the newly elected House amid allegations of pre- and post-poll rigging orchestrated by the army, which continued to oppose him. A coalition was stitched soon after the elections, with the army nudging anti-Imran political parties to set aside their differences to keep Imran out of power. The post-poll political scenario did not give confidence to the new government on the one hand and Imran Khan and his party colleagues on the other, both of whom, bear the responsibility for the instability, strengthening the hands of the military by default. The military has become much less popular because of the constant badgering from Imran and his men through social media, but it still remains the most important institution, holding disparate forces together and dealing with non-State actors posing existential threats to the country.

Pakistan has been facing a pronounced internal security challenge during the last decade. In 2023, deaths caused by terror attacks in Pakistan went up by 35 per cent from 509 to 689, and this trend was mirrored by a rise in the number of terror attacks, which increased by 34 per cent to 490 during the year. There has been a significant rise in terrorism in Pakistan since the Taliban's rise to power in Afghanistan. Militant groups operating from Afghanistan have intensified their attacks along the Af-Pak border. The provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa have been heavily affected, with these border areas accounting for 93 per cent of terrorist attacks and 96 per cent of terrorism-related deaths.

Of late, Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has surpassed the Baloch rebels as the deadliest terrorist organisation in Pakistan. TTP was responsible for 42 per cent of terror-related deaths in Pakistan in 2023. It carried out 210 attacks, resulting in 288 deaths, an increase over 130 attacks in 2022. Pakistan maintains that TTP enjoys patronage of the Taliban. In October 2023, Pakistan indicated its displeasure by expelling over 1.5 million Afghans for lacking proper documentation.

Pakistan is undergoing severe economic stress and has been relying on external debt from IMF, China and other friendly countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE etc. to avert a total collapse. In spite of it, the defence expenditure of the country continues to grow to cater to the needs of the all-powerful army at the expense of other institutions. Pakistan will continue to labour under multiple challenges confronting it in the days to come.

Following the worst-ever economic crisis in **Sri Lanka** for two years, the economy started showing signs of recovery since the first quarter of 2023 with significant stabilisation, particularly in the monetary sector. Inflation was contained at single-digit levels by July 2023 from its highest level recorded in 2022. The twin deficit of the overall government budget and the external current account showed signs of correction in 2023. Usable official foreign exchange reserves increased to about 8–9 weeks of imports (compared to 1-2 weeks in December 2022). Due to the recovery of tourism, remittances and increased inflows from development partners led the Sri Lanka Rupee to appreciate by 10.8 per cent in 2023. Despite the improved macroeconomic performance, downside risks remain high. There is a significant increase in poverty and unemployment, which in turn led many households to turn to negative coping mechanisms, which have increased food insecurity, malnutrition and stunting.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has disbursed about US\$ 670 million in two tranches under its Extended Fund Facility (EFF) programme as the Sri Lankan government initiated and implemented its prescribed reforms, including cost-reflective utility pricing and new revenue measures. While the reform agenda under the IMF-EFF arrangement has contributed to macroeconomic stability, the tax reforms have put a heavy burden on the people leading to public protests against the tax hike. Since the country has not fully exited the crisis, the current government is committed to continuing the reforms to avoid recurring policy reversals and resultant economic downturns.

In addition to economic reforms, the Wickremesinghe government published a Bill to establish the Commission for Truth, Unity and Reconciliation in Sri Lanka in the Gazette of 29 December 2023 and issued it on 01 January 2024 to introduce political reform. However, the legitimacy of the Bill has been questioned due to the lack of consultation with victims and the continued neglect of their demands.

As Sri Lanka is going through economic turbulence, the Government of Sri Lanka under President Ranil Wickremesinghe is trying to emphasise its non-aligned foreign policy and friendships with all to establish a new network of economic relationships that facilitate its products' entry into foreign markets. Hence, forging free trade agreements with numerous countries, joining the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and connecting with the common system of trade variations in the European Union are some of the policy priorities of the Wickremesinghe government.

As the Presidential election is expected in 2024, the Sri Lankan government is trying to avoid diplomatic pressure from any quarter. In this regard, an important decision to ban research vessels in Sri Lankan waters was announced in January 2024, as it is believed that the “arrival of such vessels creates diplomatic tensions.”

Defence Engagement in the Neighbourhood

In line with its efforts in the previous years, India continued with its “Neighbourhood First” policy, which emphasizes consultation, non-reciprocity, and tangible outcomes in its engagements with neighbouring countries in the region. Indian approach includes enhancing connectivity, infrastructure, development and security cooperation. India has always tried to develop close security cooperation with its neighbours and emerge as a reliable defence partner for countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, providing military training and equipment, and conducting joint exercises. India has a strategic focus on the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and has been working towards increasing its maritime presence and cooperation with island nations like the Maldives and Mauritius. This includes joint naval exercises, maritime security cooperation, and infrastructure development to ensure a stable and secure Indian Ocean.

India supplied a variety of defence equipment to Bangladesh, focusing on enhancing bilateral military cooperation. Some of the key items are: *Specialist Vehicles* from Tata and Mahindra for the Bangladesh Army, which have been

tested in different terrains and seasons; India has provided specialist vehicles. Bangladesh has also shown interests in Aircraft and Helicopters like Indian-made *Tejas* combat aircraft and *Dhruv* light helicopters. India also assists Bangladesh in maintaining Russian-origin equipment like Mi-17-1V helicopters, Antonov An-32 transport aircraft, and MiG-29 Jets. India supplied protective gear such as bulletproof jackets and helmets to the Bangladesh Armed Forces. India and Bangladesh are reportedly exploring further cooperation in naval equipment and maritime security. India has also extended a \$500-million line of credit for defence purchases, which was operationalized in 2022, facilitating the procurement of various defence items. This is part of India's broader strategy to strengthen defence ties with its neighbours and enhance regional security. India and Sri Lanka discussed supply of defence items from India which included L-70 Anti-Aircraft Guns for air defence; Indra Radar Systems for surveillance and tracking; Naval Equipment like Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and Army Training Simulators, used for training purposes to enhance the skills of the Sri Lankan Army. Both countries explored further collaboration in defence production and technology transfer, which includes joint research and development (R&D) projects and the potential for Sri Lanka to procure more advanced and cost-effective defence equipment from India. In May 2023, India handed over the *INS Tarmugli*, a Trinkat-class fast attack craft, to the Maldivian Coast Guard, which is expected to enhance the maritime security capabilities of the Maldives. Apart from this 24 military vehicles were supplied to the Maldives. India is also involved in building policing facilities on 61 islands in a bid to enable and enhance the law enforcement infrastructure in Maldives. Apart from this, India is actively involved in training defence personnel from almost all the countries except Pakistan.

In continuation with the past practices, India held joint military exercises with its neighbours aimed at enhancing military cooperation, interoperability, and mutual understanding between the armed forces of the participating countries. India and Bangladesh held *Exercise Sampriti*, from 03 to 16 April 2023. India and Nepal held *Exercise Surya Kiran*, from 20 September to 03 October 2023. Similarly, India and Sri Lanka held *Exercise Mitra Shakti*, from 04 to 15 October 2023 and India and Bhutan conducted *Exercise Maitree*, from 01 to 14 November 2023.

East Asia

China

The year marked a period of turbulence and crisis across the East Asian region, even as it gave rise to new alliances and initiatives. Amidst Chinese President Xi Jinping clinching the third term at the National People's Congress in March 2023, China continued to face an economic downturn, high youth unemployment along with debt issues within the housing market. On the political front, the year was marked by changes in key leadership roles; alleged corruption scandals within strategic military programmes, and shifting international relations, intensifying tensions with the US and prompting closer ties with Russia.

Taiwan

The year remained quite eventful in Taiwan as it geared up for the Presidential election in 2024, amidst increasing military and economic pressure from China. Responding to increasing threats of cross-strait tensions, President Tsai Ing-wen visited the US in a bid to strengthen Taiwan-US ties and also increased the span of conscription to one year. The Taiwanese elections produced a divided mandate, where KMT won a majority of seats in the legislature whereas the DPP candidate and former Vice-President William Lai Ching-te won the Presidential race.

Japan

Japan struggled to overcome the legacy of its three-decade-long recession, even as it unveiled a new and muscular defence posture under the continued leadership of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. As it revised longstanding taboos on weapons' export and defence technology research and development, it also began to show new economic vigour, as the Bank of Japan revised its negative interest rate policy, ending decades of counter-deflationary stances by the Japanese government.

South Korea

The Republic of Korea also saw a turbulent year as the incoming administration of President Yoon Suk-Yeol promised a re-look at the fundamental operating principles of the country's foreign policy. By visiting Washington DC and raising the issue of South Korean nuclear weapons, by rekindling positive ties with Japan

and by releasing a new national security strategy, Yoon became a polarizing figure in Korea, as constant provocations from North Korea continued to demand a strong response. In parliamentary elections held on 10 April, Yoon's party suffered a resounding defeat.

Strategic Technologies

In 2023, the major event in space for India was the successful landing of the *Chandrayaan-3* lunar probe on the Moon's South Polar Region, making India only the fourth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon, after the United States, Soviet Union, and China. Another key event for India's space programme was the launch of Aditya-L1, India's first space-based solar observatory, to study the Sun's corona and chromosphere. Ongoing programmes such as the preparations for the *Gaganyaan* mission, which aims to send the first Indian astronauts into space and the expansion of India's private space industry are also being watched keenly. Overall, 2023 was a landmark year for India's space programme, solidifying the country's position as an emerging space power.

In cybersecurity, coordinated efforts by governments to respond to the menace of ransomware did not yield much results with these attacks continuing unabated. Attacks on critical infrastructure, electoral systems and State-sponsored cyber-espionage were also noticed during the course of the year. The use of AI in cyberattacks and defence strategies also gained prominence, marking a new phase in the threat vectors in cyberspace.

The global interest in Artificial Intelligence (AI) was palpable, as both proponents and critics engaged in fervent discussions about the technology's future. Multi-stakeholder platforms were assembled to deliberate on the future of technology and consider strategies for its more efficient and less risky utilization. Noteworthy initiatives in this domain encompassed the REAIM summit, the inaugural global summit focusing on Responsible Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain, the Bletchley Declaration on AI safety, and the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI), among others.

Defence Cooperation with Southeast Asia

India has closely participated in ASEAN-led regional fora including the East Asia Summit (EAS), and ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), which has given an impetus to India's Act East policy. Cooperation in maritime security between India and ASEAN has started gaining ground on the back of convergences between India's Indo-Pacific Vision and the ASEAN Outlook on

Indo-Pacific (AOIP), propelled by China's aggressive military posture, the volatile geostrategic environment, and convergences in the Indo-Pacific strategies of the two partners.

India and ASEAN enhanced their maritime cooperation with the inaugural ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) during 2-8 May 2023. India's efforts to build ties with maritime nations in the Indo-Pacific is slowly paying off and this exercise steps up collaboration by tying up with ASEAN as a group. The other navies participating in this exercise were from of Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Such an exercise provided an opportunity to participating countries to refine procedures, learn best practices, and enhance interoperability between Indian and the ASEAN navies. AIME 2023 involved nine ships, six aircraft, and more than 1,800 personnel. The harbour phase of the exercise was held at Changi Naval Base during 2-4 May, followed by a sea phase in the South China Sea during 7-8 May 2023.

Guided by Government of India's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR), the MILAN exercise, conducted by Indian Navy, encapsulates and rejuvenates the unrelenting spirit of 'Cohesion, Camaraderie and Collaboration'. From five IOR navies in 1995 to 50 navies across the Indo-Pacific today, MILAN reflects the growing stature and increasing importance of such collective and cooperative endeavours in the maritime domain. The 12th edition of MILAN 2024, the biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise hosted by the Indian Navy, was held in Visakhapatnam from 19-27 February 2024. This exercise, held in the Bay of Bengal, focused on enhancing military-to-military ties and included various high-end tactical training, manoeuvring drills, air-defence exercises, and joint warfighting scenarios. Notably, it is an exercise that involves 50 countries including United States and Russia along with other important countries like Japan, Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

Apart from this, in 2023, the Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) Exercises—a series of bilateral maritime exercises conducted by the Indian Navy with various Southeast Asian nations—were held with countries like Indonesia, Thailand, and Myanmar. These Exercises aimed to ensure the safety and security of international maritime trade routes and enhance mutual understanding and interoperability between the participating navies. Similarly, the 30th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) was held in

Singapore during 21-28 September featuring Indian Naval Ships *Ranvijay*, *Kavaratti*, submarine *Sindhukesari*, and a P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft.

In June 2023, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced the maiden transfer of the missile corvette *INS Kirpan* to Vietnam as a gift. The two sides also discussed training for Vietnamese military personnel operating submarines and fighter jets. The two countries, which established a comprehensive strategic partnership in 2016, have also started negotiations on a potential purchase of the BrahMos cruise missile. In June 2023, in the fifth India-Philippines Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) meeting, India offered concessional loan to Philippines to help finance defence requirements of the country, which was meant to deepen defence ties, which has taken an upward turn after India signed a \$375 million contract in January 2022 to deliver BrahMos missiles, which is meant to enhance the coastal defence capabilities of Philippines. Ever since India and Indonesia signed the defence cooperation agreement in 2018, there is a new warfighting aspect to their bilateral naval exercises, including anti-submarine operations. India has signed a contract with Indonesia to deliver 40 mm naval gun systems in 2022, the first defence deal between the two strategic partners, which are also in negotiations for sale of the BrahMos missile system. Indonesia is particularly interested in the air-launched version of the BrahMos missile to enhance its territorial defence capabilities, especially in light of regional tensions in the South China Sea. In October 2023, two Indian Navy ships and two Indian Coast Guard vessels visited Indonesia for training, professional interactions, partnership exercises, and pollution response demonstrations, signifying deepening of defence ties between the two countries.

As Russia, a major arms supplier to the region for years, has steadily lost market share, even before the beginning of the Ukraine War, the claimants of South China Sea islands have started diversifying their arms imports, particularly after the US promulgated its sanctions threatening penalties against nations trading with Russia. There are also concerns about the quality of Russian weapon in some countries like Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Here India has had an opportunity to upscale its defence trade with the region as it is emphasising on its defence exports and expediting its defence indigenisation.

Defence Cooperation with Russia and Armenia

Defence collaboration remains a key pillar of India-Russia bilateral cooperation. Several of India's frontline equipment is of Russian origin. Their long shelf life implies that Moscow will continue to retain significant footprints in India's

defence sector for the foreseeable future. The recent induction of AK-203 rifles, a joint Indo-Russian venture, is a reflection of Russia's competitive relevance in new sectors. These guns are expected to be the mainstay of Indian armed forces. Both sides also appear to be working closely to address the issue of delays in deliveries, including the S-400 systems. However, a recalibration in the defence partnership is needed now. Overdependence on one source is inadvisable.

Since April 2023, Indo-Armenia's defence cooperation has not limited itself to defence technical cooperation; both sides are looking into capacity building. One of the major developments of 2023 was the appointment of a defence attaché from Armenia to India in May 2023. In August 2023, Armenia took delivery of its inaugural consignment of India's Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS). A 17-member National Defence College delegation led by the Commandant, Lt. Gen. Sukriti Singh Dahiya, visited Armenia from 28-30 August 2023. The visit was part of their Strategic Neighbourhood Study Tour 2023. In September 2023, the Air Chief Marshal of the Indian Air Force, V.R. Chaudhari, mentioned that India would send its officers as Additional Defence Attaches in Armenia.

Africa, LAC & UN

Africa

In 2023, Africa faced a convergence of crises that tested the continent's resilience on multiple fronts. Violence surged across various regions, with the Sahel emerging as a focal point of conflict and instability. Sudan's civil war, overshadowed by global crises elsewhere, continued to wreak havoc, displacing millions and claiming countless lives. The involvement of external powers, notably the United Arab Emirates, exacerbated the situation, while international intervention remained limited. Meanwhile, jihadist groups affiliated with al-Qaeda and the Islamic State expanded their influence in the Sahel, posing a significant threat to the region's stability and security. Across the continent, from Ethiopia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, ethnic tensions and political uncertainties further fuelled violence, raising concerns about the potential for deeper humanitarian crises.

Simultaneously, Africa experienced a profound crisis in its democratic landscape. Surveys indicated a declining satisfaction with democratic governance, as military rule gained traction in several countries following coups and power struggles. The erosion of democratic norms and institutions, coupled with

persistent insecurity, hindered Africa's progress toward peace and development. Economically, the continent struggled with mounting debt levels and sluggish growth. Government debt reached alarming levels, constraining national budgets and limiting investments in critical services such as education and healthcare. The burden of debt service threatened to derail economic recovery efforts and perpetuate cycles of poverty and inequality.

However, amidst these daunting challenges, Africa demonstrated resilience and glimpses of progress. Countries like Liberia, Ivory Coast, and Rwanda defied the odds, achieving peaceful elections and sustained economic growth. These nations showcased the potential for stability and prosperity within the continent. Furthermore, Africa's global standing saw notable advancements, with cultural and diplomatic achievements gaining international recognition. Kenya emerged as a leader on climate issues, and the African Union's inclusion in the G20 underscored Africa's growing influence on the world stage. These developments demonstrated that, despite significant obstacles, Africa could leverage its strengths to make notable progress.

India, in parallel, pursued an active diplomatic and military engagement strategy with Africa throughout 2023-24. The Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Defence worked diligently to strengthen India's ties with African nations, promoting India's leadership in the Global South. High-level initiatives included the India-Africa Army Chiefs' Conclave in March 2023, which saw participation from 31 African nations, and AFINDEX, a forum focused on humanitarian mine action and peacekeeping operations. These events signalled India's commitment to deepening defense cooperation with Africa and strengthening multilateral ties.

On the maritime front, the Indian Navy took a lead role in fostering cooperation. The *INS Tarini* expedition, which spanned a trans-ocean voyage to South Africa and South America, and the successful *Operation Kaveri*, which evacuated Indian nationals from war-torn Sudan, demonstrated India's growing maritime capabilities and humanitarian efforts. India's mission-based deployments in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) further emphasized its commitment to safeguarding regional security and promoting maritime stability, aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of "Security and Growth for All in the Region" (SAGAR).

India also expanded its defence ties with African nations, conducting joint naval exercises with the South African Navy and signing collaboration

agreements with countries like Kenya and Tanzania to enhance defence capacity. The second edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise in March 2024 highlighted India's strategic maritime collaboration with these nations. Furthermore, the Indian Navy's joint naval exercise with the European Union in the Gulf of Guinea reinforced its efforts to improve maritime security and operational cooperation in critical regions.

Looking ahead, Africa faces a pivotal moment, with challenges related to violence, democratic governance, and economic debt persisting. However, India's proactive diplomatic engagements and defence partnerships with African nations offer a framework for mutual growth and security. The strengthening of these ties not only enhances India's strategic footprint in the region but also contributes to Africa's efforts to address its most pressing issues. As the world turns its attention to Africa's potential and challenges, the collaborative efforts of African leaders and the international community, including key players like India, will be essential in fostering sustainable solutions for the continent's future.

Bilateral Visits and Engagements

Dr. S. Jaishankar's Visit to Uganda, Mozambique, and Ethiopia: External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar undertook an official visit to Uganda and Mozambique, furthering India's diplomatic ties in the African continent. Additionally, a brief stopover in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, underscored India's commitment to fostering relations with nations in the Horn of Africa.

Foreign Office Consultations (FOC) with Republic of Congo and Zambia: India held productive FOCs with the Republic of Congo and Zambia, reflecting the multi-faceted nature of bilateral relations. Discussions encompassed political exchanges, development projects, defence cooperation, and trade matters, aiming to diversify and strengthen the partnership.

Prime Minister's Visit to South Africa, Namibia, and Egypt: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visits to South Africa, Namibia, and Egypt highlighted India's engagement with African and Middle Eastern nations. These visits facilitated discussions on enhancing cooperation in various sectors and emphasized India's commitment to fostering mutually beneficial relationships.

India's Assistance to Malawi and Angola: In response to natural calamities, India extended humanitarian assistance to Malawi and engaged in bilateral talks with Angola to explore avenues for enhanced cooperation in trade, agriculture, and defence.

Engagements with Rwanda, Kenya, and Cote d'Ivoire: High-level visits and consultations with Rwanda, Kenya, and Cote d'Ivoire underscored India's commitment to deepening ties with African nations. Discussions encompassed a wide range of bilateral and regional issues, reflecting India's multifaceted engagement with the continent.

Multilateral Engagements

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit and G20 Engagement: India's participation in the NAM Summit reaffirmed its commitment to the principles of non-alignment and South-South cooperation. Additionally, engagements at the G20 showcased India's proactive role in global forums, particularly in advocating for the interests of developing nations.

Awards and Recognitions: 'Order of the Nile' Award for Prime Minister Narendra Modi: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was conferred with the prestigious 'Order of the Nile' by the President of Egypt, highlighting India's growing stature on the global stage.

The year 2023-24 has been marked by dynamic diplomatic engagements, reflecting India's proactive foreign policy approach. Through bilateral visits, consultations, and humanitarian efforts, India has deepened its ties with nations across Africa and the Middle East, reaffirming its commitment to fostering mutually beneficial partnerships and contributing to global peace and prosperity. Looking ahead, India remains committed to further strengthening its diplomatic relations and cooperation with countries around the world.

Latin America

Latin America in 2023 experienced a series of significant events and challenges across political, social, and environmental realms. From Argentina to Ecuador, Venezuela to Guatemala, the region grappled with issues spanning political upheaval to climate-related crises. Argentina saw a seismic political shift with the election of right-wing libertarian Javier Milei as president, leading to economic uncertainty as Milei proposed drastic reforms including the abolition of the central bank and adoption of the US dollar as the national currency. Ecuador faced a surge in violent crime amidst its presidential election, resulting in the victory of centre-right candidate Daniel Noboa, who inherited a country plagued by economic stagnation and rampant violence.

Meanwhile, in Guatemala, progressive Congressman Bernardo Arevalo encountered obstacles to assuming the presidency despite his unexpected victory in the elections, sparking protests and raising concerns about the nation's democratic process. Tensions escalated between Venezuela and Guyana over territorial disputes, particularly in the oil-rich Essequibo region, prompting international concern and exacerbating regional tensions. Latin America also grappled with a humanitarian crisis as migration surged across the treacherous Darien Gap Jungle route, driven by factors such as poverty, violence, and climate change, highlighting the region's challenges in managing large-scale displacement.

Environmental concerns came to the forefront as the Panama Canal faced unprecedented drought conditions, disrupting maritime trade routes and underscoring the region's vulnerability to climate-related risks. In Chile, the rejection of a conservative-dominated body's proposal for a new constitution for the second time reflected ongoing divisions over key issues such as abortion access and indigenous rights, echoing discontent following mass protests against social inequality in 2019. The United Nations approved the deployment of an international force to aid Haiti in addressing widespread gang violence and political instability, highlighting the need for international cooperation in addressing complex security threats.

