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2017 was another good year for IPCS. We initiated new projects, welcomed new colleagues, and produced significant policy literature. We maintained our established priorities on security and foreign policy analysis while stretching more fully into new areas of inquiry including water and renewable energy, and reinvigorated our focus on economics.

Much of this innovative thinking was reflected in our publications. There was a comprehensive assessment of the Narendra Modi government’s three years in office, presenting an interdisciplinary report card of the government. Similarly there were several long form publications, two of which, for government, focused on renewable energy and on ideating solutions to overcome the unique challenges of the Indian energy sector. In addition, our faculty produced over 100 topical commentaries published in-house, and over 400 commentaries in the national and international press. Our efforts at primary research involved several interactions both in India and abroad, and notable guests at IPCS included presidents and prime ministers.

Most importantly, since IPCS believes in human capital, in 2017, we were happy to welcome new colleagues who will assist us in our unceasing primary goal - that of capacity building the evolving generation of policy experts. In all, a fulfilling year that sets us up to scale greater heights in 2018.
For 21 years, the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) has worked to study contemporary global politics from a uniquely South Asian perspective. By leveraging the tools at our disposal - innovation in research, dialogue with government and non-government stakeholders within and outside India, and capacity-building of the next generation of emerging specialists - we have constantly endeavoured to foster informed and inclusive public discussion. Taking cognisance of India’s role in an evolving global order, the activities undertaken in 2017 were timely, policy-oriented, and representative of a rich cross-section of expert opinion from across the region and the world.

2017 saw a renewed push towards these goals, with a body of research and activities that reflected the developments that shaped the year, within IPCS’ four research verticals: Centre for Internal and Regional Security, China Research Programme, Nuclear Security Programme, and Southeast Asia Research Programme.

This annual review points to the emergence of several broad themes within foreign policy, economy, security and defence, nuclear policy and strategy, and environment, with the geographical focus ranging from countries in South, Southeast and East Asia, to Europe and the US. As India increasingly flexed its diplomatic muscle, perhaps as a natural extension of its growing economic confidence, 2017 saw writings on how policy has evolved, and what returns on domestic and diplomatic investment were witnessed in how India has dealt with the world. India’s state legislative assembly elections, China’s growing regional and global footprint, its Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), the Doklam military standoff, and US policies under President Donald Trump dominated much of this conversation.

To mark the 3-year milestone of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government, and in recognition of foreign policy as an important bellwether in assessing overall policy direction, IPCS published Three Years of the Modi Government, an edited volume in which Indian scholars and practitioners critically evaluated the Modi government’s performance on a range of domestic and foreign policy indicators. IPCS produced six Special Reports in 2017 of which two were Policy Briefs to the Government of India on
revamping the country's renewable energy sector and India-Netherlands cooperation towards green economy innovation and social and environmental sustainability. These themes are particularly relevant as IPCS expands its research to more comprehensively include the study of both traditional and non-traditional security concerns. Encouraging competing - and sometimes contrarian - approaches that account for the relationship between theory and practice were key to arriving at holistic policy recommendations. IPCS also published over 100 commentaries, its roster of columnists wrote 57 monthly columns on their areas of expertise, and its research faculty collectively accounted for close to 400 bylines in the year.

IPCS was equally active in engaging with a broader audience through its events and discussions. 2017 saw the conclusion of its Twentieth Anniversary Plenum Series, featuring lectures by notable individuals from the fields of academia, politics, and diplomacy. Among others, former National Security Advisor of Afghanistan, Dr Rangin Dadfar Spanta, spoke on politico-security dynamics within Afghanistan; Michael Krepon, Co-Founder and Senior Associate, Stimson Center, shared his perspectives on the global nuclear future; Varun Gandhi, member, Lok Sabha, spoke on the need for political reform in India, and Ambassador of Israel to India, Daniel Carmon, evaluated the Israel-India relationship and its future trajectory. IPCS held several closed-door briefings for visiting foreign delegations on India's security and foreign policy landscape. Events were also held collaboratively with institutions from India and across the world, such as Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), Pangoal Institution, Renmin University of China, and the US Air Force School for Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies (SANDS). IPCS produced 12 podcasts in 2017, featuring short interviews with subject-matter experts on wide-ranging issues like hydrological conflict, India's nuclear policy, Jammu and Kashmir, the India-China relationship, and nuclearisation on the Korean Peninsula. IPCS' social media presence, another element of its effort to amplify reach and build more robust engagement, continues to go from strength to strength with the help of its online audience.