Looking ahead to 2024, Latin America faces economic challenges amid projections of slowed GDP growth, particularly impacting countries reliant on commodity exports. However, some nations, like Venezuela, are poised for growth following periods of economic crisis. Geopolitical dynamics and upcoming elections in several countries will shape the region's political landscape. Latin America remains an important market for India's trade and investment, with opportunities for collaboration in energy, agriculture, and mining sectors. Despite political shifts and economic uncertainties, India's engagement with Latin America is expected to deepen, particularly through partnerships with countries like Brazil within the G20 framework.

United Nations

In 2023, India's presidency of the G20 marked a significant milestone in the collaboration between the United Nations (UN) and the Indian government. Various initiatives and partnerships have been undertaken by India in collaboration with the UN during this period, highlighting the country's commitment to multilateralism and sustainable development.

Throughout 2023, India forged unprecedented coordination with the UN across various working groups, under the leadership of the DESA Under Secretary-General and the UNDP Administrator. This partnership was characterized by robust cooperation and technical support from multiple UN agencies and the Resident Coordinator's Office (RCO).

A key outcome of this collaboration was the launch of the Government of India-UN SDCF 2023-27, serving as the guiding instrument for UN system support to India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) achievement. This framework facilitated joint efforts between India and the UN through individual agency country programmes.

India spearheaded several initiatives during its G20 presidency, including Mission LiFE and the formulation of High-Level Principles for a Sustainable and Resilient Blue Economy. These efforts received coordinated support from the UN India team, showcasing a strong partnership in addressing critical global challenges.

Crucial support for India's public health endeavours was provided by UNICEF and WHO, aligning with national missions such as Jal Jeevan and Swachh Bharat. UNESCO highlighted India's commitment to sustainability through the State of the Education Report 2023, emphasizing the role of Indian teachers in fostering environmental education. India's rich cultural heritage gained global recognition with the inscription of new UNESCO World Heritage sites.

India continued its efforts towards a just green transition and resilience to climate change, emphasizing plastic waste management, renewable energy adoption, and biodiversity conservation. India's contribution to UN peacekeeping operations underscored its commitment to global peacekeeping endeavours.

India's inclusion in the United Nations Honour Roll for 2023 reflects its steadfast dedication to multilateralism and support for the UN's mission. Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt's participation in the 2023 United Nations Peacekeeping Ministerial Meeting in Accra, Ghana, marked a significant commitment by India to global peace efforts. Minister Bhatt articulated India's stance on peacekeeping challenges and announced substantial pledges, reaffirming India's dedication to peacekeeping initiatives. India's role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) globally is pivotal. NITI Aayog and MoSPI have been coordinating efforts to advance the SDGs, with support from the UN Country Team in India. India's annual contribution to

India, Brazil, and South Africa Facility for Poverty and Hunger Alleviation (IBSA Fund) underscores its commitment to South-South cooperation and sustainable development initiatives.

India's engagement with the United Nations in 2023 exemplified a strong commitment to collaborative action on global challenges. Through strategic partnerships, initiatives, and contributions to peacekeeping and sustainable development, India emerged as a proactive and responsible member of the international community, further enhancing its stature on the world stage.

Defence Engagement of the Region with India

In 2023, India increased its defence supplies to African countries significantly, which is focussed on providing affordable and reliable military equipment. During the Africa-India Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-2023) in March 2023, India displayed a range of domestically made military hardware, including helicopters *Dhruv* Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH), drones, artillery (including howitzers and multi-barrel rocket launchers), armoured vehicles, and bomb disposal robots (designed for explosive ordnance disposal). There were 75 indigenous products from 32 Indian defence industries, highlighting India's defence manufacturing capabilities.

AFINDEX-2023 saw participation from 25 African nations, including Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Tanzania. Each participating country sent a contingent of troops to engage in the joint training exercises. The main focus of the exercise was on humanitarian mine action and peacekeeping operations under the UN mandate. The first-ever joint Army Chiefs Conclave was also held alongside AFINDEX, which was aimed at strengthening military relationships and exploring new avenues for defence cooperation. AFINDEX-2023 was a testament to India's commitment to strengthening defence ties with African countries and contributing to regional and global peace and security.

Some of the African countries like Egypt, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Mauritius, and the Seychelles received Indian defence supplies during the year. India has an annual arms export worth \$5 billion to different African countries and it is planning to double it in the coming years, with a significant portion of this growth expected to come from African markets. Apart from such defence trade, India also has a long history of providing military training to African nations. In

2023, this included training in various fields such as security and strategic studies, defence management, and cyber security.

West Asia

The situation in West Asia continued to remain tense. The Hamas attack on Israel on 07 October 2023, and the subsequent Israeli declaration of war against Hamas has further hampered the security and stability in the region. The Israel-Hamas War has resulted in a large number of casualties on both sides and created a severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The involvement of Hezbollah and the Houthis in the war against Israel has further expanded the conflict.

The disruption of the shipping route in the Red Sea by the Houthis posed severe challenges to the safety of the sea lines of communication in the strategically important maritime route. The US and its allies formed a coalition in December 2023 and started *Operation Prosperity Guardian* to counter the Houthi threat to maritime security in the Red Sea, conducting airstrikes and deploying naval forces to protect commercial ships. The US has also designated Houthis as a terrorist group.

Iran and Saudi Arabia have restored their diplomatic ties following their rapprochement in March 2023. There has been an improvement in Iran's relationship with the Gulf Arab countries. As a result of the Saudi-Iran rapprochement, the situation in Yemen has slightly improved. But there is no clear end in sight to the political, economic, societal and security challenges facing Yemen. The renewed calls for an independent Southern Yemeni State by the Southern Transitional Council (STC), along with the surge in attacks by Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), have further complicated the prospects for peace. At the same time, the dire humanitarian crisis in the country persists.

India continued to deepen its engagement with the West Asian region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the UAE, Egypt, and Qatar. Oman's Sultan Haitham bin Tarik visited India on 16 December 2023. During its G20 presidency, India invited three Arab countries – the UAE, Oman and Egypt – to participate in the meetings as guest countries.

On 09 September 2023, on the side lines of the G20 summit in New Delhi, leaders of India, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, France, Germany, Italy, the US and the European Union signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish the India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC). IMEC is a remarkable effort on the part of these countries to establish a trade and connectivity corridor

to connect India, West Asia and Europe. This has huge potential for India to further enhance its trade and connectivity and engage on issues such as technology, green energy, investment, digital connectivity and employment generation with West Asia and Europe.

India's defence and security engagement with West Asia has been significant during the year. India participated in the World Defence Show in Riyadh in February 2024. India-Saudi Arabia held a joint military exercise 'Sada Tanseeq' in January 2024 and a joint naval exercise 'Al Mohed Al Hindi 2023'. A contingent of 549 personnel from the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force participated in 'Exercise Bright Star 23' which took place from 31 August to 14 September 2023 in Egypt. India and the UAE concluded a joint naval drill named 'Zayed Talwar', held off the UAE coast from 08 to 11 August 2023. The trilateral cooperation between India, France and the UAE reached a significant milestone with the successful completion of the first-ever trilateral Maritime Partnership Exercise on 7-8 June 2023. Besides, the Indian Navy has responded to hijacking and piracy in the Arabian Sea and has rescued a number of ships and crew members.

Other Developments

Counter-Terrorism

From 01 April 2023, the intricate intermix of ideological extremism, geopolitical shifts, and technological advancement shaped the global terrorism landscape in even more complex and unprecedented ways than earlier.

According to some Western security experts, the 07 October Hamas attack and Israel's strong response ushered in a third wave of global jihadism, which saw the participation of even non-Salafi jihadi groups like the Hanafi Hamas and the Shiite Houthis, openly supported by State actors like Iran and Syria.

Similar to the al-Qaeda's attack on the World Trade Center in 2001 and the US response marking the first wave, and the second wave catalysed by the ISIS' proclamation of a Caliphate in 2014, the current wave has been triggered by the Hamas attack on 07 October and subsequent operations by Israel in Gaza. This has led to a surge in radicalisation within Muslim communities, coupled with the mobilisation of threat groups, which has increased the incidents of terrorist attacks across continents.

State and Non-State Actor Nexus

In 2024, it is anticipated that State sponsors of terrorism will expand their roles. Iran's denials notwithstanding, it is widely reported that Iran supports Shia militias, like the Houthis in Yemen, even as it employs its own regional forces such as the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the elite Quds Force in the Middle East to support such groups. In addition to carrying out drone attacks in West Asia—in Iraq, Syria and even into Israel, Iran is reported to have conducted drone attacks in Ukraine and missile attacks in Pakistan.

Since 12 January 2024, the US and the UK, with support from Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Denmark, the Netherlands, and New Zealand, have launched a series of airstrikes, codenamed *Operation Poseidon Archer*, against the Ansar Allah (commonly known as Houthis) in response to Houthi attacks in Yemen since late 2023.

ISIS and IS-K: Spread to Central Asia, Russia

Meanwhile, ISIS and its affiliate groups like IS-K continue to escalate their terrorist activities. Having transitioned from a centralised Caliphate to a decentralised organisational entity, ISIS and its affiliates are said to have a strength of over 7,000 militants worldwide, and the group is still able to carry out complex terrorist operations, in Africa, South Asia, Iran (Kerman) and Moscow. In addition, with countries like France and the United States further reducing their counter-terrorism footprint abroad, shifting their focus to great power competition, IS-K may further expand its menace and operations.

Meanwhile, far-Right terrorism is gaining momentum, with an escalation in plots and attacks anticipated from racially and ethnically-motivated violent extremists, including white supremacists and neo-Nazis. Notable instances, like the 2018 Pittsburgh synagogue massacre, the 2022 mass shooting in Buffalo and the Mall shooting in Texas in 2023, illustrate this trend. These attacks are not aimed at causing large-scale casualties but at instilling panic and fear among the local populace.

Far-Right Extremism in War Theatres

However, the potential risk of a large-scale attack from far-Right terror groups or individuals may increase if they shift their objectives and engage in collaborative efforts. The participation of European far-Right groups in the Russia-Ukraine War, is feared to have given them real war training experience,

while, the Israel-Hamas conflict appears to have given White supremacist groups recruitment and support against Jewish and pro-Israeli groups in Europe. Private armies, like the Wagner Group, are themselves populated with far-Right extremist elements.

Technology for Terror

Terrorist groups are rapidly exploring and adopting emerging technologies to magnify the impact of their attacks. An alarming example of this adaptability can be seen in Chad, where the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) appears to have assimilated tactics from IS militants in Iraq and Syria. They utilise radio-controlled model aircraft as improvised explosive device (IED) delivery platforms, potentially capable of carrying larger payloads than the small quadcopters available to hobbyists.

In addition, new technologies, such as Artificial Intelligence, bio-engineering, and 3D printing, could elevate the threat of nuclear, biological, chemical and radiological (NBCR) attacks. These innovations have the capacity to revolutionise production processes and mechanise the creation of NBCR agents.

Defence Engagement with Countries in West Asia

India has sought to expand its defence and security engagement with West Asian countries in recent years through active defence diplomacy. India has very good defence relationship with countries in the region, including the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and Kuwait, which includes joint military exercises, counterterrorism cooperation, and cybersecurity initiatives. In 2023, India focussed on further strengthening such cooperation. India has also developed strategic partnerships with some of the West Asian countries to enhance its political and security interests and primary example of it is India's Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) with the UAE and its strong defence ties with Israel.

India conducted joint military exercises and enhanced counterterrorism and cybersecurity cooperation with United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. India had a joint exercise with Oman in 2023, which was named *Exercise Al Najah*: The 5th edition of this Exercise took place from 13-27 September 2023, at the Rabkoot Training Area in Salalah, Oman. The Indian Army was represented by 60 personnel from the Mechanised Infantry Regiment, while the Royal Army of Oman was represented by the Frontier Force. The Exercise focused on counter-

terrorism operations, including joint planning, cordon and search operations, and fighting in built-up areas. Apart from this there was also the Exercise Eastern Bridge VII involving the Indian Air Force and the Royal Oman Air Force, which was held during 11-22 September 2023, and featured aircraft such as MiG-29s, Jaguars, and C-17s. The aim was to enhance interoperability and strategic cooperation between the two Air Forces.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRES

There are 13 Centres in MP-IDSA with their focus on area studies and thematic issues. MP-IDSA's research agenda, as a whole, is decided by the Executive Council with inputs from the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of External Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs and other government departments and institutions, from time to time. It is executed by different Centres. The scholars associated with the Centres have their individual research projects, which are reviewed and monitored by the respective Centre Coordinators under the overall direction of the Director General.

A brief account of the activities of different Centres for the year 2023-24, is provided below.

Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and UN (ALACUN) Centre

Africa

Throughout the past year, the ALACUN Centre monitored and assessed developments across Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The Centre paid close attention to the activities of the United Nations and other International Organisations. The scholars in the Centre published Web Commentaries, Issue Briefs, Book Chapters, Book Reviews and Monographs on areas of their specialisation. The Centre continued the publication of MP-IDSA's biannual publication on Africa, *Africa Trends*, which aims to provide readers with reviews and analysis of significant and strategic developments in African countries that impact regional and global security.

The Centre organised various events focused on key developments in Africa, Latin America, and the United Nations. To celebrate 'Africa Day,' the Centre held a Roundtable Discussion on "India's G20 Presidency: Furthering India-Africa Ties", on 23 May 2023. Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General MP-IDSA, delivered the opening remarks, while special remarks were delivered by H.E. Mr. Joel Sibusiso Ndebele, High Commissioner of South Africa to India;

H.E. Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum, High Commissioner of Mauritius to India; and Mr. Sherif Elgammal, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt to India. Ambassador Chinoy also led the panel discussion, featuring Ms. Ruchita Beri, Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, Mr. S Kuppaswamy, Mr. Tarun Sharma, Ms. Shivali Lawale, and Dr. Nivedita Ray. The Roundtable Discussion concluded with remarks from H.E. Mr. Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam, Ambassador of Eritrea to India and Dean of Diplomatic Corps, India.

During the India-Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) in 2022, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and President MP-IDSAs, Shri Rajnath Singh had launched the 'India-Africa Security Fellowship Programme' at the Institute. This initiative promotes the dynamic exchange of knowledge and expertise, thereby contributing to regional security and stability. In June and August 2023, the Centre hosted Israel Nyaburi Nyadera, a lecturer at Egerton University, Kenya and Avit Alex Chami from The Mozambique-Tanzania Centre for Foreign Relations (CFR) in Tanzania, as Visiting Fellows. The Centre also hosted numerous scholars, officials, and Heads of think tanks for discussions on global affairs, with a particular focus on Africa and Latin America, regional security, and international diplomacy. These sessions provided a platform for meaningful exchange and collaboration on pressing global issues.

The ALACUN Centre worked on the Defence Attaché Project with respect to the African countries, which identified important strategic nations for the appointment of Defence Attachés. In addition, the Centre contributed to research that examined potential Indian responses to geopolitical changes in Africa and Latin America.

Counter Terrorism Centre

Over the past year, the Counter-Terrorism Centre monitored, and analyzed a variety of terrorism and counter-terrorism related developments across the globe.

In addition to its newsletter *Terror Tracker* (now in its third year), it launched another monthly, the *Jammu and Kashmir Digest* that features social, cultural and economic developments in the Union Territory. The Newsletter highlights the synergy between the people of Jammu and Kashmir and the welfare schemes of the government, aided by the civil society, military and security agencies, in enhancing peace, progress and prosperity across various sectors.

Over the last year, the Centre published the book *Politics in Islam: Historical Currents in West Asia and South Asia*. The Centre's scholars also produced Issue Briefs, web commentaries, book chapters, research articles and book reviews in the Institute's refereed journals.

The Centre's scholars also delivered lectures and talks at important events organised by Indian military, security agencies, universities and the police establishment, as well as in social media outlets.

Defence Economics and Industry Centre

The Defence Economics and Industry Centre's scholars brought out publications covering defence budget trends, procurement, indigenization, and exports. To outline the crucial role of understanding the impact of sanctions and the export control regime during warlike situations, the Centre published a Monograph titled *Sanctions on Russia: A Study of Economic Coercion in the Contemporary World*. The Monograph attempts to assess the impact of sanctions on the Russian economy and war resolution efforts, and further the understanding of sanctions as a tool of economic coercion.

The HQ Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) requested the Institute to prepare a Study Report on opening of new 'defence wings' in various countries. The Centre in consultation with other Centres prepared the Study Report and the same was forwarded to HQ IDS in June 2024.

The Centre also organised a Roundtable Discussion on 'Higher Defence Reforms' and 'Leapfrogging in Defence Technology' on 30 June 2023. Later, a Report was generated for the Chintan Shivir of the MoD. The Roundtable Discussion saw the participation of representatives from the three Services as well as experts from the DRDO. During the year, the Centre continued publishing its monthly news digest, *The Defence Newsletter*.

East Asia Centre

The East Asia Centre hosted several scholars and dignitaries from the region for discussions on issues of mutual concern. Some of the notable interactions included a two-day virtual bilateral dialogue with Sichuan University from 23-24 March 2023, a visit by the Hon'ble Ambassador of Japan to India, H.E. Mr. Hiroshi Suzuki to deliver the MP-IDS Eminent Persons' Lecture, as well as visits by H.E. Mr. Masami Oka, Vice Minister of Defence (International Affairs) and H.E. Mr. Yoshiaki Wada, State Minister for Cabinet Office. Discussions

were also held with representatives of the Korean Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), the National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), and the Prospect Foundation, just after the 2024 Taiwan elections. The Centre also hosted a one-day bilateral dialogue with representatives from SIIS, Beijing. The Centre's scholars continued to publish Web Commentaries, Issue Briefs and Policy Briefs on critical issues affecting the region.

Europe and Eurasia Centre

During the course of the year, the scholars of the Europe and Eurasia Centre focussed on the developing situation and its potential implications for global and regional strategic stability. The Centre focussed on Russia's foreign policy outlook amidst its growing international isolation, worsening Russia-US confrontation, the India-Russia strategic partnership, the Russia-China entente, weaponisation of trade and technology, geopolitics in Europe, the evolving Trans-Atlantic partnership, Europe's energy diversification and expansion of the India-EU strategic engagement. The Centre members critically analysed these developments in the context of their implications for India.

The Centre also continued to closely follow developments in the Caucasus and Central Asia, particularly in the context of the engagements of these countries with regional and extra-regional powers. Other key trends under study, were the discourses on multilateral frameworks like the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as well as connectivity initiatives like the International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

The scholars put forth their views on these issues through the publication of their Web Comments, Issue Briefs, book chapters, peer-reviewed articles and Op-Eds. These were also topics of discussion at various seminars, conferences, lectures and podcasts. The Centre engaged with several experts and academicians from the region, including from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Russia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Poland, Romania, Germany, France, Greece, the Netherlands, the EU and the UK.

The Centre continued publication of the monthly Newsletter, the *Eurasia Digest*, highlighting key developments in Russia, Central Asia and Europe.

Internal Security Centre

During the year, the Internal Security Centre worked on policy-oriented research projects on the Northeast, Border Management, Coastal Security, Left-Wing

Extremism, Jammu and Kashmir and Terrorism. Centre members specifically focussed on the projects, ‘The Northeast: Developmental Prospects and Challenges’, ‘Islamic Movements and Organisations’ and ‘Coastal Security: the Indian Way’. The Centre continued its work on the Ministry of Home Affairs’ (MHA) project on ‘Causes of Islamic Radicalisation in the Country’.

Scholars of the Centre contributed a numbers of articles, web commentaries and Issue Briefs on the ethnic turmoil in Manipur, Free Movement Regime, Forest Conservation Bill 2023, Khalistan Movement abroad, India’s Deep Sea Mining Endeavours, Monsoon and Climate Change, and Indian Engagements in Antarctica. Centre members also contributed academic articles to publications outside MP-IDSA on Autonomous District Councils, border guarding forces in Northeast India, integration of border communities, and nuclear non-proliferation, among others.

The Centre members interacted with the officials of the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region (MoDONER) and discussed the development projects that could be taken up by the Ministry. Centre members also interacted with Narcotics Control Bureau officials at its Headquarters in New Delhi to understand the trends and pattern of Narcotics trafficking in the country. Scholars of the Centre delivered lectures on border management, cross-border terrorism, coastal security and India’s internal Security, in various training courses conducted for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) by the MP-IDSA. The Centre has also been instrumental in conducting training courses and organising international and national conferences for other government departments.

Military Affairs Centre

Important research was initiated during the year to derive key lessons for Indigenous Strategic Thought through the analysis of ancient Indian texts like the *Mahabharata*. To this end, an Issue Brief was published in November 2023, and a presentation on “How Dharma Shapes Strategic Thought in the Mahabharata” was made in December 2023.

Key developments in the ongoing Ukraine War and their fallout continue to be closely observed by the Centre. A presentation on the “Maritime Dimensions of the Ukraine War” was made in 11 September 2023, and an Issue Brief titled “Attack on Sevastopol: Key Takeaways” was published in October 2023. The Centre has also been keenly observing the AUKUS trilateral security

pact since its inception in September 2021. As part of this, a Commentary titled “The San Diego Roadmap for AUKUS: Hits and Misses”, and an Issue Brief titled “The Road Ahead for AUKUS in 2024” were published in April 2023 and January 2024 respectively.

The Military Affairs Centre initiated important discussions and deliberations on the issues of defence reforms and enhancing jointness in the armed forces. A Roundtable Discussion on the theme, “Enhancing Jointness within the National Security Apparatus - Strengthening Collaboration and Synergy” was organised on 30 June 2023. Notable discussants included the former Chief of Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhaduria (Retd), Air Marshal Rajeev Sachdeva (Retd), Former Deputy Chief HQ IDS, VAdm Shekhar Sinha (Retd), Former C-in-C WNC and Lt Gen Ajay Singh (Retd), former C-in-C ANC. On 07 July 2023, another Roundtable Discussion on “India’s Current Defence Reforms” was organised, where a Paper on “In the Midst of a Transformation: Reforming Defence for Increased Military Effectiveness”, was presented.

The Military Affairs Centre continues to steer MP-IDSAs’ *Journal of Defence Studies (JDS)* by curating and vetting research articles, commentaries and book reviews submitted for consideration. The Centre members also published research articles in other peer-reviewed journals, like the *India Quarterly*. The Military Affairs Centre mentored young interns on their research topics like “Evolution of Fifth Generation Warfare” and “Employment of Special Forces at a Strategic Level”.

Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Centre

The Non-Traditional Security (NTS) Centre undertakes critical research and analysis in diverse areas including climate change; sustainable development goals (SDGs); water, food and energy security issues; clean and green technologies; and emerging challenges in the Polar Regions. The NTS Centre members engage in addressing the knowledge gaps, facilitating discussions and interfacing with varied stakeholders, and frequently lecture at military and training institutions and share their views at various national and international forums.

The NTS Centre published the book *BBIN Sub-Region: Perspectives on Climate-Water-Energy Nexus* in 2023 which has been well received by the strategic and academic community. The Centre members also contributed peer-reviewed journal articles, opinion pieces in national and international

newspapers, web commentaries and Issue Briefs on the MP-IDSA website and several other international platforms. NTS Centre members participated in various international seminars/conferences and delivered lectures for the training programmes conducted at MP-IDSA for the BSF, ITBP, and SSB,

In order to provide research training and awareness to the Institute's young scholars, the Centre organised a visit to the National Archives of India and lectures on writing and research skills for national and international publications. Centre members also actively engaged in weekly presentations at the Institute on various topics of strategic importance.

The Centre continued the publication of its theme-based bi-monthly Digest, the *Non-Traditional Security Digest*, and in 2023-24, seven issues of the *Digest* on different themes of national strategic importance were published. During the year, the Centre members held interactions on Arctic issues with delegations from Norway and Russia at MP-IDSA.

Nuclear and Arms Control Centre

The Nuclear and Arms Control Centre has been active in providing inputs and ideas on issues relating to nuclear weapons, nuclear energy, drones, missiles, chemical & biological weapons, along with futuristic technologies with military implications. The members of the Centre initiated and participated in the meetings on these topics organised at the Institute and elsewhere.

The Centre in collaboration with the Indian Pugwash Society (IPS) is finalising an edited volume on 25 years of nuclear India. Several eminent experts have contributed to the volume. The Centre in collaboration with the Indian Pugwash Society organised a Roundtable on "State of Nuclear Disarmament in the World" on 01 September 2023.

The Centre continued the publication of the *Sylloge on China* and the *West Asia Sylloge* consisting of news reports on Chinese and West Asian nuclear, space, missiles and other security issues, thrice a month. The Centre is also managing the publication of *Nuclear, Missile and Space Digest* and the *CBW Magazine*.

The scholars of the Centre participated in numerous debates concerning the nuclear, chemical and biological angles of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Indian nuclear tests, the implications of the Russia-Ukraine conflict for energy, nuclear threats from China and Pakistan, the Iran nuclear deal, Indian missiles, high technology weapons, drones, amendment on Indian Weapons of Mass

Destruction Act, US-China Balloon row, security issues in the Indo-Pacific, Cuban missile crisis, and Chinese & North Korean missiles, among other issues.

The scholars from the Centre delivered lectures in seminars and the international conferences organised by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi; National Academy of Legal Studies and Research, Hyderabad; Maharashtra National Law University, Nagpur; the Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership, Rambhau Mhalge Prabodhi, Mumbai; Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai; the Central University of Kerala, Kasargod; Symbiosis University; Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, Border Security Force academies, Delhi, Swadeshi Shodh Sansthan, New Delhi, Cabinet Secretariat, Gurugram and Allahabad University.

Scholars from the Centre gave presentations and participated in the Workshop on “Economic Security and Strategic Trade Management in the Indo-Pacific”, organised by the Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taiwan; the 10th Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) Study Group Meeting, on “Non-proliferation and Disarmament” in Bangkok; “Strengthening the Chemical Weapons Convention”, organised by SIPRI in Stockholm, among others.

The scholars contributed regularly on various issues related to the global nuclear and arms control debate such as, Implications of the New START Suspension, Nuclear India and Nuclear World Order, the US-Russia Nuclear Arms Control, G20 and Nuclear issues, Oppenheimer and India’s Knowledge Tradition, The Ukraine–Russia Conflict and Nuclear Misinformation, Export Controls on Advanced Technology Trade and the Russia-Ukraine Conflict, the US-China Balloon Row, among others.

South Asia Centre

South Asia holds a central position in the research priorities of MP-IDSA. In recent years, this region has experienced significant upheavals. Given the critical implications of these developments for India’s security, the Centre experts closely monitor and analyse unfolding events in each South Asian country.

The South Asia Centre is actively engaged in two ongoing projects: ‘Developments in Pakistan’ and ‘Pakistan Occupied Kashmir.’ Moreover, individual scholars are researching various security-related aspects related to

South Asian nations. The Centre has also forged institutional partnerships with prominent think tanks in the region, with plans to collaborate on joint research initiatives.

The South Asia Centre organised the 15th South Asia Conference on the theme, “Achieving Regional Economic Integration in South Asia” on 14-15 December 2023. The scholars of the Centre made presentations at weekly meetings on diverse topics including “Worsening Political Environment in Pakistan”; “The Ongoing Political Crisis in Pakistan”; “Extension of CPEC into Afghanistan: Drivers and Implications”; “Bangladesh’s Outlook towards Indo-Pacific”; and “Presidential Elections in the Maldives: Implications for India”, among others. The Centre members also published web commentaries, Issue Briefs, research articles in the Institute’s peer-reviewed journals, and Monographs on the political and strategic developments in the countries of the region.

Scholars from the Centre had their work on critical issues affecting the South Asian region and its international relations, published in various external outlets as well, covering topics ranging from geopolitics to regional relations and international affairs. The Centre hosted a talk by Prof Ishtiaq Ahmad, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Stockholm University, on "Evolving Political Situation in Pakistan and Prospects of India-Pakistan Relations" on 14 June 2023, and an interactive session with Mr Alan Kronstadt and Ms Shayerah Ilias Akhtar from the Congressional Research Service (CRS), on 15 September 2023.

The Centre’s weekly Newsletter, the *PoK News Digest*, continued to be published. It comprises summaries of various developments, press releases and important statements made by leaders related to POJK (Pakistan-Occupied Jammu & Kashmir).

Southeast Asia and Oceania Centre

The Southeast Asia and Oceania Centre works to advance research and commentary on issues pertaining to Southeast Asian politics, defence and security, as well as India’s relations with these countries. It also closely tracks the geopolitics of the Oceania region, which is currently the epicentre of heightened superpower rivalry. ASEAN multilateralism, and developments in the Indo-Pacific region are significant for the Centre and its activities.

In November 2023, the Centre hosted Chris Gardiner, the Chief Executive Officer at the Institute for Regional Security (Australia), for a talk on “India-Australia Ties in the Indo-Pacific Age”. The session, chaired by Director General MP-IDSA, Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy, explored strategic convergences and divergences in the bilateral relationship and addressed India’s role as a partner as well as an alternative to Chinese soft power in the South Pacific. In January 2024, the Centre hosted Dr. Satish Chandra Mishra, Senior Fellow, at The Habibie Centre (Jakarta) for a Roundtable Discussion on “Indonesia’s Systemic Transformation and its Implications for its Policy-Making”. The Discussion proved beneficial in gaining insights into Indonesia’s domestic priorities since the end of the Suharto regime. The Centre also hosted a two-member delegation from the United States Institute of Peace in the same month. Dr. Jason Tower (Country Representative for the Burma Programme) and Dr. Matthew Arnold, made presentations on their research, providing data and insights on the Myanmar crisis and China’s growing influence in that country.

In February 2024, members of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of Thailand paid a visit to MP-IDSA. The delegation comprised Chairperson Pikulkaew Krairirksh, Amb. Kobsak Chutikul (Director of the Board, WWF Thailand), and Gurdist Chansrichawla (President of Thailand-India Parliamentarians Friendship Group). The Centre also hosted a MINDEF Singapore delegation, led by BG Ng Pak Shun (Group Chief, Policy and Strategy) in February, with the Director General MP-IDSA, Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy, leading the discussions.

The Centre contributed Issue Briefs, book chapters, and presentations at national and international conferences, about the region. Centre members were in discussions with the ORF, ICWA, and NMF on themes such as “Quad @ 30: The Next Ten Years”, “China’s Comprehensive National Power”, “Navigating the Geopolitics of Asia and the Global Order of Tomorrow”, “How China Sees the World?”, “China’s Evolving Foreign Policy Approaches across Regions: The Next 5 years”, “Indian Navy Vision-2047”, “Countering China’s Maritime Grey Zone Operations: Options Offered by Critical and Emerging Technologies”, and “Myanmar: A Cross-border View”.

Centre members were invited to lecture and present Papers at the Mahatma Gandhi University, National Maritime Foundation, Tanzanian National Defence College, and Amity Institute of Defence & Strategic Studies, among others. The scholars also participated in Workshops, Roundtables and Seminars

hosted by think tanks across the country, expressing their views on the current and developing political, economic and strategic situation in the region. One of the scholars from the Centre was selected to be a part of the US State Department's International Visitors Leadership Program on "Enhancing Regional Maritime Governance and Cooperation in the Quad", during the year.

The Centre continued its interface with the Government, its outreach efforts by addressing Defence Attaches, speaking at BSF lectures and partaking in discussions as part of visiting foreign delegation discussions with the Director General. The Centre publishes a bimonthly Newsletter, *Insight Southeast Asia*, to provide information and brief analysis of major events in the Southeast Asia and Oceania region. The Newsletter continued publication in the year under review.

Strategic Technologies Centre

The Strategic Technologies Centre organised discussions and Workshops on all issues of topical importance during the year. The Centre's online events included a webinar on "Nuclear Electromagnetic Pulse and Satellites in Low Earth Orbit". The Centre also provided logistics support and hosted a TIFAC-sponsored seminar on "Unconventional Threats and Asymmetric Warfare".

Publications by scholars from the Centre included books, Monographs, Issue Briefs and Web commentaries. Publications in the domain of emerging technologies covered the Role of Semiconductors in National Security, Military Applications of Virtual Reality, Absorption of Emerging Technologies in the Armed Forces, Integral Air Support to Land Operations, as well as cyber insurance and AI as a Multi-Domain Enabler for the Indian Army. Books and Monographs published from the Centre during the year included *Cyber Threats to Space Domain: Risks and Responses*, and *Chandrayaan-3: India on the Moon*.

Twelve issues of the *Cyber Digest*, a monthly publication comprising the global developments in the cyberspace domain, were also published. The Centre's scholars also contributed chapters in edited volumes.

West Asia

The West Asia Centre is dedicated to studying the developments unfolding in the region and analysing their political, economic, security and strategic implications for India. Besides, the scholars of the Centre focus on India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), India-West Asia defence and security

cooperation, Iran's domestic and foreign policy, Turkiye's defence and foreign policy and the civil war in Yemen and Syria.

The West Asia Centre continued its engagement with regional scholars and diplomats to gain a deeper understanding of the evolving dynamics in the region and their implications for India. In August 2023, the Centre interacted with H.E. Iraj Elahi, the Ambassador of Iran to India. Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA, held a bilateral discussion on issues of mutual interest and the potential for India to play a constructive role in the region.

In November 2023, the Centre hosted a 42-member delegation from the Joint Command and Staff College, Oman, led by Col. Mohammed Al Mashaikhi. The discussion was chaired by Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, and focussed on the regional security dynamics and the potential for strengthening the India-Oman defence and security partnership. In December 2023, the Centre organised an Interaction on the regional security environment and the potential for enhanced defence and security cooperation between India and the UAE, with a 17-member delegation from the National Defence College, UAE, led by Brig. Gen. Khalifa Butti Thani Tarish Al Shamsi. The Interaction was chaired by Ambassador Sujan R. Chinoy.

In February 2024, the Centre held an Interaction with Mr. Joseph Rozen, the Founder of Solaris Global Partners, Israel, to exchange views on bilateral and regional issues, particularly in the context of the India-Israel partnership, and a 4-member delegation from Iran, led by Dr. Khalil Shirgholami, Vice President for Research at the Institute of Political and International Studies.

In March 2024, the Centre hosted Ms. Carice Witte, Founder and Executive Director of SIGNAL Group, Israel, and Mr. Tommy Steiner, Policy Director of SIGNAL Group for discussions on the India-Israel partnership, the changing geopolitical landscape in the region, and potential areas of cooperation between the two countries.

The Centre members also contributed research articles for MP-IDSA's in-house journals, website, national and international journals and media outlets. The Centre also coordinated the publication of the volume, *India's Approach to West Asia: Trends, Challenges and Possibilities*, based on the proceedings of the 5th West Asia Conference. The Centre's monthly Newsletters, the *West Asia Digest* and the *Iran Digest* continued to be published.

TRAINING

There is a growing demand on MP-IDSA for converting its cutting-edge research into training courses. The Institute organized 11 training programmes for officers of the National Technical Research Organisation, Border Security Force, Ordnance Factories Board and Indian Air Force. Enhancing the Institute's capacity to handle the training courses will be in the interest of the future growth of the Institute. The details of the training programmes are at Annexure VIII.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Several Government agencies (including the National Security Council Secretariat, Ministry of External Affairs, and Ministry of Information Technology) have shown interest in involving the Institute in various projects. The MP-IDSA-MEA collaboration has grown over the years. MP-IDSA has been conducting the PoK Project for the MEA for the last several years and the Project continued this year. (Annexure IV).

CONFERENCES NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL



Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA, chairs Working Session I on “Regional Economic Integration in South Asia: An Overview”, at the 15th South Asia Conference, 14 December 2023.



Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA receives H.E. Hiroshi Suzuki, Japan's Ambassador to India, for the Special/Eminent Person's Talk, 18 April 2023.

The Institute organized several high-profile conferences, Roundtables and national seminars during the year. In all one international conference was held. In addition, 10 Roundtables, 11 Special/Eminent Person's Talks, two Bilateral Interactions and 40 Special Interactions were held on a series of topics. Details are at Annexure III. The above activities provided an opportunity for close interaction with the strategic community in India and abroad.

PUBLICATIONS

During the year, MP-IDSA scholars published five books and five monographs. Apart from this, the Institute published six issues of *Strategic Analysis*, four issues of the *Journal of Defence Studies*, two issues of the *CBW Magazine*, one Policy Brief and 87 Issue Briefs. In addition, 13 Articles, three Commentaries, 10 Book Reviews/Review Essays/ in MP-IDSA journals and one Chapter in MP-IDSA books, 91 Web Commentaries and articles were published in various newspapers and magazines.

NEWSLETTERS

A wide range of newsletters/periodicals/news digests were published during the year. These included *China Science and Technology Review*, *Cyber Digest*, *Defence Newsletter*, *East Asia Military Monitor*, *Eurasia Digest*, *Insight Southeast Asia*, *Iran Digest*, *Jammu & Kashmir Digest*, *Japan Digest*, *Non-Traditional Security Digest*, *Pakistan News Digest*, *PoK News Digest*, *Strategic Digest*, *Sylloge on China*, *Sylloge on West Asia*, *Terror Tracker*, *West Asia Digest*, and *West Asia Watch*.

MP-IDSА LIBRARY AND THE INFORMATION RESOURCE DIVISION







MP-IDSA Library

MP-IDSA LIBRARY

The MP-IDSA Library and the Information Resource Division continued to work to deliver high quality and innovative services. New technologies for information dissemination were adopted in order to make information accessible to scholars within the MP-IDSA and outside. The Institute continued to create more digital and image content on its Facebook page and the Multimedia section.

The Library supports the research community on a range of key areas and makes an immeasurable contribution to the Institute. The Institute is working with a growing network of partners from different institutions and government organizations (Annexure VI).

GRANT-IN-AID TO MP-IDSA

MP-IDSA was sanctioned an amount of Rs 25,59,50,000 as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial year 2023-24 in RE 2023-24. Out of the said amount of Rs. 25,59,50,000, an amount of Rs. 1,34,67,804 was utilized for purchase of fixed assets and the remaining amount of Rs 23,51,13,169/- was recognised as Income. Further, an amount of Rs. 73,69,027, was refunded to MoD, which resulted in the Net Grant-in-Aid of Rs 24, 85,80,973 for the Financial year 2023-24.

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC) AND THE SUB-COMMITTEES
(As on 31 March 2024)**

The composition of the Executive Council is as follows:

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| 1. | Shri Rajnath Singh | - President |
| 2. | Amb Ashok Sajjanhar | - Member |
| 3. | Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma | - Member |
| 4. | Shri Tarun Vijay | - Member |
| 5. | Shri Jayant Misra | - Member |
| 6. | Prof K. P. Vijaylakshmi | - Member |
| 7. | VAdm Raman Puri (Retd) | - Member |
| 8. | Air Mshl Ajit Bhonsle (Retd) | - Member |
| 9. | Shri Giridhar Aramane | - Defence Secretary,
Ex-Officio Member |
| 10. | Shri Vinay Mohan Kwatra | - Foreign Secretary,
Ex-Officio Member |
| 11. | Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy | - Director General, Principal
Secretary and
Ex-Officio Member |
| 12. | Maj Gen (Dr) Bipin Bakshi (Retd) | - Deputy Director General,
Ex-Officio Member
(till 05 August 2023) |
| 13. | Gp Capt (Dr) Ajey Lele (Retd) | - Deputy Director General,
Ex-Officio Member
(w.e.f. 11 March 2024) |
| 14. | Dr Pushpita Das | - Staff Representative (Till 16
November 2023) |
| 15. | Dr Prasanta Kumar Pradhan | - Staff Representative
(w.e.f. 16 November 2023) |

Invitees

1. FADS, MoD
2. JS (PIC), MoD

The President constituted Sub-Committees for the transaction of business and consultations during the period intervening two Executive Council meetings.

The composition of the Sub-Committees is as follows:

HR & Academic (HR &A)

Amb Ashok Sajjanhar	- Chairperson
Shri Jayant Misra	- Member
Dr. KP Vijaylakshmi	- Member
Air Mshl Ajit Bhonsle (Retd)	- Member
DG	- Principal Secretary and Ex-Officio Member
DDG	- Ex-Officio Member

Finance & Administration (F&A)

Shri Jayant Misra	- Chairperson
Amb Ashok Sajjanhar	- Member
Lt Gen Rakesh Sharma (Retd)	- Member
VAdm Raman Puri (Retd)	- Member
DG	- Principal Secretary and Ex-Officio Member
DDG	- Ex-Officio Member

Membership

Shri Tarun Vijay	- Chairperson
Dr. K.P. Vijaylakshmi	- Member
VAdm Raman Puri (Retd)	- Member
Air Mshl Ajit Bhonsle (Retd)	- Member
DG	- Principal Secretary and Ex-Officio Member
DDG	- Ex-Officio Member

EC Meetings

The following Sub-Committee Meetings of the Executive Council (EC) and were held during the year 2023-24:

The HR & Academic Sub-Committee Meeting was held on 26 December 2023.

Joint Meetings of the Human Resource & Academic Sub-Committee (HR&A) and Finance & Administration Sub-Committee (F&A) were held on:

- (i) 09 May 2023
- (ii) 11 October 2023
- (iii) 30 January 2024

Annual General Body Meeting: 16 November 2023

MEMBERSHIP: (As on 31 March 2024)

Type of Membership	31.03.2023	31.03.2024
Life Members	114	112
Members	162	157
Associate Members	674	706
Special Subscribers (Serving Defence Officers)	50	0
Associate Corporate Members (Defence Units/Mess/Libraries)	15	0
Special Corporate Members (Educational Institutes/Colleges)	01	0
Total	1016	975

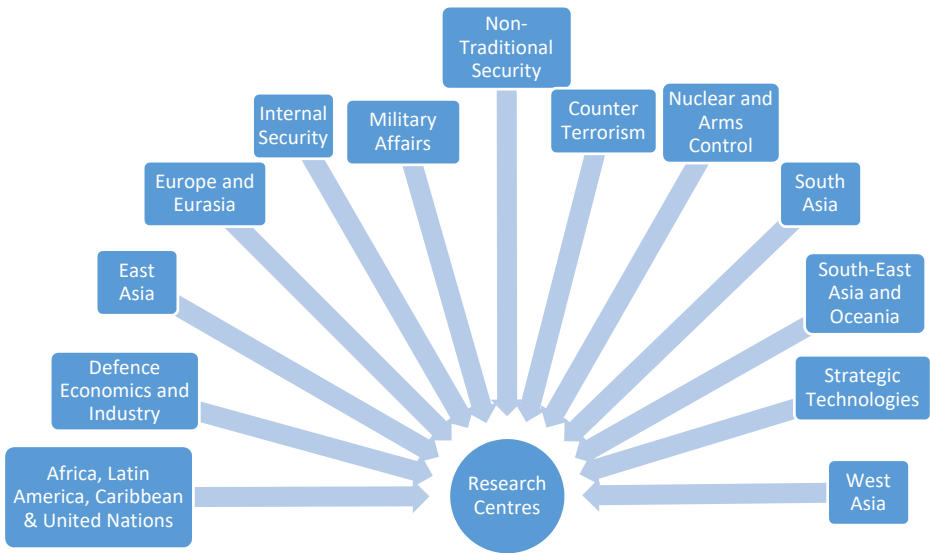
The number of members with voting rights stands at **269**.