IPCS research faculty were invited to participate in national and international conferences and workshops related to their individual areas of research through the course of the year. Among these, a delegation from IPCS travelled to South Africa for the 11th annual GIBSA (Germany India Brazil South Africa) Quadrilogue, a partnership launched in 2007 by four think-tanks - Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), IPCS, Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (CEBRI), and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) - from countries that are considered agenda-setters in their respective regions. GIBSA
2017 brought together delegations from the four think-tanks to discuss themes within the ambit of Seismic Shifts in Global Security: A New World Order? IPCS will host the 12th GIBSA Quadrilogue in India this year.

IPCS launched two new initiatives in 2017. Evolving Discourses of Security in International Politics was initially envisaged as a year-long project, but will now continue into 2018 on the basis of tremendously positive feedback and interest in the series. These discussions explore language through which security is understood, represented, and practiced in various contexts. By examining how security is enacted and experienced by particular actors and groups – ranging, for instance, from nuclear strategists to women in armed conflict situations – the aim is to engender better-informed approaches to address contemporary challenges. The second, Reel Politik, is a pioneering platform for the study of security issues through visual representation. Under Reel Politik, IPCS has begun showcasing films that are closely interlinked with its research, followed by roundtable discussions on the subjects they cover. In so doing, it is hoped that the visual medium will provide insights into the extraordinary complexities that form the basis of strategic analysis, as well as expand these critical conversations to a wider audience of stakeholders.

In 2017, IPCS welcomed KM Singh, former member, National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and former Director General, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF); Lalitha Kumaramangalam, former Chairperson, National Commission for Women (NCW); Dr TCA Raghavan, former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan; and Arun Chaudhary, former Director General, Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) as members to its Governing Council, and Dr Tara Kartha, former Director, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), as Distinguished Fellow. Their involvement will contribute meaningfully to IPCS’ academic stewardship, and we are honoured to have them on board.

Finally, IPCS’ immersive internship programme, which offers scholars and recent graduates an opportunity to observe geopolitical and security developments from an Indian perspective and training in policy analysis and writing, and facilitates their access to Delhi’s strategic community, was particularly busy this year. IPCS hosted 15 interns from universities and institutions in India, Nepal, the US, Germany, the UK, Belgium, and the Netherlands.

I invite you to read, in more detail, the range of activities undertaken by IPCS in 2017 in
the following pages of its Annual Report, and as always, welcome your feedback at ruhee.neog@ipcs.org.

On behalf of IPCS, my very best wishes for the new year, and I thank you for your continuing support.

Ruhee Neog.
106 commentaries
61 columns
6 special commentaries
6 special reports
376 bylines
31 events
5 book discussions
NumberSpeak

544125

website hits

15

interns

new faculty members

5

Net followers: 13,490
New follows in 2017: 2647
Net likes: 13,557
New likes in 2017: 2131
Net reach in 2017: 2,76,936

Net followers: 4713
Average monthly follows in 2017: 428
Total Impressions in 2017: 736,000
Total profile vists in 2017: 35,890
Total mentions in 2017: 1854

Total podcasts: 26
Podcasts in 2017: 11
Plays in 2017: 1808
Please use this colour key as reference for all publications and events, which are colour-coded to their respective programmes.
Commentaries

6 January

**Line (Out) of Control**

Joy Mitra argues that risks to general stability in the region remain entrenched in the dynamics of the India-Pakistan conflict and that it could lead to an uncontrollable conflict trajectory.