Annexure II

RESEARCH CENTRES

The Institute has well-qualified and multi-disciplinary research scholars at various levels (as on 31 March 2024). They are drawn from academia, the defence forces and the civil services. The staff position of the Institute is placed at **Appendix A**. The research scholars are divided and organised amongst 13 Centres. Each Centre deals with a broad area of research on national and/or international security. The Centres are:

1. Africa, Latin America, Caribbean and United Nations (ALACUN)
2. Counter Terrorism
3. Defence Economics and Industry
4. East Asia
5. Europe and Eurasia
6. Internal Security
7. Military Affairs
8. Non-Traditional Security (NTS)
9. Nuclear and Arms Control
10. South Asia
11. Southeast Asia and Oceania
12. Strategic Technologies
13. West Asia



Annexure III

CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/TALKS/INTERACTIONS/VISITS

(i) International Conferences/Seminars

The following **one** International Conference was organized during the year:

S.No	Date	Opening/Welcoming Remarks	Inaugural/Keynote/Special Address	Details of the Conference	Topic
	14-15 December 2023	Amb Sujana R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Shri Vinay Kwatra, Foreign Secretary, Government of India; Special Address by Shri Damu Ravi, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs	15th South Asia Conference	Achieving Regional Economic Integration in South Asia

(ii) Talks

The Institute organised **11** Special/Eminent Person's Talks during the year. Following is the list of Talks:

S.No.	Date	Chair	Speaker	Topic
1	18 April 2023	Amb Sujana R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	H.E. Hiroshi Suzuki, Japan's Ambassador to India	
2	16 June 2023	Amb Sujana R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Prof Ishtiaq Ahmed, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Stockholm University	Evolving Situation in Pakistan and India-Pakistan Relations
3	07 July 2023	Amb Sujana R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Israel Nyaburi Nyadera, India-Africa Security Fellow	Evolution of Kenya's Foreign Policy since its Independence

S.No.	Date	Chair	Speaker	Topic
4	25 July 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Aki Sakabe-Mori, University of Tsukuba	China-Japan Relations
5	04 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Mr Avit A. Chami, India-Africa Security Fellow, MP-IDSA	Tanzania's Foreign Policy and India-Tanzania Relations
6	06 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Nicolas JA Buchoud, Think7 Consultant and Advisor to the Dean and CEO of Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI).	The UN SDGs at the Halfway Mark: Prospects & Challenges
7	12 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	TIFAC-MP-IDSA Workshop on 'Battle Scenario-2047: Unconventional Threats and Asymmetric Warfare	
8	23 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Marc Julienne, Head of China Research at the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI, Paris)	French/European perspective on China, Indo-Pacific, Trans-Atlantic relations, and War in Ukraine
9	07 November 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Mr Chris Gardiner, Chief Executive Officer, The Institute for Regional Security (IFRI), Australia	India-Australia Ties in Indo-Pacific Age
10	04 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Mr Claude Arpi, Tibetologist.	Tibet and India-China Relations: History and Present
11	05 December 2023	Dr Ashok K Behuria, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA	Mr Saurav Raj Pant Visiting Fellow, MP-IDSA	Understanding Nepal's Foreign Aid and Investment Partnership with India, China and the US since 2015

(iii) Bilateral/Trilateral Interactions

The following two **Bilateral Interactions** were held during the year:

S.No.	Date	Chair/Remarks	Institution	Topic
1	01 June 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Delegation from Vietnam, led by Amb Trinh Duc Hai, Vice Chairman of National Boundary Commission	Exchange of views on regional security issues and shared maritime concerns
2	13 March 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA), South Africa Ms Elizabeth Sidiropoulos, Chief Executive SAIIA	Celebrating Three Decades of India-South Africa Relations

(iv) Roundtable /Book Discussions

10 Roundtable/Book Discussions on a wide range of topics were held at the Institute during the course of the year. The complete list of topics discussed is given below:

S.No.	Date	Chair	Speakers	Topic
1	23 May 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Special Remarks by H.E. Mr. Joel Sibusiso Ndebele (High Commissioner of South Africa to India), H.E. Mr. Haymandoyal Dillum (High Commissioner of Mauritius to India) and Mr. Sherif Elgammal, (Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt to India)	Africa Day Roundtable on “India’s G20 Presidency: Furthering India-Africa Ties”
2	08 June 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Delegation from Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) led by Chairman of Board and former Dy. Prime Minister, Mr Amir Peretz, Mr Boaz Levy, President and CEO IAI, Ms Yehuda	

S.No.	Date	Chair	Speakers	Topic
			Lahav, Vice President, IAI and Col Zeev Mivtzari, Country Head, India	
3	30 June 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Admiral Shekhar Sinha (Retd), Lt Gen P.R. Shankar (Retd), Air Marshal Rajeev Sachdeva (Retd) Lt Gen Ajai Singh (Retd) and Air Chief Mshl R.K.S. Bhadauria (Retd)	Enhancing Jointness in Armed Forces and Leapfrogging in Defence Technologies
4	07 July 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Anit Mukherjee; Col Vivek Chadha, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA	In the Midst of a Transformation: Reforming Defence for Increased Military Effectiveness
5	01 September 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Prof Amitabh Mattoo, Dr Rajiv Nayan and Lt Gen Amit Sharma (Retd).	State of Nuclear Disarmament in the World
6	15 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr Satish Chandra Mishra, Senior Fellow, Habibe Centre, Jakarta.	Indonesia's Systemic Transformation and Implications for its Policy-making
7	16 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA and Mr Richard McCallum, Group CEO, UKIBC	Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Lt Gen (Dr) Subrata Saha, (Retd); former Vice Chief of Naval Staff, Vice Adm Satish Ghormade, (Retd); ADG Acquisition Tech (Army), MoD, Maj Gen Abhay Dayal; former AS and FA (Acquisition), MoD, Shri Amit Cowshish; Distinguished Scientist and DG (Aeronautical Systems), DRDO, Shri MZ Siddiqui; DG (PC&SI), DRDO, Dr (Smt) Chandrika Kaushik, Director, Directorate of Planning and	India-UK defence cooperation

S.No.	Date	Chair	Speakers	Topic
			Coordination, DRDO, Dr Sumit Goswami	
8	19 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Senior Researcher, Arctic, Ocean, and Russia Programme from Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI), Oslo, Norway Dr Andreas Østhagen. Filippa Braarud from the Norwegian Embassy in India	Arctic Geopolitics and India
9	02 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Shri Gautam Sen, IDAS (Retd).	Development of the North East Region: New Ideas
10	29 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI, Mr Charles Parton OBE	Dealing with the threat of Chinese Cellular Modules

(v) Special Interactions

As part of its outreach activities during the year, the Institute organised **40 Special Interactions** with visiting delegations and eminent persons from various countries. The delegations and persons who visited MP-IDSA during the year included:

S.No.	Date	Chair	Delegation	Topic
1	11 April 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Ms Emine Dzhaparova, Ukraine's First Deputy Foreign Minister	
2	08 May 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	H.E. Oka Masami, Japan's Vice Minister of Defence for International Affairs	Talk on Security Documents
3	26 May 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Dr B.R. Ambedkar School of Economics University T20 Townhall	

S.No.	Date	Chair	Delegation	Topic
4	20 June 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Faculty and students of Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU), Gujarat	Briefing on Defence and National Security issues
5	22 June 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Israeli delegation headed by Mr Eytan Levy, Director, Asia-Pacific, SIBAT (the international defence cooperation directorate of the Israeli MoD)	India-Israel defence strategic ties
6	19 July 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Delegation led by Japan's State Minister of Cabinet Office, H.E. Mr Wada Yoshiaki	
7	19 July 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	UK's Parliamentary House of Commons Defence Select Committee, led by MP (Conservative) The Rt. Hon'ble <u>Tobias Ellwood</u>	
8	20 July 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Mr Atal Dulloo, Secretary, Border Management	
9	08 August 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Delegation led by Professor Tu Chang-Ching from National Defence University in Taiwan	
10	14 August 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	US Congressional delegation comprising Rep Ro Khanna, Rep Deborah Ross, Rep Kat Cammack, Rep Shri Thanedar and Rep. Jasmine Crocket	
11	15 September 2023	Dr Ashok Behuria, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with Mr Alan Kronstadt and Ms Shayerah Ilias Akhtar from Congressional Research Service (CRS).	US-India relations and US policy towards South Asia

S.No.	Date	Chair	Delegation	Topic
12	13 September 2023	Gp Capt R.K. Narang, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA	A nine-member delegation from the Western Norway University of Applied Sciences	Renewable energy sources and potential opportunities for future Indo-Norwegian collaboration in various sectors
13	29 September 2023	Gp Capt Ajey Lele, Consultant MP-IDSA	Interaction with a four-member delegation from NASEM-CISAC.	Mutual interests and prospective avenues for India-US cooperation in the emerging technology sector
14	11 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Delegation from the Vietnam Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies (VIISAS), headed by Vice President, Dr Nguyen Duc Minh	
15	17 October 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from Australian Defence and Strategic Studies Course (DSSC), headed by Rear Admiral James Lybrand, CSC, Commandant	
16	06 November 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with The Center for Naval Analyses (CNA), Arlington, Virginia. Delegation comprised Mr. Robert Hein, Senior Executive and Director, Policy and Plans, US Navy Pacific Fleet, and Dr Satu Limaye, Senior Advisor	Emerging Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific
17	21 November 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with military delegation from Joint Command and Staff College, Oman, led by Col Mohammed Al-Mashaikhi	India-Oman defence and security cooperation

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18	22 November 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with Prof Ibrahim Gambari, former Minister of External Affairs, Nigeria	
19	11 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from National Defence College, UAE, led by Brig Gen Staff Pilot Khalifa Butti Al Shamsi	India-UAE defence and security cooperation
20	11 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from National Defence College, UAE, led by Brig Gen Staff Pilot Khalifa Butti Al Shamsi.	Enhancing India-UAE defence and security cooperation
21	12 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with Prof. Masayuki Masuda, Head, Asia & Africa Division, The National Institute for Defense Studies (NIDS), Japan and Dr Masahiro Kurita, Senior Fellow, NIDS	India-Japan Relations
22	18 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with European Union Parliament Delegation	
23	19 December 2023	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with 80-member delegation of students and scholars from IIT Chennai	
24	10 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with officials from the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India	
25	16 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from the Polish Centre for Eastern Studies OSW.	

S.No.	Date	Chair	Delegation	Topic
26	18 January 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with delegation, led by Dr I-Chung Lai, Prospect Foundation, Taipei, Taiwan	
27	07 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with Russian delegation from universities and think tanks	Deepening India-Russia cooperation in the Arctic
28	07 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from Thailand's Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, led by Chairperson Ms Pikulkeaw Krairiksh	Regional security in the Indian Ocean Region and bilateral security cooperation between India and Thailand
29	12 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with students of 19th batch of MIT School of Government, Pune.	India's foreign policy and national security challenges
30	19 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with Mr Reinhard Buetikofer, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the EP's Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China	
31	20 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Mr Michel Rademaker, Deputy Director, Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS)	
32	21 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from Ministry of Defence, Singapore, led by Group Chief, Policy and Strategy, BG Ng Pak Shun	
33	21 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with Australian delegation, headed by Mr. Matt Keogh, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel	

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34	22 February 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS), Iran, led by Vice President for Research, Dr Khalil Shirgholami	Range of regional and bilateral issues
35	23 February 2024		Interactive session with European Union Special Representative for the Sahel, Professor Emanuela C. Del Re	Future of Sahel and Africa in the Next Global Order
36	28 February 2024	Dr P.K. Singh, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with Prof Key-young Son from Korea University	
37	01 March 2024	Dr Smruti S. Pattanaik, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA	Interaction with scholars of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Moscow	India-Russia Relations, Ukraine War, Military Situations, Russian foreign policy and trade
38	08 March 2024	Dr P.K. Pradhan, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with Ms Carice Witte, Founder and Executive Director, SIGNAL Group, Israel, and Mr Tommy Steiner, Policy Director, SIGNAL Group	A range of issues including current global geopolitics and India-Israel bilateral relations
39	13 March 2024	Gp Capt (Dr) Ajey Lele (Retd), Deputy Director General, MP-IDSA	Interactive Session with Prof Vasileios Syros, Greek Studies at JNU and Distinguished Fellow, USI	India-Greece Relations in the current geopolitical landscape
40	13 March 2024	Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA	Interaction with delegation from Secretariat of Defence Products (SEPROD) Brazil, headed by Air Vice Marshal (Retd) Rui Chagas Mesquita	Bilateral defence cooperation

VISITS OF MP-IDSAs SCHOLARS ABROAD

1. Dr Nihara Ranjan Nayak, Research Fellow, MP-IDSAs attended the International Conference on “Revitalizing the Legacy of Manas Khand Civilization and Culture organized by Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Far Western University, Nepal from 15 to 17 April 2023 in Dhangadi, Nepal.
2. Dr Uttam Kumar Sinha, Senior Fellow MP-IDSAs attended the “Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) – US Africa Command (AFRICOM) Workshop Series” organized by the Near East South Asia (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies, from 01 to 06 May 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.
3. Capt (IN) Anurag Bisen, Research Fellow, MP-IDSAs attended the 3rd Dialogue on the Arctic (the ‘High North Talks’) organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) from 04 to 05 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland.
4. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSAs attended the Global Solutions Summit organized by the Global Solutions Initiative, from 15 to 16 May 2023 in Berlin, Germany.
5. Ms Shruti Pandalai, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSAs attended the “22nd Iteration of the India Trilateral Forum (ITF)” organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) America, from 15 to 16 May 2023 in Stockholm, Sweden.
6. Capt (IN) Anurag Bisen, Research Fellow, MP-IDSAs attended the “Third Bay of Bengal Maritime Dialogue” organized by the Pathfinder Foundation (PF) and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), from 23 to 24 May 2023 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
7. Ms Shruti Pandalai, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSAs attended an “India-China Experts Meeting” organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) and the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), from 31 May 2023 to 01 June 2023 in Singapore.
8. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSAs attended the “20th IISS Shangri-La Dialogue” organised by the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), from 02 to 04 June 2023 in Singapore.

9. Dr Rajorshi Roy, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended “The Asian Dialogue - 2023” organized by the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund from 04 to 08 June 2023 in St. Petersburg, Russia.
10. Dr Ashok Kumar Behuria, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA attended “The Asian Dialogue - 2023” organized by the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund from 04 to 08 June 2023 in St. Petersburg, Russia.
11. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the Third Edition of the Kigali Global Dialogue organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) in partnership with the Rwanda Governance Board, from 12 to 14 June 2023 in Kigali, Rwanda.
12. Dr Prashant Kumar Singh, Research Fellow MP-IDSA attended the 2023 World Congress for Korean Politics and Society at Yonsei University organized by the Korean Political Science Association, from 29 June 2023 to 01 July 2023 in Seoul, Korea.
13. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the first “Central Asian Security and Cooperation Forum”, organized by the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, from 13 to 14 July 2023 in Astana, Kazakhstan.
14. Dr Rajiv Nayan, Senior Research Associate, MP-IDSA attended a meeting on Nonproliferation and Disarmament in the Asia-Pacific, organized by the President, Pacific Forum International, from 27 to 28 July 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.
15. Dr Prashant Kumar Singh, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “XI Moscow Conference on International Security”, organized by the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation, from 13 to 16 August 2023 in Moscow, Russia.
16. Capt (IN) Anurag Bisen, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended a Workshop at the Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum (IPESF) organized by the Sri Lanka Navy (SLN) and the United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), from 14 to 17 August 2023 in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
17. Dr Uttam Kumar Sinha, Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA attended a Strategic Studies Network Seminar for South Asia organized by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS), from 28 to 30 August 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

18. Dr Smruti S. Pattanaik, Research Fellow (Selection Scale), MP-IDSA attended an International Seminar titled “Bangladesh’s Indo-Pacific Outlook: Opportunities and Way Forward”, organized by Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies on 02 September 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
19. Dr Deepika Saraswat, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the Third Annual Conference on “Iran’s Look East Policy”, organized by the Iranian Studies Unit of the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, from 06 to 07 September 2023 in Doha, Qatar.
20. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the “2023 Hongneung Defense Forum (HDF)”, organized by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), from 13 to 15 September 2023 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
21. Col Vivek Chadha (Retd), Senior Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “2023 Hongneung Defense Forum (HDF)” organized by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), from 13 to 15 September 2023 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
22. Dr Prashant Kumar Singh, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “2023 Hongneung Defense Forum (HDF)” organized by the Korea Institute for Defense Analyses (KIDA), from 13 to 15 September 2023 in Seoul, the Republic of Korea.
23. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the T7-T20 Bellagio Session organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), on 21 September 2023 in New York, USA.
24. Dr Swasti Rao, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “3rd Edition of the International Session for the Indo-Pacific”, organized by the Institute for Advanced Studies in National Defence (IHEDN), from 01 to 06 October 2023 in Paris, France.
25. Capt (IN) Anurag Bisen, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the 4th Meeting of GCSP’s High North Talks, organized by the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, from 04 to 06 October 2023 in Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland.
26. Dr Smruti S. Pattanaik, Research Fellow (Selection Scale), MP-IDSA attended the “11th Round of the India-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue”

- organized by the India Foundation from 05 to 08 October 2023 in Sylhet, Bangladesh.
27. Dr Smruti S. Pattanaik, Research Fellow (Selection Scale), MP-IDSA attended the “Bay of Bengal Conversation 2023”, organized by the Centre for Governance Studies, from 07 to 09 October 2023 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 28. Dr Rajiv Nayan, Senior Research Associate, MP-IDSA attended the closed-door Workshop on “Economic Security and Strategic Trade Management in the Indo-Pacific”, organized by the Pacific Forum and the Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, from 26 to 27 October 2023 in Taipei, Taiwan.
 29. Dr Jason Wahlang, Research Analyst, MP-IDSA attended the “3rd Manas Forum: The Rise of Regionalism in Global Politics: The Organization of Turkic States Congress”, organized by the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University, from 01 to 03 November 2023 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
 30. Dr Nihara Ranjan Nayak, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the Regional Conference on “Humanitarian Diplomacy in Action: India-Nepal Collaborative Evacuation Efforts during Israel-Palestine Crisis”, organized by the Centre for South Asian Studies from 06 to 09 November 2023 in Kathmandu, Nepal.
 31. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended a Dialogue on “From G20 to COP28: Energy, Climate and Growth” organized by the Observer Research Foundation and The Emirates Policy Centre on 12 November 2023 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.
 32. Dr Temjenmeren Ao, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended a three-week programme titled “Enhancing Regional Maritime Governance and Cooperation in the Quad”, organized by the US Embassy under The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), from 27 November 2023 to 15 December 2023 in Washington DC.
 33. Dr Rajiv Nayan, Senior Research Associate, MP-IDSA attended a closed-door Workshop on “Strengthening the Chemical Weapons Convention” organized by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), from 21 to 22 November 2023 in Solna, Sweden.
 34. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the “Cape Town Conversation”, organized by the Observer Research Foundation and

- The Mbeki Foundation from 24-26 November 2023 in Cape Town, South Africa.
35. Dr Jason Wahlang, Research Analyst, MP-IDSA attended the “Armenia-Iran-India: New Reality and The Crossroads of Peace Forum”, organized by the Information and Public Relations Center of the Office of the Prime Minister of Republic of Armenia from 04-06 December 2023 in Yerevan, Armenia.
 36. Dr Swasti Rao, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “Annual Conference on Ukraine” organized by the ‘IHEDN’ in collaboration with the Eastern Circle, on 08 December 2023 in Paris, France.
 37. Dr Rajorshi Roy, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended an Interaction with NATO officials organized by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division, from 18-19 December 2023 in Brussels, Belgium.
 38. Ms Shruti Pandalai, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended “the South Asia Young Scholar Delegation” organized by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre in India from 18-24 December 2023 in Taipei, Taiwan.
 39. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended an International Conference on “Vietnam-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Confluences and Opportunities” organized by the Centre for Indian Studies, Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMAP), and Indian Embassy in Vietnam on 22 December 2023 in Hanoi, Vietnam.
 40. Mr Om Prakash Das, Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended a Roundtable Discussion on “Myanmar: A Cross-Border View” organized by the Union for Civil Liberty (UCL) Foundation from 18-21 January 2024 in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
 41. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the “7th Indian Ocean Conference: Towards a Stable and Sustainable Indian Ocean”, organized by Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Centre in partnership with the India Foundation and supported by the Perth US Asia Centre, from 09-10 February 2024 in Perth, Australia.
 42. Ms Shruti Pandalai, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the second edition of the “Indo-Pacific Thinkers’ Programme” organized by the British High Commission, New Delhi and UK Foreign Ministry (FCDO) from 14-16 February 2024 in London, UK.

43. Amb Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA attended the First Edition of Raisina Roundtable@Tokyo jointly organized by the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), Observer Research Foundation (ORF), ORF America and Kezai Doyukai (Japan Association of Cooperate Executives) in Tokyo, Japan from 06 to 07 March 2024.
44. Col (Dr) Divakaran Padma Kumar Pillay, (Retd), Research Fellow, MP-IDSA attended the “IWC’s Indo-Pacific Region Irregular Warfare Conceptualization Workshop”, organized by the Irregular Warfare Centre from 14-15 March 2024 in Washington, DC.

Annexure IV

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Details of Projects with MP-IDSA as on 31 March 2024

(1)	PoK Project and Pakistan News Digest Project of MEA	Ongoing	Coordinator: Dr. Ashok K. Behuria
(2)	Project on Cyber Security Issues of NSCS	Closed in August 2023	Coordinator: Dr. Cherian Samuel

Annexure V

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Strategic Analysis

In the period under review, *Strategic Analysis* has maintained its position as the premier scholarly journal from India on strategic studies, area studies and International Relations that is internationally refereed, published and marketed. There are an increasing number of contributions that are being received from all over the country as well as from international scholars, academics and policy makers.

The journal has continued its efforts to engage with the wider strategic community and in the period under review and has covered issues of strategic importance ranging from Pakistan’s Influence Operations in Jammu & Kashmir; India’s Space Policy and Counter-Space Capabilities; ‘Triple Lock’ COVID Containment Strategy of the Kerala Police; Viability of Hydroelectricity Trade in the Himalayan Region; India-GCC Energy Partnership; France–India Security Partnership; Constitutional Reforms in the CIS Countries; American Nuclear Posture in the Changing Strategic Environment; Drones in Modern Warfare; Artificial Intelligence and the AI Governance Framework; India and the Emerging Geopolitics of the Antarctic; Do-It-Yourself (DIY) Warfare; Impact of India-China border Conflict on Changpas of Eastern Ladakh, among others.

The journal continues to maintain strict quality checks and editorial control while assessing and approving submissions for publication. The publishing and marketing collaboration with Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group, UK) continues to prosper, garnering increasingly positive feedback globally. The journal will be publishing a Special Issue on “Changing Dynamics in the Arctic: Actors and Alliances” as the November-December 2024 issue (Vol. 48, Issue 6).



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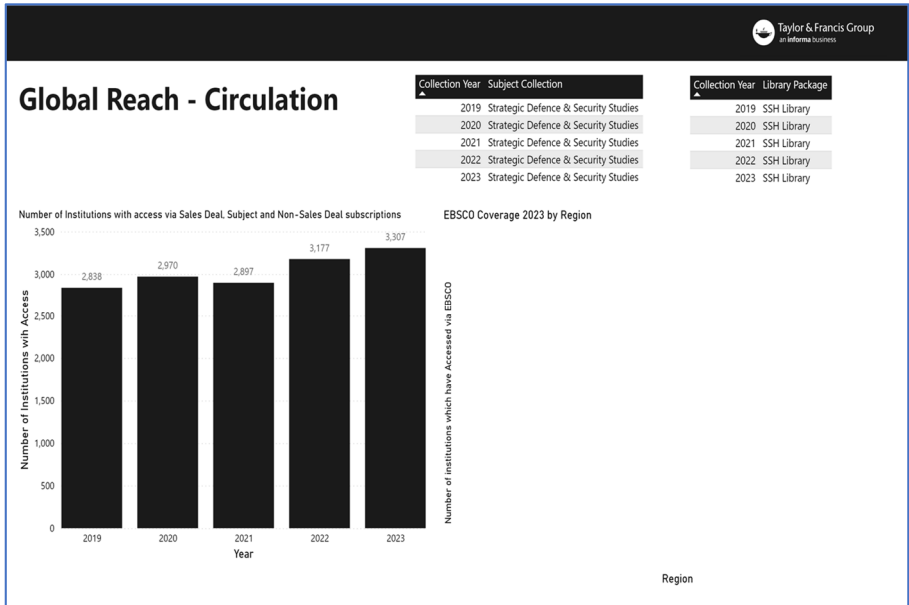


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US-China Strategic Competition and Converging Middle Power Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific	Stephen R. Nagy	Volume 46 Issue 3	No	692
Quad and the Indo-Pacific: Examining the Balance of Interest Theory in Quad Coalition	Adarsh Badri	Volume 46 Issue 6	No	577
Humanitarianism, National Security, and the Rohingya Refugee Policy of Bangladesh	A.S.M. Ali Ashraf	Volume 45 Issue 3	No	558
The Myanmar Coup: Evolving Ethnic Rebel Politics and Civil Resistance	Roshni Kapur	Volume 46 Issue 2	No	455
Competing in the Age of AI: Strategy and Leadership When Algorithms and Networks Run the World Marco...	Debopama Bhattacharya	Volume 45 Issue 3	No	451
Digital Yuan (e-CNY): China's Official Digital Currency	Debopama Bhattacharya	Volume 46 Issue 1	No	450
China's Response Towards QUAD in the Indo-Pacific: A Paradoxical Strategy?	Jaffery	Volume 47 Issue 4	No	426
Efficiency in Emergency: A Perception Study of Hierarchical Versus Flat Organizational Structures fo...	Rajat Mohan Bhatt	Volume 47 Issue 1	No	426
Multilateral Initiatives and Security Dilemma: Explaining India's Choice to Join the Asian Infrastru...	Devendra Kumar	Volume 45 Issue 3	No	145
Republic of Korea, Indo-Pacific and the Emerging Regional Order: Engaging without Endorsing	Jojin John	Volume 46 Issue 2	No	145
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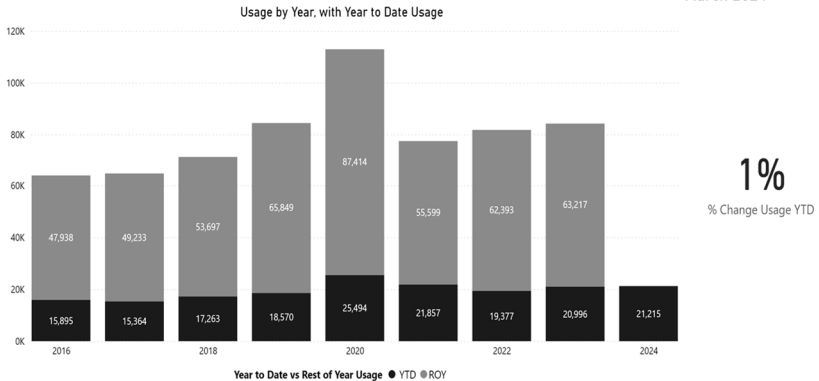
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King's College London	1,131
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Zhejiang University	767
Macquarie University	679
London School of Economics	587
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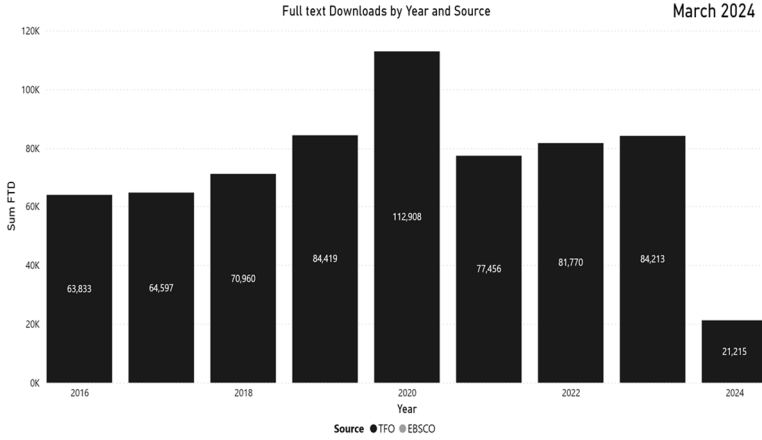
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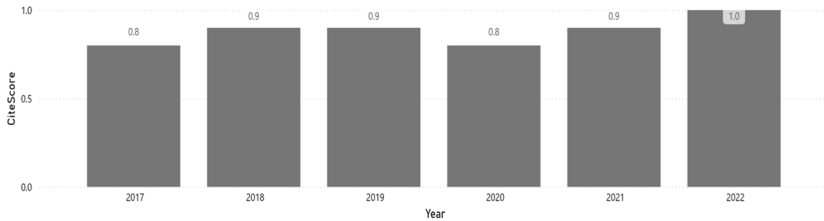
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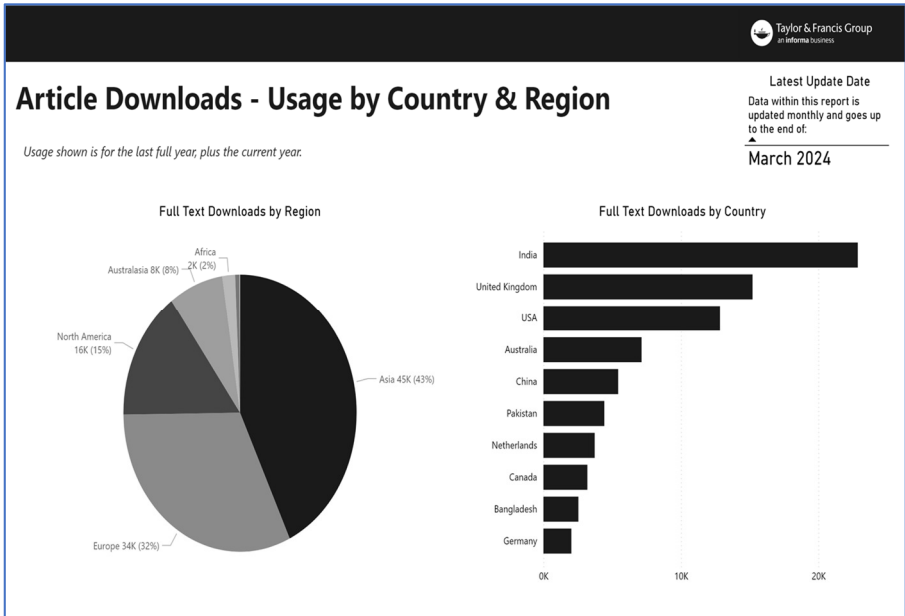


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2020	0.8	58 / 88 Safety Research, 280 / 556 Political Science and International Relations	1.63	0.224
2021	0.9	63 / 95 Safety Research, 307 / 608 Political Science and International Relations	1.42	0.226
2022	1.0	70 / 103 Safety Research, 337 / 652 Political Science and International Relations	1.38	0.202

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Journal of Defence Studies

The *Journal of Defence Studies (JDS)* is a peer-reviewed research journal with special focus on the core issues of defence, national security and strategy. Launched as an annual publication in 2007, *JDS* is now published as a quarterly. The journal seeks to encourage further research on the core issues of defence and has evolved as an important forum for deliberations and sharing of research findings and opinions of scholars working on defence-related issues, both within MP-IDSA and elsewhere. Each issue contains a mix of research articles, essays,

topical commentaries, opinion pieces and book reviews. Special issues are also published periodically.

Some important themes that have been covered in such issues include the Sino-Indian War of 1962, the 1965 India–Pakistan War, Ethics and Morals in the Indian Armed Forces, Management of Disasters and the Role of Armed Forces, Internal Security, the Kargil War of 1999, the 1971 India–Pakistan War, India’s Strategic Culture, UN Peacekeeping Operations, future of Military Unmanned Systems in India, etc. In the period 01 April 2023–31 March 2024, two special issues titled “India–Africa Defence Cooperation” and “Air Power and India: Multi-dimensional Trends”, were published.

The **April–June 2023 (Vol. 17, No. 2)** issue featured five articles on bilateral defence relations between India and Malaysia; measuring the index of technologies (smart and conventional); China’s emerging private space industry; a new conceptual model for advanced targeting systems using Artificial Intelligence algorithms; and cyber-biosecurity, an emerging national security frontier. The issue also featured three commentaries, one review essay and one book review.

The **July–September 2023 (Vol. 17, No. 3)** issue was a special issue titled “India–Africa Defence Cooperation”, and featured 18 insightful articles. The articles explored and examined the existing common security challenges faced by India and Africa, the various dimensions of India–Africa defence cooperation and scope for new areas of cooperation in the defence and security sector.

The **October–December 2023 (Vol. 17, No. 4)** issue was also a special issue on the theme, “Air Power and India: Multi-dimensional Trends”. The 14 articles and two commentaries published in this issue covered various aspects of air power in the Indian context, keeping into consideration that air power has become relevant not just for conventional roles assigned to air forces, but as an integral and indispensable part of operations for armies, navies, police forces and border security agencies, and is constantly undergoing changes in keeping with the evolving of technologies.

The **January–March 2024 (Vol. 18, No. 1)** included a Special Feature on India’s quest for strategic autonomy and the opportunities and challenges in the emerging world order, besides five articles, two commentaries and four book reviews. The topics covered in the issue include managing officer talent in the Army through a study of the US system; navigating ASEAN centrality amidst internal friction and interplay of strategic frameworks between the US and China;

evolution of multi-domain operations and prospects for application of aerospace power; militarisation of Minicoy Islands thereby strengthening India's starboard flank; and securitisation of economic projects by Chinese Private Security Companies (PSCs) in Pakistan.

The complete list of articles published in *JDS* during the year is available on the MP-IDSA website as back issues. These can be accessed at: <https://idsa.in/journalofdefencestudies>.

CBW Magazine

Two issues of the *CBW Magazine* were published during the year.

Books, Monographs, Policy Briefs and Issue Briefs

05 Books, 05 Monographs, 01 Policy Brief and 87 Issue Briefs were authored/edited by MP-IDSA scholars during the year, as follows:

Books

1. *Turkiye's Foreign Policy Under the AKP: Implications and Challenges for India*, Md. Muddassir Quamar, Pentagon Press LLP.
2. *BBIN Sub-Region: Perspectives on Climate-Water-Energy Nexus*, Uttam Kumar Sinha, Pentagon Press LLP.
3. *Political Islam: Parallel Currents in West Asia and South Asia*, Adil Rasheed, Pentagon Press LLP.
4. *India's Approach to West Asia: Trends, Challenges and Possibilities*, Sujan Chinoy and Prasanta Kumar Pradhan (Eds.), Pentagon Press LLP.
5. *India-Africa: Building Synergies in Peace, Security and Development*, Ruchita Beri (Ed.), Pentagon Press LLP.

Monographs

1. *Missile Defence and China*, M.S. Prathibha.
2. *Sanctions on Russia: A Study of Economic Coercion in the Contemporary World*, Rajneesh Singh.
3. *Land to Seas: The Deployment of China's Nuclear Forces*, M.S. Prathibha.
4. *Discerning India's Kashmir Strategy: Approach, Challenges and Outcomes*, Priyanka Singh.

5. *India's Iraq Policy: Past, Present & Future-A Historical Study of Bilateral Relations, 1949 to 2021*, Prabhat Jawa.

News Digests

News Digests serve the important function of providing comprehensive and focused coverage on specialised issues and topics to members of the strategic community. The Institute has been fulfilling the need of the Indian strategic community in this regard. The News Digests published by the Institute are as follows:

- 1) Africa Trends
- 2) Cyber Digest
- 3) Defence Newsletter
- 4) East Asia Military Monitor
- 5) Eurasia Digest
- 6) Insight Southeast Asia
- 7) Iran Digest
- 8) Jammu & Kashmir Digest
- 9) Japan Digest
- 10) Non-Traditional Security Digest
- 11) Pakistan News Digest
- 12) PoK News Digest
- 13) Strategic Digest
- 14) Sylloge on China
- 15) Sylloge on West Asia
- 16) Terror Tracker
- 17) West Asia Digest

Policy Briefs

1. *India's Arctic Endeavours: Capacity Building and Capability Enhancement*, Anurag Bisen, 27 July 2023.

Issue Briefs

1. *Terrorism Trends: 2023 and Beyond*, Nikhil Guvvadi, 13 April 2023.
2. *India and Asian Observers: Need for Coordination in the Arctic Council*, Anurag Bisen, 13 April 2023.
3. *Hundred Days After Anti-Zero COVID Protests in China*, Mayuri Banerjee, 25 April 2023.
4. *Towards an Epistemic Understanding of Radicalism, Extremism and Terrorism*, Adil Rasheed, 02 May 2023.
5. *Europe's Re-awakening: The Arduous Task of Re-linking Security Concerns*, Swasti Rao, 09 May 2023.
6. *Talent Management Best Practices and HRM Concepts in the Armed Forces*, Guriqbal Singh Gill, 12 May 2023.
7. *The White House Executive Order on Commercial Spyware: Implications and Prospects*, Rohit Kumar Sharma, 19 May 2023.
8. *G20, G7 and Nuclear Diplomacy*, Arnab Dasgupta and Abhishek Verma, 19 May 2023.
9. *पाकिस्तान में गहराते राजनीतिक संकट के बीच बढ़ता सांस्थानिक टकराव*, Ashish Shukla, 19 May 2023.
10. *Al-Qaeda vs ISIS: Competitive Extremism and Turf Wars*, Saman Ayesha Kidwai, 23 May 2023.
11. *The Silhouette of Indonesia's Foreign Returned Terrorist Fighters*, Mohammed Shoaib Raza, 23 May 2023.
12. *The Unfolding Kuki–Meitei Conflict in Manipur*, Pushpita Das, 26 May 2023.
13. *BrahMos: 25 Years of the Joint Venture*, Aayush Maniktalia, 29 May 2023.
14. *The Wagner Group: A Tool of Hybrid Warfare*, Rajneesh Singh, 31 May 2023.
15. *Israel's Approach to Building Cyber Capabilities: Lessons for the Indian Armed Forces*, Guriqbal Singh Gill, 31 May 2023.
16. *Is Pakistan a Good Choice for Renewal of GSP+ Status?*, Ashish Shukla, 07 June 2023.

17. *Takeaways from the Prime Minister's Visit to Japan, Papua New Guinea and Australia*, Arnab Dasgupta, 07 June 2023.
18. *सूचनाओं के युद्ध में सोशल मीडिया का हथियार*, Om Prakash Das, 12 June 2023.
19. *China's Push for Science and Technology Collaboration with BRI Countries*, Opangmeren Jamir, 13 June 2023.
20. *India-Vietnam Defence Partnership Gaining Ground*, Temjenmeren Ao, 26 June 2023.
21. *Islamic State Khorasan and Central Asia*, Jason Wahlang, 28 June 2023.
22. *US Cluster Munitions for Ukraine: Military Context and Legal Considerations*, Abhay Kumar Singh, 14 July 2023.
23. *The Media Landscape in Myanmar: A Post-Coup Analysis*, Om Prakash Das, 14 July 2023.
24. *Khalistan Movement: Recent Activities and Indian Response*, Abhishek Verma, 26 July 2023.
25. *DDoS Attacks and the Cyber Threatscape*, Rohit Kumar Sharma, 01 August 2023.
26. *Changing State Perception of Nuclear Deterrence in Japan and South Korea*, Abhishek Verma and Arnab Dasgupta, 03 August 2023.
27. *South America's 'Lithium Triangle Countries' and Green Transition*, Priyanshi Agrawal, 17 August 2023.
28. *The Irreligious, Inauthentic Narrative of 'Ghazwa-e-Hind'*, Adil Rasheed, 18 August 2023.
29. *India-Bangladesh Trade Settlement in Indian Rupee*, Anand Kumar, 18 August 2023.
30. *India's Pursuit of Reserve Currency Status*, Sneha M., 23 August 2023.
31. *Nigeria and ECOWAS: Priorities and Challenges*, Mohanasakthivel J., 23 August 2023.
32. *One Year of Ranil Wickremesinghe's Presidency and Sri Lankan Economy*, Gulbin Sultana, 23 August 2023.

33. *The Fourth Positive Indigenisation List: A Step Forward for India*, Shayesta Nishat Ahmed, 24 August 2023.
34. *पाकिस्तान में इसाई अल्पसंख्यकों की बढ़ती मुश्किलें: जरांवाला हमले के विशेष सन्दर्भ में*, Ashish Shukla, 25 August 2023.
35. *BRICS: 15th Summit and Beyond*, Rajeesh Kumar, 28 August 2023.
36. *Turkiye and the Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation*, Abhishek Yadav, 01 September 2023.
37. *Maldives Presidential Elections: Fragmented Campaign*, Gulbin Sultana, 06 September 2023.
38. *Oppenheimer and the Indian Knowledge Tradition*, Rajiv Nayan, 12 September 2023.
39. *Military Applications of Virtual Reality and Beyond*, Akshat Upadhyay, 14 September 2023.
40. *Taliban's Systematic Apartheid against Afghan Women and Girls*, Saman Ayesha Kidwai, 18 September 2023.
41. *लोकतंत्र और यथास्थितिवाद के बीच थाईलैंड*, Om Prakash Das, 25 September 2023.
42. *Pakistan's Multifaceted Political Crisis*, Ashish Shukla, 25 September 2023.
43. *India's Deep Sea Mining Endeavours: A Search for Climate Solutions in Deep Waters*, Manoranjan Srivastava, 27 September 2023.
44. *Attack on Sevastopol: Key Takeaways*, R. Vignesh, 04 October 2023.
45. *Japan's Supplementary Defence Budget*, Arnab Dasgupta, 18 October 2023.
46. *Semiconductor War: Assessing the Strategies and Impact of US Led Technology Decoupling*, Rajneesh Singh, 26 October 2023.
47. *Reforms in Indian Aviation/Drone Technician Certification Policy*, R.K. Narang, 31 October 2023.
48. *Monsoon and Climate Change Threat in the Indian Ocean Region*, Manoranjan Srivastava, 01 November 2023.

49. *Technology Development Fund: Opportunities and Challenges*, Arvind Khare, 03 November 2023.
50. *Muizzu as the Eighth President of the Maldives: Implications for India-Maldives Relations*, Gulbin Sultana, 06 November 2023.
51. *Philippines and Shifting Dynamics in the South China Sea*, Temjenmeren Ao, 07 November 2023.
52. *Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan: Unravelling Pakistan's Enduring Threat*, Rajneesh Singh, 16 November 2023.
53. *Nawaz Sharif's Return and Prospects for India-Pakistan Relations*, Priyanka Singh, 16 November 2023.
54. *Mahabharata: A Strategic Overview*, Vivek Chadha, 22 November 2023.
55. *Israel-Hamas Conflict: Between Legitimate Combat and Inadmissible Violence*, D.P.K. Pillay, 28 November 2023.
56. *Israel-Hamas War 2023: Beyond IDF's Military Operations Lie Israel's Intractable Challenges*, Rajneesh Singh, 01 December 2023.
57. *The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict: Implications for Regional Security*, Jason Wahlang, 22 December 2023.
58. *IDF's Subterranean Challenge: Profiling Gaza Metro, Hamas's Centre of Gravity*, Rajneesh Singh, 28 December 2023.
59. *The Road Ahead for AUKUS in 2024*, R. Vignesh, 12 January 2024.
60. *पाकिस्तान में बदलता राजनीतिक परिदृश्य*, Ashish Shukla, 18 January, 2024.
61. *Drones for Surveillance to Strikes: Assessing the Impact through the Lens of Russia-Ukraine War*, Rajneesh Singh, 24 January 2024.
62. *Deep Seabed Mining in the Arctic*, Bipandee Sharma, 02 February 2024.
63. *Gaza War and the Risk of Major Regional Escalation*, Adil Rasheed, 02 February 2024.
64. *Maldives' President's China Visit*, Anand Kumar, 05 February 2024.
65. *Turkiye-Pakistan Defence Cooperation: Evolving Dynamics*, Abhishek Yadav, 09 February 2024.

66. *Misogyny, Violent Extremism and National Security*, Sia Jyoti, 12 February 2024.
67. *The Balticconnector Incident: Hybrid Attacks and Critical Infrastructure Protection*, Swasti Rao, 16 February 2024.
68. *Defence Budget 2024-25: Trend Analysis*, S. Samuel C. Rajiv, 16 February 2024.
69. *The Indian Navy and Maritime Security in the Red Sea*, Shayesta Nishat Ahmed, 19 February 2024.
70. *“Partners in Progress”: The Transformation of the India–UAE Relationship*, Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, 20 February 2024.
71. *Bhutan’s 2024 National Elections: New Dawn with an Old Guard*, Sneha M., 21 February 2024.
72. *India–Japan Strategic Partnership and the Indo-Pacific*, Girisanker S.B., 21 February 2024.
73. *Antarctica: The Icy Continent and Indian Engagements*, Manoranjan Srivastava, 23 February 2024.
74. *Pakistan Elections 2024: ‘Same Politics’ and Some New Trends*, Smruti S. Pattanaik and Nazir Ahmad Mir, 23 February 2024.
75. *Bhutan Election Paves Way for Political Transition*, Smruti S. Pattanaik, 27 February 2024.
76. *First Person View (FPV) Drones: When Quantity Equals Quality*, Akshat Upadhyay, 27 February 2024.
77. *Myanmar: Three Years of Coup and Civil War*, Om Prakash Das, 05 March 2024.
78. *The Dissolution of Factions within Japan’s LDP: An Unfinished Revolution*, Arnab Dasgupta, 06 March 2024.
79. *China–United States Science and Technology Agreement at the Crossroads*, Opangmeren Jamir, 08 March 2024.
80. *Iran Parliament and Assembly of Expert Elections: Hardliners on the Rise*, Deepika Saraswat, 15 March 2024.
81. *Japan’s Engagement with Pacific Island Nations*, Arnab Dasgupta, 20 March 2024.
82. *The Dynamics of the India–US–China Triad*, Mayuri Banerjee, 20 March 2024.

83. *पाकिस्तान में आम चुनाव एवं सरकार गठन: एक विश्लेषण*, Ashish Shukla, 20 March 2024.
84. *Bridging Gaps in Cybersecurity with Cyber Insurance*, Rohit Kumar Sharma, 21 March 2024.
85. *The Decline of ECOWAS' Regional Influence*, Mohanasakthivel J., 21 March 2024.
86. *Pakistan Elections: The United States Factor*, Priyanka Singh, 26 March 2024.
87. *P75 (1) Submarines and Strategic Partnership Model*, Abhay Kumar Singh, 28 March 2024.

Articles Published by MP-IDSA Scholars in Peer-Reviewed/Refereed MP-IDSA Publications

A total of 13 Articles were published by MP-IDSA Scholars in peer-reviewed/refereed MP-IDSA publications. The list is included in Appendix B.

Commentaries Published by MP-IDSA Scholars in Peer-Reviewed/Refereed MP-IDSA Publications

A total of three Commentaries were published by MP-IDSA Scholars in peer-reviewed/refereed MP-IDSA publications. The list is included in Appendix C.

Book Reviews/Review Essays/Strategic Essays Published by MP-IDSA Scholars in Peer-Reviewed/Refereed MP-IDSA Publications

A total of 10 Book Reviews/Review Essays/Strategic Essays were published by MP-IDSA Scholars in peer-reviewed/refereed MP-IDSA publications. The list is included in Appendix D.

Articles and Chapters Published by MP-IDSA Scholars in MP-IDSA's Books/Reports

A total of one Article and one Chapter were published by MP-IDSA's scholars in MP-IDSA's Books/Reports. The list is included in Appendix E.

Fellows Seminars by MP-IDSA Scholars

A total of two Fellow Seminars were held during the financial year. The list is included in Appendix F.