IN FOCUS  
US Policy Orientation

18 January

**Donald Trump’s Counter-Terrorism Policy**

Angshuman Choudhury and Husanjot Chahal look at why a major tactical shift in US’ CT policy, either at home or overseas, cannot be rationally anticipated.

31 January

**Forecast 2017: LWE Still Holding On**

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray notes that although LWE may be ebbing, its survival will be ensured by the state’s own follies.
24 February

**J&K: Need for an Urgent Review**

Dr Ashok Bhan argues that the political leadership at the Centre and in the State urgently need to take appropriate initiatives to prevent recurrence and escalation of the violence and protests of 2016.

6 March

**J&K: A Strategy is What May Still Be Elusive**

Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain writes that it would be imperative for India to identify key goals and develop an overarching detailed and comprehensive strategy vis-a-vis Jammu and Kashmir.

12 April

**Evolving External Influence in Jammu and Kashmir (Part I)**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain identifies recent developments that might have a bearing on the situation in J&K in the coming months.

14 April

**Evolving External Influence in Jammu and Kashmir (Part II)**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain identifies recent developments that might have a bearing on the situation in J&K in the coming months.

19 April

**US-North Korea Military Swashbuckling and China's Role**

Dr Manpreet Sethi cautions against the risks of the evolving scenario, not least from inadvertent escalation as a result of incidents or accidents.

Special Commentary

19 April

**Jammu and Kashmir: A Saga of Neglect**

Arun Chaudhary comments on the deteriorating situation in the state, drawing from his own experiences in the armed forces.
1 May

**Rumour of Triumph**

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray assesses the policy lacunae that adversely impact India’s efforts to counter Left Wing Extremism in the country

16 June

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Dealing with Left Wing Extremism: No Permanent Solution?**

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray assesses the outcomes of the counter-LWE strategy over

16 June

**Responsibility to Protect: Quo Vadis?**

John Schabedoth asks if R2P has served its intended purpose in recent conflicts, and explores the future of the concept in the Public International Law domain

7 June

**Evolving Situation in J&K: Summer 2017 (Part I)**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain analyses the changing nature of militancy in Jammu & Kashmir and identifies impending issues that need to be addressed

16 June

**Evolving Situation in J&K: Summer 2017 (Part II)**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain writes why summer 2017 in J&K will be about getting a mix of hard and soft power right, and makes recommendations towards the same

31 July

**Handling J&K: What is Right and What More Needs To Be Done?**

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain identifies a strategy to deal with the situation in J&K over the coming months
15 July

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Defence under the NDA Government**

*Abhijit Iyer-Mitra* analyses the state-of-affairs in India’s defence sector over the past three years and argues that there has been more continuity than change.

17 July

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Jammu & Kashmir Policy: Innovative Solutions Needed**

*Sarral Sharma* reviews the state-of-affairs in J&K and says New Delhi will require to employ innovative solutions to address the internal dimension of the security situation.

7 August

**A Pug, a Terrier and the Doklam Stand Off**

*Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar* assesses the standoff at Doklam and says any conflict will be waged on terms advantageous to India.

5 September

**New Indian Defence Minister: A List of Priorities**

*Gp Capt (Retd) Murli Menon* says that Nirmala Sitaraman has the opportunity to orchestrate a transformation in India’s defence capabilities.

**IN FOCUS**

**Doklam Dispute**

5 September

**Doklam Dispute Part I: A Brief History**

*Amb (Retd) VP Haran*, in the first of this two-part series, explores the historical context of the border dispute.

5 September

**Doklam Dispute Part II: Understanding the Tri-Junction Question**

*Amb (Retd) VP Haran* sheds light on the history of the border in the context of the India-China military standoff in the second part of the series.
26 September

**Weapons in Space: Conventional War in the Cosmos?**

Alyson Rimmer examines why omitting a clause that bans all weapons from entering outer space is an oversight that presents significant dangers.