Publications by Scholars (Books, Monographs, Policy Briefs, Issue Briefs, Occasional Papers, Articles, Commentaries, Book Reviews, Review Essays, Book Chapters, Web Commentaries and Articles, in various newspapers and magazines) during the year

Name of the Scholar	MP-IDSAs Books Authored	Non-MP-IDSAs Books Authored/Edited	MP-IDSAs Books Edited/Co-Edited	Monographs	Policy Briefs	Issue Briefs	Occasional Papers	Articles, Book Reviews/Review Essays and Commentaries in MP-IDSAs Publications	Book Chapters in MP-IDSAs Publications	Book Chapters in Outside MP-IDSAs Publications	Commentaries on MP-IDSAs Website	Articles Published in Various Newspapers and Magazines
Director General												
Sujan R. Chinoy	-	02	01	-	-	-	-	01	-	04	-	17
Deputy Director General												
Bipin Bakshi (till 04.08.2023)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-
Ajey Lele (w.e.f. March 11.03.2024)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03
Senior Fellow												
Arvind Khare	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	01	01
Ashok K. Behuria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-
Rajiv Kumar Narang	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	02
Uttam K. Sinha	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03
Vivek Chadha	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	-	-
Research Fellow (SS)												
Abhay K. Singh	-	-	-	-	-	04	-	-	-	-	01	01
Rajneesh Singh	-	-	-	01	-	06	-	-	-	-	01	05
Smruti S. Pattanaik	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	-	24
Research Fellow												
Adil Rasheed	-	-	01	-	-	03	-	01	-	01	02	03
Akshat Upadhyay	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	01	-	-	02	04

Anurag Bisen	-	-	-	-	01	01	-	-	-	-	-	01
Cherian Samuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	03	-
D. P. K. Pillay	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01	-	-	-	11
Gurinder Pal Singh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-
Guriqbal Singh Gill	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	01	-	-	01	-
Manish Rana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Manoranjan Srivastava	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nihara R. Nayak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	02
Om Prakash Das	-	-	-	-	-	04	-	02	-	-	02	08
Prasanta K. Pradhan	-	-	01	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	02	-
Prashant K. Singh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Pushpita Das	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	02	-
Shantanu Sinha	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vishal Chandra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sr Research Associate												
Rajiv Nayan	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01	-	-	03	02
Sumita Kumar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Associate Fellow												
Abhishek Mishra	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	05	-
Anand Kumar	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	-	10
Ashish Shukla	-	-	-	-	-	06	-	-	-	-	-	02
Deepika Saraswat	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	02	02
Gulbin Sultana	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	-	-	01	-	04
M.S. Prathibha	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Priyanka Singh	-	-	-	01	-	02	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rajeesh Kumar	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	-	-	-	03	-
Rajorshi Roy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	02
S. Samuel C. Rajiv	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	01	-
Shruti Pandalai	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01
Swasti Rao	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	01	01	28
Temjenmeren Ao	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	01	-
Research Analyst												
Abhishek Verma	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	01	-	-	01	-
Abhishek Yadav	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	04	02
Anandita Bhada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arnab Dasgupta	-	-	-	-	-	06	-	-	-	-	04	-
Ashish Shukla	-	-	-	-	-	06	-	-	-	-	-	02
Bipandeep Sharma	-	-	-	-	-	01	-	01	-	-	02	02
Jason Wahlang	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	04	02
Mayuri Banerjee	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	01	-

Mohanasakthivel J	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	02	-
Niranjan C. Oak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	01	01	-
Opangmeren Jamir	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	01	-
R. Vignesh	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	01	-	-	01	03
Rohit Kumar Sharma	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	01	-	-	01	-
Saman Ayesha Kidwai	-	-	-	-	-	03	-	-	-	-	04	04
Shayesta Nishat Ahmed	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	01	-
Sindhu Dinesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sneha M	-	-	-	-	-	02	-	-	-	-	03	-
Velpula Ramunjam	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Annexure VI

MP-IDSА LIBRARY

The MP-IDSА Library continues to be the primary source of information with a rich collection of **60,316** books and a number of CD-ROM databases. During **2023-24**, **188** new books were added to the library collection. **160** current journals in print and electronic/online versions, **19** national newspapers in print and one newspapers online were received.

The Library activities, viz., acquisition, cataloguing, circulation and inventory control have been computerized. The Library Holdings Database, i.e., the online catalogue, can be accessed through the internal LAN. MP-IDSА Library's Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) has also been uploaded on the internet and can be accessed by anyone. MP-IDSА scholars can reserve as well as indent books from their desks. The Library recorded **28, 78,139** hits during the year under review for its online resources.

The Information Services Group (ISG) continues to provide Internet-based information services to MP-IDSА scholars and also to MP-IDSА members and officials in the government. **2,651** information service requests were attended to during the year.

The list of New Arrivals is being made available on MP-IDSА's website and is also mailed to individual scholars.

The important online resources accessible to members are:

S. No.	Title
1.	Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
2.	Chinese Journal of International Law
3.	Chinese Journal of International Politics
4.	Diplomat
5.	EIU Country Report (19), India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Vietnam, Bangladesh, China, Japan, Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka
6.	International Studies Quarterly + Foreign Policy Analysis + International Studies Perspective+ International Studies Review + Int. Political Sociology + Journal of Global Security Studies
7.	Jane's Defence News Module
8.	JSTOR
9.	Security-Risks.com
10.	Financial Times (Online) newspapers

In addition to maintaining the above resources, the Library provides the following services to the members:

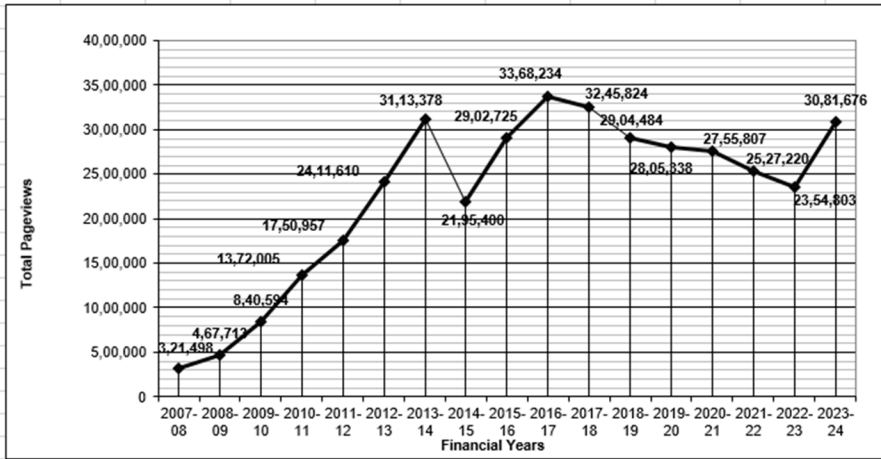
1. Select Bibliographies on request
2. Books/ Articles Alert
3. Information on specific research topics
4. SDI (Selective Dissemination of Information Service)
5. Current Journal Contents
6. CAS (Current Awareness Service)
7. Reference Service
8. Referral Service

MP-IDSA Website

The MP-IDSA website (www.idsa.in) plays a vital role in accomplishing the Institute’s mission of disseminating knowledge on defence and security-related issues. All MP-IDSA publications are posted on the website with ‘Open Access’. The website has proved to be a valuable resource for scholars, analysts, armed forces, security agencies, government departments and ministries.

During 2023–24, the MP-IDSA website registered 10,42,531 views of website publications (Commentaries, Issue Briefs, Policy Briefs, Backgrounders and Special Features), 74,074 views of Books, 36,023 views of Monographs, and 18,211 views of Occasional Papers. A total of 30,81,676 page views and 5,51,380 Users were recorded on the MP-IDSA website.

The chart below shows annual page views of the website:



Data with New set-up of Google Analytics 4 from July 2023

MP-IDSA Website Publications

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Commentaries	68	90	106	70	91
Issue Briefs	11	41	41	45	87
Policy Briefs	2	6	2	1	1

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Backgrounders	1	2	4	4	1
Special Features	1	3	0	0	0
Books	5	11	8	4	5
Monographs	3	4	4	5	5
Occasional Papers	6	2	0	3	0
Strategic Analysis (BIMONTHLY)	6	6	6	6	6
Journal of Defence Studies (QUARTERLY)	4	4	4	4	4
CBW MAGAZINE (BIANNUAL)	2	2	2	1	2
AFRICA TRENDS (BIANNUAL)	2	1	1	3	1
NEWS DIGESTS					
China Science and Technology Review	-	-	-	-	3
Cyber Digest	-	3	12	12	12
Defence Newsletter	-	-	-	10	12
East Asia Military Monitor	5	5	8	11	12
Eurasia Digest	-	-	6	11	11
Insight Southeast Asia	0	0	7	11	10
Iran Digest	-	-	5	12	12
Jammu and Kashmir Digest	-	-	-	10	12
Japan Digest	3	12	12	12	12
Non-Traditional Security Digest	-	-	3	6	6
Pakistan News Digest	12	13	12	11	12
PoK News Digest	3	14	51	43	53
Strategic Digest	11	23	23	24	24
Sylloge on China	-	-	-	22	36

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Sylloge on West Asia	-	7	24	23	23
Terror Tracker	-	2	12	12	12
West Asia Digest	-	-	12	12	12

- The **Ask an Expert** section was started on 10 June 2010. Till 31 March 2024, answers to **1037** questions have been posted.

MP-IDSA on Social Media Platforms

- **Twitter:** As on 01 April 2024, the MP-IDSA Twitter account (@IDSAINdia) had **44,601** followers.
- **YouTube:** Videos of lectures/talks/conferences hosted by the Institute are posted on its YouTube channel (@idsaindia). In **2023–24**, the channel received **1,68,158** views and had **32,317** subscribers, as on 01 April 2024.
- **Facebook:** As on 01 April 2024, the MP-IDSA Facebook page had **21,654** followers.
(<https://www.facebook.com/InstituteForDefenceStudiesAnalyses/>)

GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

The primary goals of the GIS section are to create customized maps using geospatial techniques and to support MP-IDSA’s research efforts with the aid of maps and other geospatial tools.

In order to create customized maps, different types of geospatial data and information pertaining to the political, economic, social, cultural, environmental and security elements of numerous countries (with special focus on South Asian countries) is maintained in the GIS section’s *Geo-Spatial Database*. The geographic data and information available in the database are stored at different levels of details for each country. Individual layers of data related to Administrative Boundaries (International, Province/State, District, Sub-district and Village levels), Coastline Data, Marine Boundaries (Ocean and Seas, Territorial Seas, Contiguous Sea, Exclusive Economic Zones), Continents Boundaries, Capital Cities, Major

Cities and Towns, Road Networks, Rail Networks, Airports, Sea Routes, Sea Ports, Trade Routes/Links, Energy (Oil & Gas), Regional Connectivity & Infrastructure Projects, Major Physiographic & Eco-logical Regions, Rivers, River Basins etc. are stored in our geodatabase. The geo-spatial database is routinely updated, and fresh data is frequently added for usage in the future.

During 2023-2024 India's Administrative Boundary Database at District and Sub-district Level for all the states of India were updated with respect to Survey of India data. Also, 911 historical maps of South Asia (Topographic maps) produced by the Survey of India or the Survey of Pakistan, at scales of one inch per mile (1:63,360) or the modern metric scale of 1:50,000 were downloaded and compiled in our database. These maps cover the territory of present day Pakistan, India, Nepal and Bangladesh and in general were produced during the 20th century.

The GIS Section made customized maps for MP-IDSA's research scholars this year with the help of updated geo-spatial database and fresh geographic information provided or gathered from various public and governmental sources (including Google Earth, Google Maps, Survey of India topographic sheets and other freely accessible online sources). Till date the GIS Section has created about 2584 customized maps, while 70 new maps were created between 01 April 2023 and 31 March 2024 at the request of research scholars in accordance with their goals and requirements. During the aforementioned period, the GIS Section additionally earned Rs. 1,500/- in revenue by creating 02 maps on a fee-for-service basis.

The MP-IDSA scholars frequently use these maps for research, seminar presentations, project reports and publication needs.

Annexure VIII

TRAINING/ORIENTATION PROGRAMMES

MP-IDSA continued with its short-duration workshops/training capsules for civilian and military officials of the Government of India, in which the Institute's scholars as well as select external experts delivered lectures on a range of issues related to national, regional and international security. The following 11 training programmes were conducted during the year:

Sl. No.	Date	Organisation	Module		No. of Officers	Mode
1.	09-10 May 2023	SSB Academy, Bhopal	Training Module on Border Management		20	Offline
2.	05-09 June 2023	BSF Officers (DIG Rank)	Defence and Security Module		15	Online
3.	03-04 July 2023	ITBP (Deputy Commandant Rank Officers)	Defence and Security Module		59	Online
4.	08-10 Aug 2023	SSB Academy, Bhopal	Training Module on Border Management		21	Offline
5.	21 Aug – 01 Sep 2023	BSF Officers (Commandant Rank)	Defence and Security Module		25	Online
6.	22 August 2023	HQIDS, DIA	Training for Defence Attaches (Designate)		16	Offline
7.	04-06 Sep 2023	Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), NACIN	Training Capsule		43	Offline
8.	18-22 Sep 2023	ITBP Officers	Training Programme		26	Offline
9.	09-21 Oct 2023	BSF Officers (Commandant Rank)	Defence and Security Module		24	Online
10.	04-08 Dec 2023	BSF Officers (DIG Rank)	Defence and Security Module		25	Online
11.	06-08 Feb 2024	SSB Officers, SSB Academy, Bhopal	Training Module on Border Management for officers of 19th MCMC Course		22	Offline

Annexure IX

VISITING FELLOWSHIP AND INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

Begun in 2007, the **Visiting Fellowship Programme** has been successful in attracting some of the best talent from across the world including some eminent scholars. In some instances, the Visiting Fellows also helped in capacity-building efforts towards quality research within MP-IDSA by conducting seminars on research methods and recent trends in the strategic studies scholarship. It is only reasonable to assume that the increasing number of successful alumni will enhance the Institute’s visibility around the world and add value to its work in the coming years, besides acting as its brand ambassadors in their home institutions.

The MP-IDSA **Internship Programme** launched in 2009, has been successful in attracting young talent to MP-IDSA. These Interns made useful contributions to the success of MP-IDSA’s projects. It is hoped that their time at MP-IDSA will help them better appreciate India’s foreign and security policies. We expect these talented scholars to be future leaders in the domain of strategic affairs, who will also contribute to the work of the Institute in times to come.

List of Interns (01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024)

S. No.	Name	From	To	Centre	Name of Institution
1.	Ms. Richa Kumaria	02.05.2022	01.06.2023	Non-Traditional Security	London School of Economics, UK
2.	Ms. Esha Banerji	01.06.2022	28.04.2023	East Asia	Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune
3.	Mr. Nikhil Guvvadi	03.10.2022	31.05.2023	Counter Terrorism Centre	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
4.	Mr. Karan Phular	01.11.2022	31.08.2023	Europe & Eurasia Centre	Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar

S. No.	Name	From	To	Centre	Name of Institution
5.	Mr. Mohammed Shoaib Raza	01.12.2022	31.05.2023	Southeast Asia & Oceania	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
6.	Mr. Aayush Maniktalia	01.12.2022	31.07.2023	Defence Economics & Industry	O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat
7.	Mr. Harshit Sharma	01.03.2023	31.8.2023	West Asia	OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat
8.	Mr. Anit Kumar	03.04.2023	29.09.2023	Internal Security	Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi
9.	Mr. Mohan Singh Dhangar	15.05.2023	14.11.2023	East Asia	Central University of Jammu
10.	Ms. Priyanshi Agrawal	01.06.2023	31.07.2023	ALACUN	South Asian University, New Delhi
11.	Ms. Shreya Rai	01.06.2023	30.11.2023	East Asia	Pondicherry University, Puducherry
12.	Ms. Sarika Ram Nath	05.06.2023	14.07.2023	Military Affairs	Amity University, Noida
13.	Ms. Anwasha Singh	05.06.2023	14.07.2023	Non-Traditional Security	Amity University, Noida
14.	Ms. Vidya Paragi	06.06.2023	05.07.2023	Military Affairs	Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
15.	Ms. Brahmneet Kaur Narula	06.06.2023	28.07.2023	Defence Economics & Industry	Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
16.	Ms. Lakshmi Priya Vijayan	06.06.2023	28.07.2023	Counter Terrorism	Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal
17.	Ms. Sukanya Bhattacharjee	15.06.2023	14.07.2023	Non-Traditional Security	University of Calcutta, Kolkata
18.	Mr. Asif Mohammed	20.06.2023	21.08.23	Strategic Technologies	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
19.	Mr. Dheevum Fotedar	14.07.2023	13.09.2023	South Asia	O.P Jindal Global University, Sonipat
20.	Mr. Anirudh	20.07.2023	19.12.2023	Internal Security	University of Delhi, Delhi, Delhi

S. No.	Name	From	To	Centre	Name of Institution
21.	Ms Yukti Panwar	20.07.2023	19.01.2024	Southeast Asia & Oceania	O.P Jindal Global University, Sonipat
22.	Arushi Jain	14.08.2023	13.10.2023	Military Affairs	O.P Jindal Global University, Sonipat
23.	Ms. Gayathri Pramod Panamoottil	14.08.2023	13.02.2024	West Asia	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
24.	Mr. D.S. Murugan Yadav	16.08.2023	15.05.2024	Military Affairs	University of Madras, Chennai
25.	Mr. Shailendra	15.09.2023	14.03.2024	South Asia	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University, Delhi
26.	Mr. Sriram Vellore	03.10.2023	18.12.2023	East Asia	Kingston University, London
27.	Ms. Aditi Dhaundiyaal	16.10.2023	15.06.2024	Southeast Asia & Oceania	University of Sheffield, UK
28.	Ms. Simran Rathore	01.11.2023	30.04.2024	Non-Traditional Security	IGNOU, New Delhi
29.	Mr. Farhan Khan	02.11.2023	01.05.2024	West Asia	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
30.	Ms. Ritika Maggo	21.11.2023	06.02.2024	Nuclear Arms & Control	Amity University, Noida
31.	Mr. Chetan Phore	11.12.2023	15.01.2024	Military Affairs Centre	Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
32.	Ms. Anusua Ganguly	15.12.2023	14.06.2024	Europe & Eurasia	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
33.	Ms. Julia Jose Thachil	20.12.2023	19.06.2024	Counter Terrorism	Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar
34.	Mr. Girisanter S.B.	20.12.2023	08.03.2024	Internal Security	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
35.	Ms. Anusha Khurana	01.01.2024	28.06.2024	ALACUN	University of Delhi, Delhi
36.	Ms. Sia Jyoti	05.01.2024	04.03.2024	Counter Terrorism	University of Durham, UK
37.	Ms. Gananthula	22.01.2024	21.03.2024	Non-Traditional Security	Pondicherry University, Puducherry

S. No.	Name	From	To	Centre	Name of Institution
	Uma Maheshwari				
38.	Ms. Puspa Kumari	14.03.2024	13.09.2024	South Asia	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Visiting Fellowships during 2023-2024

S.No.	Name & Type of Fellowship	From	To	Centre	Topic of Research	Affiliation
1.	Dr. Israel Nyaburi Nyadera (Fellow under the India-Africa Security Fellowship Programme)	23.06.2023	22.07.2023	Africa, Latin America, Caribbean & UN (ALACUN)	Changing International Dynamics and the African Peace and Security Architecture: Rethinking India-Africa Security Engagement	Lecturer, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya
2.	Mr. Avit Alex Chami (Fellow under the India-Africa Security Fellowship Programme)	16.08.2023	10.11.2023	ALACUN	Analysing the Prospects of India-Tanzania Security Cooperation	Lecturer, Centre for Foreign Relations, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
3.	Mr. Saurav Raj Pant (Visiting Fellow under the Asia and Africa Visiting Fellows Programme)	15.09.2023	14.12.2023	South Asia	Understanding Nepal's Foreign Aid and Investment Partnerships with India, China and the US since 2015	CEO, Rashtriya Adhyayan Kendra; Pursuing Ph.D. in International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Through these programmes, the Institute hopes to contribute towards building a vibrant strategic community in the coming years.

Annexure X

**LIST OF MoUs SIGNED BETWEEN MP-IDSA AND OTHER
INSTITUTES (2023-2024)**

The Institute signed MoU with the following institutions during 2023-24:

LoI between MP-IDSA and Southeast Asia Regional Centre for Counter-Terrorism (SEARCCT), Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

Appendix A

**Staff in Position
(As on 31 March 2024)**

S. No.	Name of the Post	In Position	Remarks
1.	Director General	1	
2.	Deputy Director General	1	
3.	Assistant Director	1	
4.	Senior Fellow	4	
5.	Distinguished Fellow	-	
6.	Consultant	3	
7.	Research Fellow (Selection Scale)	3	
8.	Research Fellow	9	
9.	Senior Research Associate	2	
10.	Associate Fellow	13	
11.	Research Analyst	15	
12.	Librarian-Cum-Information Officer	-	
13.	Estate Manager	-	
14.	Accounts Officer	1	
15.	Manager Outreach & Communications	1	
16.	Associate Editor (SA)	1	
17.	Associate Editor (JDS & Website)	1	
18.	Section Officer	1	
19.	Junior Accounts Officer	1	
20.	Assistant (Accounts)	2	
21.	Junior Assistant (Accounts)	1	
22.	Special Assistant	1	
23.	Assistant Estate Manager	1	

S. No.	Name of the Post	In Position	Remarks
24.	Assistant Caretaker	1	
25.	Senior Library Assistant	5	
26.	Assistant Section Officer	-	
27.	Admin Assistant	1	
28.	Webmaster	1	
29.	Technical Officer (GIS)	1	
30.	Technical Assistant (GIS)	-	
31.	Assistant (Confidential Assistant)	1	
32.	Programme & Media Relations Executive(PMRE)	1	
33.	DTP Assistant	-	
34.	Junior DTP Assistant	1	
35.	Network Executive	1	
36.	Receptionist	-	
37.	Senior Secretariat Assistant	2	
38.	Junior Secretariat Assistant	4	
39.	Library Executive	-	
40.	Project Helper	5	
41.	Staff Car Driver	2	
42.	Housekeeping Assistant	1	
43.	MTS	2	
	TOTAL	92	

Appendix B

ARTICLES PUBLISHED BY MP-IDSA SCHOLARS IN PEER-REVIEWED/REFEREED MP-IDSA PUBLICATIONS

Strategic Analysis

1. D.P.K. Pillay and Vijay Sakhare, "COVID-19 and Lessons from 'Triple Lock': COVID Containment Strategy of Kerala Police", Volume 47, Issue 2, March-April 2023.
2. Nihar R. Nayak, "Energy and Development: Assessing the Viability of Hydroelectricity Trade in the Himalayas", Volume 47, Issue 3, May-June 2023.

3. Om Prakash Das, “The Process of Virtual Social Media Warfare and the Mechanism of Divergence from the Truth, Volume 47, Issue 5, September–October 2023.
4. Sanur Sharma, “Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence: Design of AI Governance Framework”, Volume 47, Issue 5, September–October 2023.
5. Bipandeep Sharma, “India and the Emerging Geopolitics of the Antarctic”, Volume 47, Issue 6, November–December 2023.
6. Akshat Upadhyay, “Do-it-Yourself (DIY) Warfare: A New Warfighting Paradigm”, Volume 48, Issue 1, January–February 2024.

Journal of Defence Studies

1. Ruchita Beri, “*Unpacking India’s Defence Cooperation with Africa*”, Vol. 17, Issue 3, July–September 2023.
2. Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, “*India–Egypt Defence and Security Cooperation*”, Vol. 17, Issue 3, July–September 2023.
3. Saman Ayesha Kidwai, “*India–Africa Cooperation in the Maritime Space*”, Vol. 17, Issue 3, July–September 2023.
4. Akshat Upadhyay, “*Integral Air Support to Land Operations: A Futuristic Perspective*”, Vol. 17, Issue 4, October–December 2023.
5. Gulbin Sultana, “*Operation Cactus: India’s First Rapid Reaction Strategic Mission in the Neighbourhood*”, Vol. 17, Issue. 4, October–December 2023.
6. Sujan R. Chinoy, “*India’s Quest for Strategic Autonomy: Opportunities and Challenges in the Emerging World Order*” (Special Feature), Vol. 18, Issue 1, January–March 2024.
7. Om Prakash Das, “*Navigating ASEAN Centrality Amidst Internal Friction and Interplay of Strategic Frameworks between the US and China*”, Vol. 18, No. 1, January–March 2024.

Appendix C

Commentaries Published by MP-IDSAscholars in *Strategic Analysis*

1. Rajiv Nayan, “American Nuclear Posture in the Changing Strategic Environment”, Volume 47, Issue 3, May–June 2023.
2. Deepika Saraswat, “*Hamas-Israel War and the Evolution of Iran’s ‘Resistance Geopolitics’*”, Volume 48, Issue 1, January–February 2024.

3. D.P.K. Pillay, "Article 99 of UN Charter: Insights from India's Experience", Volume 48, Issue 2, March-April 2024.

Appendix D

Book Reviews/Review Essays/Strategic Essays Published by MP-IDSA Scholars

Strategic Analysis

1. Muneeb Yousuf, "Sovereign Attachments: Masculinity, Muslimness and Effective Politics in Pakistan by Shenila Khoja-Moolji", Volume 47, Issue 2, March-April 2023
2. Nazir Ahmad Mir, "Seeking the Bomb: Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation by Vipin Narang", Volume 47, Issue 3, May-June 2023.
3. Abhishek Verma, "Inheriting the Bomb: The Collapse of the USSR and the Nuclear Disarmament of Ukraine by Mariana Budjeryn", Volume 47, Issue 3, May-June 2023
4. Adil Rasheed, "Sri Lanka's Easter Sunday Massacre: Lessons for the International Community by Rohan Gunaratna", Volume 47, Issue 4, July-August 2023.
5. Rohit Kumar Sharma, "Cyberinsurance Policy: Rethinking Risk in an Age of Ransomware, Computer Fraud, Data Breaches and Cyberattacks, by Josephine Wolff", Volume 47, Issue 4, July-August 2023.
6. Shayesta Nishat Ahmed, "Striking Asymmetries: Nuclear Transitions in Southern Asia, by Ashley J. Tellis", Volume 48, Issue 2, March-April 2024.
7. Uma Maheshwari, "Changing the Narratives: Information Campaigns, Strategy and Crisis Escalation in the Digital Age by Lawrence Freedman and Heather Williams", Volume 48, Issue 2, March-April 2024.
8. Smruti S. Pattanaik, "The Enduring Partition and the Insider-Outsider Debate" (Review Essay), Volume 48, Issue 2, March-April 2024.

9. Ashish Shukla and Ashok Behuria, “Making Sense of Pakistan: Challenges Galore” (Strategic Essay), Volume 48, Issue 2, March-April 2024.

Journal of Defence Studies

1. R. Vignesh, “Two Decades of US–Taliban War in Afghanistan,” by Samay Ram, Vol. 17, Issue 2, April-June 2023.

Appendix E

Articles and Chapters Published by MP-IDSA Scholars in MP-IDSA’s Books/Reports

1. Prasanta Kumar Pradhan, “Indians in the Gulf during the Pandemic: Analysing Responses from India and the GCC Countries”, in Sujan R. Chinoy and Prasanta Kumar Pradhan (Eds.), *India’s Approach to West Asia: Trends, Challenges and Possibilities*, Pentagon Press LLP.

Appendix F

FELLOWS SEMINARS

The following two Fellows Seminars were presented by MP-IDSA Scholars/ Visiting Fellows during the period under review.

S. No.	Date	Name of the Scholar	Topic
1	07 February 2023	Dr. Swasti Rao	The Geopolitics of Europe’s Quest for Energy Security: Significant Achievements amid Myriad Challenges
2	20 March 2023	Dr. Rajeesh Kumar	Indian and Chinese Approaches to the United Nations Peacekeeping in Africa

**AUDIT
AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To,
The Members,
Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses,
1, Development Enclave, Rao Tularam Marg,
Delhi Cantt. New Delhi -110010

Report on the Standalone Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying standalone financial statements of **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses ("The Institute")**, which comprises the Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2024, the statement of Income and Expenditure for the year the ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the accompanying financial statements are prepared an all material aspects so required, and give a true and fair view in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in India

- i. In the case of the Balance Sheet, the state of the Institute's affairs as at March 31, 2024,
- ii. In the case of the Income and Expenditure Account of the Deficit ,(Excess of Expenditure over Income) for the year ended on that date.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards on auditing (SAs) .Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent in accordance with the code of ethics issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



Emphasis of Matter

- i. *The accounts of various parties are subject to reconciliation, their confirmations and consequent adjustments.*
- ii. *Expenditure report given by DRDO is without any supporting documents/ invoice(s), however detailed sheet forwarded, is verified by DRDO Chief Construction Engineer (R&D) N.*
- iii. *Fixed asset(s) have been physically verified however the details (Fixed Assets) given by DRDO as mentioned above in Para ii, needs to be physically verified also.*
- iv. *An outstanding amount of Rs 18 lakhs paid to Garrison Engineers, is pending since 2019, the same needs to be resolved at the earliest. (Ref Notes to Account, Point No.2)*

However, our opinion is not modified in respect of above matters.

Responsibility of Management for the Standalone Financial Statements

The Institute's management is responsible for preparation of these financial statements that give a true and fair view of the financial position, financial performance of the association, in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in India. This responsibility also includes maintenance of adequate accounting records and safeguarding of the assets of the Institute and for preventing and detecting frauds and other irregularities; selection and application of appropriate implementation and maintenance of accounting policies; making judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and design, implementation and maintenance of adequate internal financial controls, that were operating effectively for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of the accounting records, relevant to the preparation and presentation of the financial statement that give a true and fair view and are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Branch/ Institute or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The management of association are also responsible for overseeing the Institute' financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are



considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

We further report that:

We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of audit;

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Institute so far as appears from our examination of those books and

The Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expenditure dealt with by this report, are in agreement with the books of account.

FOR RAJ HAR GOPAL & CO.

Chartered Accountants

(Firm Registration No.)



Khushboo Agarwal

Partner

M. No. 427475

Place : Delhi

Date : 04/09/2024

UDIN : 24427475BKE LMC9019



MANOHAR PARRIKAR INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31st MARCH, 2024

	Schedule	As at	As at
		31.03.2024	31.03.2023
		Rs.	Rs.
SOURCES			
Assets Fund	1	17,88,04,756	16,92,92,300
General Fund	2	1,98,07,467	2,69,45,489
Project Grant	3	2,51,962	34,79,447
Grant-in-Aid (New Campus)	4	-	5,18,25,920
<u>Corpus Fund</u>			
- K Subrahmanyam Award		15,00,000	15,00,000
- Y B Chavan Memorial Lecture		-	10,00,000
TOTAL		20,03,64,185	25,40,43,156
APPLICATION			
Fixed Assets	5	17,88,04,754	16,92,92,300
Capital Work in Progress		-	5,18,25,920
Capital Work in Progress (Cooling Tower)		-	12,26,610
Net Current Assets	6	2,15,59,431	3,16,98,326
TOTAL		20,03,64,185	25,40,43,156

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS 11

Significant Accounting Policies And Schedules 1 to 11 form an integral part of the Accounts.

Date : 04/09/2024

Place : New Delhi


(Minal Yadav)

Accounts Officer


(Col Rajeev Agarwal (Retd))

Assistant Director (Admin)



(Amb Sujan R Chinoy)

Director General

AS PER REPORT OF EVEN DATE
FOR Raj Har Gopal & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
ICAI FRN:002074N



Date : 09/SEP 2024
Place : New Delhi

(Khushboo Agarwal)
Partner
M. No. 427475

Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses

**MANOHAR PARRIKAR INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2024**

		Year Ended <u>31.03.2024</u>	Year Ended <u>31.03.2023</u>
<u>Schedule</u>		Rs.	Rs.
<u>INCOME</u>			
Grant - In -Aid	7	23,60,17,288	22,93,88,668
Sale of Publications		41,717	1,29,898
Membership Subscriptions		3,07,640	3,10,203
Special Subscriptions		-	6,000
Miscellaneous Income	8	60,22,518	1,04,56,883
Prior Period Adjustment		-	-
TOTAL		24,23,89,163	24,02,91,652
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Pay & Allowances	9	14,05,12,546	12,50,48,740
Pension Payment		2,26,04,958	2,09,72,884
Retirement & Other Benefits		8,48,562	1,68,83,238
Operational / Administrative Expense	10	5,05,52,808	4,26,97,838
Printing & Publications		25,63,102	35,55,883
Subscription for Library Periodicals		1,42,66,253	1,20,79,932
Seminar Expenses		30,11,691	51,68,181
Website Design Expenses		13,39,300	
Prior Period Adjustment		10,52,688	3,14,389
Depreciation		1,69,62,788	1,44,48,341
Depreciation against DRDO works		3,79,14,361	-
		29,16,29,057	24,11,69,426
Deficit transferred to General Fund		-4,92,39,894	-8,77,774

NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

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Significant Accounting Policies & Schedules 1 to 11 form an integral part of the Accounts

Date : 04/09/2024
Place : New Delhi


(Minal Yadav)
Accounts Officer


(Col Rajeev Agarwal (Retd))
Assistant Director (Admin)


(Amb Sujan R Chinoy)
Director General

**AS PER REPORT OF EVEN DATE
For Raj Nar Gopal & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
ICAI FRN:002074N**

Date : 04/09/2024
Place : New Delhi



(Khushboo Agarwal)
Partner
M. No. 427475

MANOHAR PARRIKAR INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE - 1

ASSETS FUND	As at 31.03.2024 (Rs.)	As at 31.03.2023 (Rs.)
Opening Balance	16,92,92,300	16,35,39,111
Add :		
Assets Purchased out of Recurring Grant (Schedule - 7)	1,34,67,804	2,02,11,332
Against Deposit Works DRDO as per (Schedule -7)	5,09,21,801	-
Less :	23,36,81,905	18,37,50,443
Assets Disposed off(Schedule 5)	-	9,802
Depreciation for the year	1,69,62,788	1,44,48,341
Depreciation for the Deposit works (DRDO)	<u>3,79,14,361</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,88,04,756</u>	<u>16,92,92,300</u>

SCHEDULE - 2

GENERAL FUND

Opening Balance	2,69,45,489	19,29,60,007
Less :		
Refund of PAO MoD, New Delhi	<u>1,27,75,277</u>	<u>17,95,94,887</u>
Add :		
Depreciation for the year (transferred from Assets Fund A/c)	1,69,62,788	1,44,48,341
Depreciation against Deposit Work	3,79,14,361	
Assets Disposed off	-	9,802
Deficit Transferred from Income & expenditure A/c	(4,92,39,894)	(8,77,774)
	<u>1,98,07,467</u>	<u>2,69,45,489</u>



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SCHEDULE - 3

PROJECT GRANTS

S.No.	Name of the Donor	Project Name	Balance as on 01.04.2023 Rs.	Recd. During the Year / Adjustment Rs.	Total as on 31.03.2024 Rs.	Utilised during the year Rs.	Unutilised Bal. as on 31.03.2024 Rs.
1	ICSSR	Major Themes in Central Asia's Policy & Diplomacy by Prof Nirmala Joshi	379	-	379	379	-
2	NSCS	Project for Policy Research on Cyber Security	27,64,765	-	27,64,765	27,64,765	-
3	ICSSR	South Asian Regionalism Revisited: Primacy of Politics by Prof P S Ghosh	(2,24,000)	2,24,000	-	-	-
4	MEA	Project on Pakistan with special focus on Baluchistan/Pok Project	-	40,46,692	40,46,692	40,01,233	45,459
5	MHA	Policy Research Papers	2,08,701	5,617	2,14,318	7,815	2,06,503
6	MEA	Project on Bangladesh	1,42,500	-	1,42,500	1,42,500	-
7	NEC	Documentation of Dispute between Stares NER	5,87,102	-	5,87,102	5,87,102	-
		TOTAL	34,79,447	42,76,309	77,55,756	75,03,794	2,51,962



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SCHEDULE - 4

<u>GRANT - IN - AID (NEW CAMPUS)</u>	As at <u>31.03.2024</u> (Rs.)	As at <u>31.03.2023</u> (Rs.)
Opening Balance	5,18,25,920	5,18,25,920
Less :		
Against Expenditure (DRDO Capital Works)	5,18,25,920	-
	-	5,18,25,920



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Schedule - 5
FIXED ASSETS

ITEMS	Rate of Depreciation on	GROSS BLOCK						DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK			
		Cost as at 01.04.2023		Additions		Adjustment on Assets (DRD)	Less: Sales/Adjustments	Cost as at 31.03.2024	Opening Balance As on 01.04.2023	For this Year	Depreciation for the Previous year	Adjustment	Total up to 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.										
Furniture & Fixtures	10%	3,56,05,795	19,71,818	9,57,714	53,49,092	-	4,38,84,419	2,70,86,339	12,38,731	39,31,916	-	3,22,56,986	1,16,27,433	85,19,866	
Library Books/Maps	0%	4,94,21,143	84,026	16,83,296	-	-	5,11,88,465	-	-	-	-	-	5,11,88,465	4,94,21,143	
Air Conditioners & Coolers	15%	4,82,10,587	-	2,29,050	1,18,56,460	-	6,02,96,097	4,20,63,854	17,28,305	65,95,686	-	5,03,87,845	99,06,252	61,46,733	
Xerox Machine	15%	7,40,840	-	3,39,500	-	-	10,80,340	4,27,154	72,515	-	-	4,99,669	5,80,671	3,13,686	
Frinking Machine	15%	2,98,364	-	-	-	-	2,98,364	1,61,084	20,592	-	-	1,84,676	1,16,688	1,37,880	
Electronic Equipment	15%	2,38,81,445	1,30,847	18,19,278	-	-	2,58,31,570	82,86,235	24,99,554	-	-	1,07,57,789	1,50,73,781	1,36,23,210	
EPABA / Intercom System	15%	26,28,068	-	-	-	-	26,28,068	23,62,282	39,868	-	-	24,02,150	2,25,918	2,65,786	
Micro Filming	15%	2,98,322	-	-	-	-	2,98,322	2,98,146	26	-	-	2,98,172	150	176	
Computers	40%	3,43,64,750	-	-	83,119	-	3,44,47,869	2,72,86,142	28,48,067	-	-	3,01,34,209	43,13,660	70,78,608	
Fire Fighting Equipment	15%	1,32,32,958	-	-	-	-	1,32,32,958	1,19,04,363	1,99,289	-	-	1,21,03,652	11,29,306	13,28,955	
Fax Machine	15%	1,06,636	-	-	-	-	1,06,636	78,671	4,195	-	-	82,866	23,770	27,965	
Vehicles (Car)	15%	18,31,416	-	-	-	-	18,31,416	14,40,790	58,594	-	-	14,99,384	3,32,032	3,90,026	
D G Set	15%	1,61,75,633	-	-	1	-	1,61,75,634	1,51,19,097	1,58,480	1	-	1,52,77,578	8,98,056	10,56,336	
Colour Copier -cum Printer	15%	8,21,040	-	-	-	-	8,21,040	7,92,135	4,336	-	-	7,96,471	24,569	28,905	
Binders-System	15%	1,11,263	-	-	-	-	1,11,263	1,05,565	855	-	-	1,06,420	4,843	5,698	
Document Cutter(Shred-14)	15%	40,922	-	-	-	-	40,922	14,519	3,960	-	-	18,479	22,443	26,403	
Oil Lamp	15%	4,332	-	-	-	-	4,332	4,035	45	-	-	4,080	252	297	
Linens & Furnishing	10%	16,51,308	-	-	-	-	16,51,308	10,39,782	61,153	-	-	11,00,935	5,50,373	6,11,526	
Digital SLR Camera	25%	1,80,000	-	-	-	-	1,80,000	1,68,920	2,770	-	-	1,71,690	8,310	11,080	

ITEMS	Rate of Depreciation on	GROSS BLOCK						DEPRECIATION						NET BLOCK	
		Cost as at 01.04.2023		Additions		Less: Sale/ Adjustments	Cost as at 31.03.2024	Opening Balance 01.04.2023	For the Year	Depreciation for the previous year	Adjustment	Total up to 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2024	As at 31.03.2023	
		Rs.		More than 180 days	Less than 180 days										Rs.
UPS	15%	16,46,428	-	-	-	-	16,46,428	11,16,949	79,512	-	11,95,861	4,50,567	5,30,079		
Water Purifier	15%	71,010	-	-	-	-	71,010	59,062	1,792	-	60,854	10,156	11,948		
Lamination Machine	15%	22,098	-	-	-	-	22,098	14,246	1,178	-	15,424	6,674	7,852		
Water Cooler	15%	2,28,176	56,729	-	-	-	2,84,905	1,48,602	20,445	-	1,69,047	1,15,858	79,374		
Motor Cycle	15%	76,585	-	-	-	-	76,585	25,402	7,677	-	33,079	43,506	51,883		
GIS Mapping Software	25%	9,46,677	-	-	-	-	9,46,677	8,53,899	23,195	-	8,77,094	69,583	92,778		
Wireless Solution (Library)	15%	4,95,948	-	-	-	-	4,95,948	4,37,057	8,834	-	4,45,891	50,057	58,891		
CCTV	15%	25,54,899	-	6,95,003	-	-	32,49,902	14,12,751	2,23,447	-	16,36,198	16,13,704	11,42,148		
Multi Play System (Arhant)	10%	3,61,920	-	-	-	-	3,61,920	2,59,703	10,222	-	2,69,925	91,995	1,02,217		
Projector	15%	1,45,589	-	-	-	-	1,45,589	1,24,880	3,106	-	1,27,986	17,603	20,709		
Gym Equipment	15%	5,00,675	-	-	-	-	5,00,675	4,01,844	14,825	-	4,16,669	84,006	98,831		
Printer (Barcode Printer)	15%	2,75,105	-	-	-	-	2,75,105	1,29,027	21,912	-	1,50,939	1,24,166	1,46,078		
Printer (GIS)	15%	1,65,775	-	-	-	-	1,65,775	1,34,222	4,733	-	1,38,955	26,820	31,553		
Temporary Structure office (STA)	0%	3,38,816	-	-	-	-	3,38,816	3,38,816	-	-	3,38,816	-	-		
Water Dispenser	15%	1,05,112	-	-	-	-	1,05,112	41,582	9,550	-	51,112	54,000	63,530		
Solar Water Heating System	40%	4,41,785	-	-	-	-	4,41,785	4,41,781	2	-	4,41,783	2	4		
Sony Handy Camera	25%	39,700	-	-	-	-	39,700	34,963	1,184	-	36,147	3,553	4,737		
Buildings (Admin & Library)	10%	19,17,51,989	-	-	-	-	21,90,96,305	15,77,74,316	39,29,735	-	18,37,28,687	3,53,67,618	3,39,77,673		
Buildings (Residential)	5%	7,73,88,144	-	-	-	-	7,91,35,471	4,55,74,332	16,39,215	-	4,84,75,638	3,06,59,833	3,18,13,812		
External Electrification Fitting	15%	2,52,59,156	-	-	-	-	2,52,59,156	2,35,23,710	2,60,317	-	2,37,84,027	14,75,129	17,35,446		
Arbiculture & Landscaping Works	0%	37,47,376	-	-	-	-	48,32,233	37,47,376	-	10,84,857	-	48,32,233	-		

ITEMS	GROSS BLOCK										DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK	
	Rate of Depreciated on	Cost as at 01.04.2023	Additions		Adjustment Against Deposit Works (DRDD)	Less: Sale/ Adjustments	Cost as at 31.03.2024	Opening Balance 01.04.2023	For the Year	Depreciation for the Previous Year	Adjustment	Total up to 31.03.2024		As at 31.03.2023		
			More than 180 days	Less than 180 days								Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
LIFS-Omega	15%	72,67,198	-	-	-	-	72,67,198	54,74,215	2,68,947	-	-	57,43,162	15,24,036	17,92,983		
LIFS-OTIS	15%	96,55,471	-	23,50,000	-	-	1,20,05,471	86,59,927	3,25,582	-	-	89,85,509	30,19,962	9,95,544		
LIFS-SERVICE	15%	7,00,000	-	-	-	-	7,00,000	6,15,366	12,695	-	-	6,28,061	71,939	84,634		
RO Plant	15%	7,99,622	-	-	-	-	7,99,622	6,29,673	25,492	-	-	6,55,165	1,44,457	1,69,949		
Water Tank (1000 Ltr)	15%	1,67,974	-	-	-	-	1,67,974	91,304	11,501	-	-	1,02,805	65,169	76,670		
Gas Cylinder Bank	15%	44,809	-	-	-	-	44,809	34,431	1,557	-	-	35,988	8,821	10,378		
DATA NETWORK & SOUND SYSTEM	15%	1,22,41,989	-	-	35,39,748	-	1,57,81,737	1,13,95,101	2,05,719	30,15,174	-	1,46,15,994	11,65,743	8,46,888		
Solar PV System	40%	35,02,200	-	-	-	-	35,02,200	29,32,181	2,28,008	-	-	31,60,189	3,42,011	5,70,019		
Air Purifier	15%	56,100	-	-	-	-	56,100	28,769	4,100	-	-	32,869	23,231	27,331		
Water Tank(Plastic) 1500Ltr	15%	21,470	-	-	-	-	21,470	13,373	1,215	-	-	14,588	6,882	8,097		
Photostat Machine (Cannon)	15%	3,87,159	-	-	-	-	3,87,159	2,00,217	28,041	-	-	2,28,258	1,58,901	1,86,942		
Infrared Thermometer (Human Body Temp Tester)	15%	32,679	-	-	-	-	32,679	13,887	2,819	-	-	16,706	15,973	18,792		
Binding Machine	15%	10,500	-	-	-	-	10,500	3,483	1,053	-	-	4,536	5,964	7,017		
Plasma Display 65 Inch	15%	4,52,511	-	-	-	-	4,52,511	1,74,613	41,685	-	-	2,16,298	2,36,213	2,77,898		
Biometric Attendance Machine	15%	20,060	-	-	-	-	20,060	4,927	2,270	-	-	7,197	12,863	15,133		
DG Shred	10%	20,31,606	-	-	-	-	20,31,606	2,92,459	1,73,915	-	-	4,66,374	15,65,232	17,39,147		
Hand Sanitizer Machine	15%	21,431	-	-	-	-	21,431	4,581	2,528	-	-	7,109	14,322	16,880		
LED TV	15%	4,60,200	1,02,000	1,43,019	-	-	7,05,219	52,136	87,236	-	-	1,39,372	5,65,847	4,08,064		
Nebulizer	15%	2,240	-	-	-	-	2,240	622	243	-	-	865	1,375	1,618		
Photostat Machine (Konica)	15%	3,14,060	-	-	-	-	3,14,060	67,131	37,039	-	-	1,04,170	2,09,890	2,46,929		