4 October

**Kabul Security: The NUG's Achilles Heel?**

Bismellah Alizada assesses the security situation in Kabul and the broader political implications the current state-of-affairs could trigger.

4 October

**The Curious Case of USS McCain**

Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar considers the vulnerabilities of computerised warship systems to cyber-attacks.

9 October

**Shinzo Abe's North Korea Strategy**

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra comments on the ways in which Abe is using the threat to advance his narrow domestic and foreign policy goals.

9 October

**The Future of US Troops in Afghanistan: Assessing Potential Roles**

Rajat Ahlawat assesses the current deployment structures and likely roles the new US troops will be deployed for, in Afghanistan.

26 October

**J&K: Operation 'All Out' and Prospects for Winter**

Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain evaluates the security situation in Jammu and Kashmir and makes projections for the upcoming winter in the state.
6 November

**India-China Border Agreements: Political Negotiation Needed**

Dr Amit Ranjan provides an overview of the colonial history of border agreements between India and China.

27 November

**The R4+S Approach for Afghanistan**

Rajat Ahlawat analyses the US’ R4+S strategy for Afghanistan and argues that this strategy is largely old wine in a new bottle and that it will be marred by several complexities.
Events

Book Discussion

18 Jan

Faith, Unity, Discipline: The ISI of Pakistan

Chair: Ambassador (Retd) TCA Raghavan
Former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan

Speaker: Dr Hein Kiessling
Historian and Political Scientist

15 Mar

Evolving Discourses of Security in International Politics
Diplomacy and the Politics of Language

Chair: Ambassador (Retd) TCA Rangachari
Member, Governing Council, IPCS

Speakers:
- Dr Soumita Basu
  Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University
- Dr Sanjeev Kumar
  Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi
25 May

Impact of Demographics on Global Politics

- **Speaker**
  - Dr Amit Gupta
  - Associate Professor, Department of International Security Studies, USAF Air War College

21 June

Dealing with Dirty Wars

- **Chair**
  - Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain
  - Former Commander, XV Corps & 19th Infantry Division

- **Speaker**
  - Dr Tara Kartha
  - Former Director, National Security Council Secretariat, Government of India
Round-table

23 June

Children of War

A Hindi-language drama film set against the background of the tumultous 1971 Liberation War of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan). Directed by debutante director Mrityunjay Devvrat, the film has received wide acclaim at film festivals around the world and has been hailed as an epic war saga alongside films like Schindler’s List, Sophie’s Choice, A Bridge Too Far, and Bandit Queen.

23 June

Film Screening

Children of War

17 Aug

Round-table

Dominant Narratives on Kashmir

Evolving Security Dynamics in the Valley

speakers

Lt Gen (Retd) Syed Ata Hasnain
Former Commander, XV Corps & 19th Infantry Division

Fahad Shah
Independent journalist; founder and editor, The Kashmir Walla

Aarti Tikoo Singh
Senior Assistant Editor, The Times of India

chair

KM Singh
Former Director General, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
23 Aug

Chinese Military Reform, 2013-2020

Chair
Col (Retd) Ajai Shukla
Columnist, Business Standard

Speaker
Lt Col (Retd) Dennis J Blasko
Former Senior Military Fellow, National Defence University, US; former US Military Attaché in Beijing, China

30 Aug

Tibetan Caravans: Journeys from Leh to Lhasa
by Abdul Wahid Radhu

Speaker
Professor Siddiq Wahid Radhu
Historian of Tibetan and Central Asian politics, and Editor, Tibet’s Relations with the Himalaya (2017)

Chair
Salman Haidar
Patron, IPCS, and former Foreign Secretary, Government of India.
**Round-table**

**Evolving Discourse of Security in International Politics**

**Investigating Crises in South Asia**

**chair**

Rana Banerji  
Former Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India

**speakers**

Hannah Haegeland  
Research Associate, South Asia Programme, Stimson Center  
Saikat Dutta  
South Asia Editor, Asia Times; Policy Director, CIS  
Ruhee Neog  
Director, IPCS

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**Assam: On the edge of neglect**

*by Pankaj Butalia*

The film delves into the ethnic conflicts and violence in Assam over the past several decades through multiple testimonials.
How the BJP Wins

chair
Salman Haidar
Patron, IPCS; Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India

speaker
Prashant Jha
Associate Editor, Hindustan Times; and author of How the BJP Wins: Inside India’s Greatest Election Machine

Rehabilitation & Re-integration in J&K

speaker
K Skandan
Former Joint Secretary (Kashmir), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Government of India

chair
Dr Tara Kartha
Distinguished Fellow, IPCS; Former Director, National Security Council Secretariat,
The film explores the pervasive problem of substance abuse in the north Indian state of Punjab through familial narratives of four recovering addicts who now assist other addicts through the recovery process.

Discussion

Dominant Narratives on Kashmir

**Ceasefire Violations in J&K: A Line on Fire**

**chair**
Ruhee Neog
Director, IPCS

**speaker**
Dr Happymon Jacob
Associate Professor of Diplomacy and Disarmament Studies, School of International Studies, JNU

**discussants**

Lt Gen (Retd) Vinod Bhatia
Former Director General Military Operations (DGMO), Indian Army

SS Sandhu
Commandant, Western Theatre Headquarters, Border Security Force (BSF)

Col (Retd) Ajai Shukla
Columnist, *Business Standard*
US Tactical Nukes in the Korean Peninsula?

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra argues that the recent deliberations over redeployment of the US tactical nuclear weapons on the Korean peninsula seem to be an act of over-doing.
20 March
**Nuclear Ban Treaty Conference and Universal Nuclear Disarmament**
Dr Manpreet Sethi looks at the limitations of the proposed conference

10 April
**India's Nuclear Doctrine and Strategy**
Abhijit Iyer-Mitra weighs in on the recent debate on the possible evolution of Indian nuclear strategy

1 May
**The Value of a Declared No First Use Nuclear Policy**
Vice Adm (Retd) Vijay Shankar provides a global overview of nuclear doctrinal commitments

16 May
**New NPR: Can It Break New Ground?**
Dr Manpreet Sethi recommends political dialogue and a downplaying of military might to tackle the current slew of challenges

19 June
**Three Years of the Modi Government**
**Indian Nuclear Policy and Diplomacy**
Dr Manpreet Sethi considers the government’s initiatives and performance in the nuclear field

20 June
**Civil Nuclear Energy Initiatives**
Niharika Tagotra weighs in on the policy moves in the nuclear energy sector

28 June
**NSG Membership: Pakistan's Past and Nuclear South Asia's Future**
Allyson Rimmer considers why non-membership will have greater consequences for Pakistan while exacerbating the already existing imbalance in the region
28 June

**Nuclear Crises in the Time of Orwellian Wars**

Vice Adm (Retd) Vijay Shankar weighs in on the dangers posed by nuclear proliferation and non-state actors

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19 July

**Chinese Responsibility on DPRK: No ‘Theory’, Immutable Reality**

Dr Manpreet Sethi evaluates the dimensions and potential implications of China’s dismissal of its responsibility in resolving the North Korean nuclear crisis as mere

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13 August

**The US’ Acrobatic Responses to the North Korean Riddle**

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra analyses the potential reasons for, and implications of, the US’ policy stances towards North Korea

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22 August

**China’s Nuclear Programme: Modernising or Multiplying?**

Allyson Rimmer considers the evidence in support of the claims regarding China’s nuclear weapons programme

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29 August

**North Korea: Time to Focus on Minimisation, Not Denuclearisation**

Rahul Raj argues that North Korea has reason to distrust the US and hold onto technology that levels the playing field

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31 August

**Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty: Addressing Normative Concerns**

Shivani Singh considers the successes and failures of the recently adopted treaty
6 September  
**North Korea: Testing the Limits of US-South Korea Relations**  
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra considers the bilateral relationship in light of North Korea’s latest nuclear test.