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ITEMS	Rate of Depreciation on	GROSS BLOCK						DEPRECIATION				NET BLOCK	
		Cost as at 01.04.2023		Additions		Less: Sale/ Adjustments	Cost as at 31.03.2024	Opening Balance As on 01.04.2023	For the Year	Depreciation for the Previous Year	Adjustment	Total up to 31.03.2024	
		Rs.		Rs.								Rs.	
PVC Cutter Machine	15%	4,130	-	-	-	-	4,130	883	487	-	1,370	2,760	3,247
Telephone Instrument	15%	14,745	-	-	-	-	14,745	2,212	1,880	-	4,092	10,653	12,533
Mobile garbage Container	15%	24,500	-	-	-	-	24,500	1,838	3,399	-	5,237	19,263	22,662
Water Tank (Plastic)- 500 LTR	15%	7,000	-	-	-	-	7,000	525	971	-	1,496	5,504	6,475
Fountain	10%	5,24,999	-	-	-	-	5,24,999	26,250	49,875	-	76,125	4,48,874	4,98,749
Technical Store	10%	2,99,999	-	-	-	-	2,99,999	15,000	28,500	-	43,500	2,56,499	2,84,999
Cooling Tower	15%	-	-	24,53,220	-	-	24,53,220	-	1,83,992	-	1,83,992	22,69,228	-
Heater	40%	4,130	-	1,987	-	-	1,987	-	397	-	397	1,590	-
Porta Cabin	10%	-	-	1,29,900	-	-	1,29,900	-	6,495	-	6,495	1,23,405	-
Rain Water Harvesting Tank	10%	-	2,16,963	-	-	-	2,16,963	-	21,696	-	21,696	1,95,267	-
Roller Blinds	10%	-	-	10,780	-	-	10,780	-	539	-	539	10,241	-
Photostat Machine(HR23131)	15%	-	-	9,555	-	-	9,555	-	717	-	717	8,838	-
TOTAL		57,52,32,437	25,62,383	1,09,05,421	5,09,21,801	-	63,96,22,042	40,59,40,137	1,69,62,788	3,79,14,361	46,08,17,287	17,88,04,755	16,92,92,300

MANOHAR PARRIKAR INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES

SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024

	As at	As at
SCHEDULE - 6	<u>31.03.2024</u>	<u>31.03.2023</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
A. Current Assets		
Cash at Bank (SBI) -223 (Including Interest accrued of Rs.2516/- Previous year Rs.1125)	56,86,751	25,35,543
Cash at Bank (Union Bank of India) -4746 (Including interest accrues of Rs.1,438/- for the year and Rs.1,14,358/- for the previous year)	2,14,725	1,42,141
IDSA Sponsored Project Fund (SBI)-50755	999	5,87,102
IDSA Sponsored Project Fund (Union Bank of India - 4747) (Including interest accrues of Rs.9,786/- for the year and Rs.6,513/- for the previous year)	4,24,332	10,64,411
Cash at Bank (SBI Shankar Vihar Branch-6799) (Including interest accrues of Rs.10,258/- for the year)	97,92,519	92,73,445
Cash at Bank (SBI Shankar Vihar Branch (Project A/c)) (Including interest accrues of Rs.2,860/- for the year)	17,23,160	1,66,76,139
Deposit with Bank (Including interest accrues of Rs.1,26,412/- for the year and Rs.3,21,302/- for the previous year)	25,72,132	39,68,737
Stamps In Hand	1,89,148	2,33,230
Stamps in Franking Machine		10,211
Staff Advances For :		
Advance Imprest	300	12,983
Advance LTC	-	-
Advances to Suppliers :		
D G S & D		4,331
CPWD	75,078	75,078
Others	18,24,845	18,56,101
Security Deposits	4,85,450	4,85,700
Claims Recoverable	5,65,086	8,83,622
TDS Recoverable	4,21,551	2,15,941
Prepaid Expenses	1,25,20,530	1,19,23,564
Total of (A)	3,64,96,606	4,99,48,279
B. Less : Current Liabilities		
Salary Payable	5,53,911	15,245
Other Liabilities	1,05,28,150	1,43,90,748
Stale Cheque	16,000	23,589
Secutiy Deposit Payable	28,75,415	26,18,086
GST Payable	2,17,366	4,10,628
TDS Payable	3,78,101	6,51,265
G P fund Payable	2,69,222	1,40,392
Pension Payable	99,010	
Total of (B)	1,49,37,175	1,82,49,953
Net Current Assets (A - B)	2,15,59,431	3,16,98,326



MANOHAR PARRIKAR INSTITUTE FOR DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSES
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE - 7	Year Ended		Year Ended
GRANT - IN - AID	31.03.2024		31.03.2023
	(Rs.)		(Rs.)
(A) Grant received from the Ministry of Defence	25,59,50,000		24,96,00,000
LESS :			
Unspent -Amount refunded to MoD	<u>73,69,027</u>	24,85,80,973	-
			<u>24,96,00,000</u>
(B) Grant transferred from "Grant-in-Aid" (New Campus) as per Sechedule -4		5,18,25,920	
LESS :			
Transferred to Assets Funds A/c (DRDO) (as per Schedule -1)		5,09,21,801	2,02,11,332
Transferred to Assets Funds A/c (as per Schedule -1)		<u>1,34,67,804</u>	
		<u>23,60,17,288</u>	<u>22,93,88,668</u>
SCHEDULE - 8			
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME			
Hiring Charges / Licence Fee (STA)		8,05,384	2,51,095.00
Bank Interest		16,05,161	67,30,406.00
Royalty on Books		22,21,150	-
Royalty on Journals		-	15,41,578.00
Profit on Sale of Fixed Assets		-	-
Other Income		13,90,823	19,33,804.00
		<u>60,22,518</u>	<u>1,04,56,883.00</u>
SCHEDULE -9			
SALARIES & ALLOWANCES			
Pay & Allowances		12,45,75,643	11,33,81,676
Contribution to Provident Fund		1,17,42,762	1,01,23,206
LTC Expenses		20,70,901	6,16,326
Mediclaime Policy provided to Employees		15,58,054	4,29,045
Inspection Charges (CPF)		<u>5,65,186</u>	<u>4,98,487</u>
		<u>14,05,12,546</u>	<u>12,50,48,740</u>



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SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE -10	Year Ended	Year Ended
OPERATIONAL /ADMINISTRATIVE EXPS.	31.03.2024	31.03.2023
	(Rs.)	(Rs.)
Hiring of Vehicles	81,146	28,034
Repairs & Maintenance	4,49,72,781	3,60,98,169
Photostat Expenses	-	-
Telephone Expenses	5,81,848	3,50,020
Payment to Auditors		
Audit Fee	47,200	-
Income Tax Matters	-	-
Certification Fee	-	47,200
Bank Charges	28,713	57,773
AGM/EGM/Foundation Day Exp	-	19,039
Postage	1,03,236	1,33,692
Stationery	8,89,146	7,18,470
Conveyance Expenses	41,906	52,524
Guests Hospitality Expenses	24,142	21,221
Insurance Premium	1,08,599	1,13,982
Vehicle Expenses	5,89,945	5,72,228
Miscellaneous Expenses	29,11,103	28,12,070
Lease Rent (Land)	1	1
Overtime Allowance (Car Drivers)	-	-
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	-	6,802
Expenses (STA)	<u>1,73,042</u>	<u>16,66,613</u>
	<u>5,05,52,808</u>	<u>4,26,97,838</u>



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SCHEDULE FORMING PART OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

Schedule 11:- Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts

A Accounting Policies

- 1 The Accounts are prepared on accrual basis except specifically provided otherwise.
- 2 Gratuity, Leave Encashment and Other Retirement Benefits are being accounted for on cash basis at the time of actual payment.
- 3 Fixed Assets have been shown at cost less depreciation. Depreciation has been charged as per Income Tax rules 1962 except on Library Books on which no depreciation is charged, being research and reference books.
- 4 Cost of Publication incurred by Institute is debited to income and expenditure Account. Closing Stock of unsold publications are not taken into Account.
- 5 Subscription received from Members and Life membership fee received is considered as income for the year in which it is received.

B Notes to Accounts

1. The construction of MP-IDSA Campus was carried out by DRDO as "Deposit Works". The physical possession of New Campus was taken over in February 2007. DRDO was paid the total amount of Rs 45.66 Crores (Rs 41.21 Crores for construction and Rs 4.45 Crores for allied works) as "Deposit Works". Against this, the expenditure amounting to Rs. 39.95 crores was incorporated in the financial year 2013-14, as regards the allied works assigned, DRDO was paid Rs 4.45 Crores, a withdrawal for an amount of Rs 44,05,123/- was made from DRDO till 31/03/2014 for some allied works which was carried out by the Institute itself and accordingly was incorporated in respective head of accounts during the year 2013-2014. DRDO submitted the final account during 2019-20 for the expenditure incurred by them against the remaining amount together with refund of unspent amount of Rs.24.42 lakhs but the details furnished was incomplete and DRDO was asked to provide the full details (i.e. head wise expenditure) to enable us to incorporate the expenditure accordingly and charge depreciation on asset items for the previous years from the date of its purchase/commission in MP-IDSA. DRDO has forwarded the complete details of expenditure incurred from 2002 onwards vide their letter No CCE(R&D)N/Misc./IDSA/2022-23 dated 06.02.2023. Accordingly, the expenditure under the head "Capital Work in Progress" has been reconciled and settled in FY 2023-24 .
2. An amount of Rs 18 lakhs was paid to Garrison Engineers towards Deposit Works during the year 2019 for second cable of 11 KV supply from Shankar Vihar feeder. The completion certificate is yet to be received. The details of expenditure along with the refund if any shall be incorporated subject to adjustment on receiving the completion certificate.



3. Further, as regards the PF contribution in respect of contract employees covered under the EPF and MP Act 1952, the employees contribution together with Institute's share has been deposited regularly with the office of EPFO on line.
4. MP-IDSAs was sanctioned an amount of Rs 25,59,50,000 as Grant-in-Aid for the Financial year 2023-24 in RE 2023-24. Out of the said amount of Rs. 25,59,50,000, an amount of Rs. 1,34,67,804 was utilized for purchase of fixed assets and the remaining amount of Rs 23,51,13,169/- was recognised as Income. Further, an amount of Rs. 73,69,027, was refunded to MoD, which resulted in the Net Grant-in-Aid of Rs 24, 85,80,973 for the Financial year 2023-24.
5. Grants received and expenses incurred for a specific project is knocked off and project wise net balance outstanding at the year-end has been shown under project grant account (Schedule No. 3) in Balance Sheet.
6. The Institute is maintaining GPF Account for its regular employees and their Contribution to GPF has been deposited regularly by the Institute in a separate Bank account maintained with State Bank of India, Main Branch, New Delhi. The balance in this account has not been considered in the Institute's Balance Sheet. Accordingly, the investment of General Provident Fund money carried out from time to time has also been kept separately and not considered in MP-IDSAs Balance Sheet. The details of balance in said account and the amount invested as on 31.03.2024 (including interest accrued on FDs) is as under:

	(Amount in Rs)
- Balance with SBI, Main Branch SB Account No. 11084242317	16,16,022.00
- GPF Shortfall transferred from Grant-in-Aid	15,03,709.00
- <u>Fixed Deposit with SBI, Shankar Vihar</u>	
A/c No-41780353767	60,00,000.00
A/c No-41780360297	60,00,000.00
A/c No-41780357604	60,00,000.00
A/c No-41780368026	50,00,000.00
A/c No-41780370523	14,00,000.00
Interest Earned & Accrued on Fixed Deposits	18,72,226.00
Total Investment	2,93,91,957.00

Against the above said investment, the liability of GP Fund (including interest) payable to the employees covered under the scheme as on 31.03.2024 amounted to **Rs 2,92,17,486/-**.



7. Liability for the pension in case of non-receipt of Life Certificate has not been provided in Books. The claim for the same if any will be accounted for during the year of claim by the Pensioner.
8. The Institute is registered u/s 12A (a) of Income Tax Act, 1961.

Date: 04/09/2024
Place : New Delhi


(Minal Yadav)
Accounts Officer


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(Amb Sujan R Chinoy)
Director General

AS PER OUR REPORT OF EVEN DATE

For Raj Har Gopal & Co.
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
ICAI FRN: 002074N



Date : 04/09/2024
Place : New Delhi

(Khushboo Agarwal)
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**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE
FOR AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION
UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24 (Upto 31.03.2024)**

(For the Grant in Aid received from MoD) in respect of recurring GRANTS-IN-AID

1. Name of the Organisation: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Recurring Grants**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Rupees in Lakhs)**
 - (i) Cash inHand/Bank NIL
 - (ii) Unadjusted advances Rs. 31.54 (18.00+0.03+13.51)
 - (iii) Total Rs. 31.54

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned thereon	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			Sanction No. (i)	Date (ii)	Amount (iii)			
31.54	*	*	6/1/2021/ PO(Def)	31.03.2023	749.50	2517.35	2499.21	18.14
			6/1/2021/ PO(Def)	17.07.2023	750.00			
			6/1/2021/ PO(Def)	14.11.2023	750.00			
			6/1/2021/ PO(Def)	15.02.2024	310.00			
			Total		2559.50			
Less: Unspent Grant Refunded for Rs. 73,69,027/-vide cheque no. 158431 dated 31.03.2024 drawn on State Bank of India, Shankar Vihar Branch, New Delhi.					73.69			
					2485.81			

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid- General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Recurring Expenditure of IDSA	NA	NA	2499.21
Head of Expenditure	Amount		
Salary & Allowance & Other Benefits/Pension	1650.94		
Minor Works (including Maintenance)	342.77		
Library Expenses	170.43		
Publication Expenses	26.10		
Information Technology	29.45		
Other Expenditure (Operational & Administrative Expenses)	134.15		
Project & Research Expenses	28.25		
Assets & Other Non-Recurring Expenditure (Including Advance to Suppliers)	117.12		

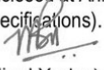
5. Details of grants position as on 31.03.2024.

(i) Cash inHand/Bank (against Grant received from MoD)	NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>18.14</u>
Total	18.14

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

- (i) The main accounts and other subsidiary accounts and registers (including assets registers) are maintained as prescribed in the relevant Act/Rules/Standing instructions (mention the Act/Rules) and have been duly audited by designated auditors. The figures depicted above tally with the audited figures mentioned in financial statements/accounts.
- (ii) There exist internal controls for safeguarding public funds/assets, watching outcomes and achievements of physical targets against the financial inputs, ensuring quality in asset creation etc. & the periodic evaluation of internal controls is exercised to ensure their effectiveness.
- (iii) To the best of our knowledge and belief, no transactions have been entered that are in violation of relevant Act/Rules/standing instructions and scheme guidelines.
- (iv) The responsibilities among the key functionaries for execution of the scheme have been assigned in clear terms and are not general in nature.
- (v) The benefits were extended to the intended beneficiaries and only such areas/districts were covered where the scheme was intended to operate.
- (vi) The expenditure on various components of the scheme was in the proportions authorized as per the scheme guidelines and terms and conditions of the grants-in-aid.
- (vii) It has been ensured that the physical and financial performance under...(Name of the scheme has been according to the requirements, as prescribed in the guidelines issued by Govt. of India and the performance/targets achieved statement for the year to which the utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – I duly enclosed. **N.A**
- (viii) The utilization of the fund resulted in outcomes given at Annexure – II duly enclosed (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications.) **N.A**
- (ix) Details of various schemes executed by the agency through grants-in-aid received from the same Ministry or from other Ministries is enclosed at Annexure –II (to be formulated by the Ministry/Department concerned as per their requirements/specifications). **N.A**

Date: 04/09/2024
Place: New Delhi


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**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE
FOR AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by MHA in connection with project entitled
“**Preparation of Policy Research Papers**”.

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - a. Cash in Hand/Bank 2,08,701/-
 - b. Unadjusted advances NIL
 - c. Total **2,08,701/-**

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No. (i)	Date (ii)	Amount (iii)			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
-	-	-	--	--	--	2,14,318/-	7,815/-	2,06,503/

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Details of Expenditure			
Head of Expenditure	Amount	NA	NA
Misc. Exps.			7,815/-
	Total		7,815/-

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (unspent Balance against Grant)	Rs 2,06,503/-
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	NIL
Total	<u>Rs 2,06,503/-</u>

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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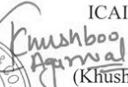

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by MEA in connection with the project entitled
“Pakistan News Digest”

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
4. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(In Rupees)**
 - (i) Cash inHand/Bank NIL
 - (ii) Unadjusted advances Nil
 - (iii) Total NIL

Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned thereon	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No. (i)	Date (ii)	Amount (iii)			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
-	*	*	-	04-05-2023	12,42,000-00	24,37,974-00	24,37,974-00	Nil
				09-10-2023	11,95,974-00			
				Total	24,37,974-00			

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Head of Expenditure	NA	NA	
Salary/ Remuneration to Research staff for the project			21,19,977.00
Institutional Overheads			3,17,997.00
Total-Rs.			24,37,974-00

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (against Grant received from MEA)	Rs NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	<u>Rs NIL</u>

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

in respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by NSCS in connection with project entitled
“Major Themes in Central Asia’s Policy & Diplomacy”.

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - b. Cash in Hand/Bank 379/-
 - c. Unadjusted advances NIL
 - Total 379/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No.	Date	Amount			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			(i)	(ii)	(iii)			
379	NIL	--	--	--	NIL	379	379	NIL

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
<u>Details of Expenditure</u>	NA	NA	379
Head of Expenditure	Amount		
Misc Exp.			
Total	379		379

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (unspent Balance against Grant)	Rs NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	Rs NIL

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

in respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by NSCS in connection with project entitled
“South Asian Regionalism Revisited: Primacy of Politics”.

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - b. Cash in Hand/Bank - 2,24,000/-
 - c. Unadjusted advances NIL
 - Total - 2,24,000/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No.	Date	Amount			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			(i)	(ii)	(iii)			
- 2,24,000	NIL	--	--	03.04.2023	2,24,000	0	0	NIL

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
<u>Details of Expenditure</u>	NA	NA	NIL
Head of Expenditure	Amount		
Total	NIL		NIL

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (unspent Balance against Grant)	Rs NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	<u>Rs NIL</u>

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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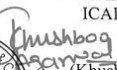

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by MEA in connection with the project entitled **POK**

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(In Rupees)**
 - (i) Cash inHand/Bank NIL
 - (ii) Unadjusted advances Nil
 - (iii) Total NIL

Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned thereon	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No. (i)	Date (ii)	Amount (iii)			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
-	*	*	-	04-05-2023	8,64,000.00	16,08,718	15,63,259	45,459
NIL	-	-	-	09.10.2023	7,44,718.00			
			Total		16,08,718.00			

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Head of Expenditure	NA	NA	
Salary/ Remuneration to Research staff for the project			13,65,512.00
Institutional Overhead Charges			19,77,47.00
Total			15,63,259.00

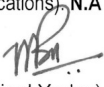
Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash inHand/Bank (against Grant received from MEA)	45,459.00
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>Nil</u>
Total	45,459.00

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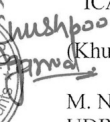

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**FORM OF UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE
FOR AUTONOMOUS BODIES OF THE GRANTEE ORGANIZATION**

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by MEA in connection with project entitled
“Monthly Digest on Bangladesh”.

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - i. Cash in Hand/Bank 1,42,500/-
 - ii. Unadjusted advances NIL
 - iii. Total 1,42,500/-
4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
			Sanction No.	Date	Amount			
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			(i)	(ii)	(iii)			
1,42,500/-	NIL	NIL	1,42,500	NIL	NIL
Less: Unspent Grant Refunded for Rs 1,42,500/- vide cheque no. 671652 dated 20.07.2024 drawn on State Bank of India, New Delhi.						1,42,500		
						NIL		

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Details of Expenditure	NA	NA	NIL
Head of Expenditure	Amount		
Total			NIL

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (unspent Balance against Grant)	Rs NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	<u>Rs NIL</u>

6. Certified that I have satisfied myself that the conditions on which grants were sanctioned have been duly fulfilled/are being fulfilled and that I have exercised following checks to see that the money has been actually utilized for the purpose for which it was sanctioned:

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

In respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by Ministry of Development of North Eastern
 Region in Connection with the Project entitled

“Documentation of Disputes between States of NER”

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - (i) Cash in Hand/Bank 5,87,102/-
 - (ii) Unadjusted advances NIL
 - (iii) Total 5,87,102/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)
1	2	3	4			5	6	7
			Sanction No.	Date	Amount			
			(i)	(ii)	(iii)			
5,87,102/-	--	--	--	--	--	5,87,102/-	NIL	NIL
Less: Unspent Grant Refunded for Rs 5,87,102/- drawn on State Bank of India, JNU Branch New Delhi, dated – 17-04-2023						5,87,102/-		
						NIL		

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Head of Expenditure	Amount	NA	NIL
<u>Video Conferencing Equipment</u>			
Total			NIL

5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

(i) Cash in Hand/Bank (against Grant received from MEA)	Rs NIL
(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	Rs <u>NIL</u>

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UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE FOR THE YEAR 2023-24

in respect of non-recurring Grant sanctioned by NSCS in connection with project entitled
“Policy Research on Cyber Security Issues”.

1. Name of the Organization: **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses**
2. Whether recurring or non-recurring grants: **Non-Recurring Grant**
3. Grants position at the beginning of the Financial year **(Amount in Rupees)**
 - b. Cash in Hand/Bank 27,64,765/-
 - c. Unadjusted advances NIL
 - Total 27,64,765/-

4. Details of grants received, expenditure incurred and closing balances: (Actuals)

Unspent Balances of Grants received years [figure as at Sl. No. 3 (iii)]	Interest Earned on Grant received	Interest deposited back to the Government	Grant received during the year			Total Available funds (1+2-3+4)	Expenditure incurred	Closing Balances (5-6)	
			Sanction No.	Date	Amount				
1	2	3	4	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	5	6	7
27,64,765	35,002	--	--	--	--	NIL	27,99,767	2,82,258	NIL
Less: Unspent Grant Refunded for Rs 5,53,899/-vide cheque no. 923728 dated 20.03.2024 and Rs. 19,63,610/- vide cheque no.923729 dated 20.03.2024 drawn on State Bank of India, New Delhi.							25,17,509		
							2,82,258		

Component wise utilization of grants:

Grant-in-aid– General	Grant-in-aid Salary	Grant-in-aid creation of capital assets	Total
Details of Expenditure	NA	NA	2,82,258
Head of Expenditure	Amount		
Payment of Consultancy Fee to the staff engaged In Project			
Total	2,82,258		2,82,258


5. Details of grants position (as on 31.03.2024)

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(ii) Unadjusted Advances (against opening Balances)	<u>NIL</u>
Total	Rs NIL

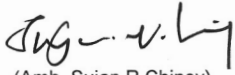
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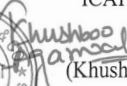

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