18 September  
**The Bomb Banned: By and For the NNWS, For Now**  
Dr Manpreet Sethi asks whether the Ban Treaty may be able to facilitate universal nuclear disarmament.

21 September  
**India-Japan Civil Nuclear Cooperation: Contextualising Abe's Visit**  
Shivani Singh considers the existing bottlenecks to the full implementation of the agreement in light of Abe’s recent visit.

21 September  
**A Looming Nuclear Arms Race In East Asia?**  
Nopur Siingh analyses regional security dynamics in the context of North Korean nuclear behaviour.

**IN FOCUS**  
**An Interview with Dr Siegfried Hecker**

30 September  
**North Korea’s Nuclear Behaviour and US Diplomacy**  
Modified version of an earlier interview conducted by Elisabeth Eaves for the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, with additional questions from Ruhee Neog for IPCS.

24 October  
**Meaningful Disarmament, Not Unnecessary Distractions**  
Dr Manpreet Sethi considers the importance of countries that are serious about nuclear disarmament mobilising global support for achievable targets.
24 October

‘Gas Chamber’ Cities and Dangers Nuclear
Dr Manpreet Sethi contextualises the fallout of nuclear use in the hazardous air quality across the Indo-Gangetic plain

21 November

Why are Nuclear Disarmament Initiatives Bound to Fail?
Shivani Singh identifies three challenges that stand in the way of disarmament efforts

20 December

India-EU Partnership for Non-Proliferation: Challenges and Opportunities
Dr Manpreet Sethi on why there is renewed opportunity to bridge the bilateral estrangement on nuclear non-proliferation
Events

22 Mar

Briefing

Briefing for the US Air Force School for Advanced Nuclear Deterrence Studies
Closed-door briefing for a visiting delegation from USAF SANDS on Nuclear Dynamics in Southern Asia.

31 Mar

Talk

Evolving Discourses of Security in International Relations
India’s Nuclear Strategy

chair
Col (Retd) Ajai Shukla
Columnist
Business Standard

speaker
Professor Vipin Narang
Mitsui Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Nuclear Future

**Speaker**: Michael Krepon
Co-founder & Senior Associate, Stimson Center, Washington DC

**Chair**: Ambassador (Retd) Salman Haidar
Patron, IPCS; and Former Foreign Secretary, Government of India

North Korean Crisis: Implications and Options

**Speaker**: Professor Sandip Kumar Mishra
Associate Professor, Center for East Asian Studies, JNU; and Visiting Fellow, IPCS

**Chair**: Lt Gen (Retd) AS Lamba
President, IPCS; and Former Vice Chief of Staff, Indian Army
Podcasts

Faith, Unity, Discipline: The ISI of Pakistan
Dr Hein Kiessling

A Year in Transition: Assessing Democracy in Myanmar
Ambassador (Retd) Rajiv Bhatia, Dr Nehginpao Kipgen, Dr Kenneth Holland

Diplomacy and the Politics of Language
Dr Soumita Basu, Dr Sanjeev Kumar

How did the States Vote: 2017 Indian Assembly Elections
Manoj Joshi, Ajay Vir Jakhar

India’s Nuclear Strategy
Dr Vipin Narang, Colonel (Retd) Ajai Shukla

Recent Developments in the Korean Peninsula
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra

The Situation in Afghanistan
Dr Rangin Dadfar Spanta

Kashmir on the Boil
Dr Ashok Bhan
Hydrological Conflicts in South Asia
Sonali Mittra

Dalai Lama’s Arunachal Visit & India-China Bilateral Relations
Jayadeva Ranade

Security Situation in Afghanistan
Dr Avinash Paliwal
India: Acting East after the End of the TPP
Roshan Iyer analyses the status of the RCEP and argues that India’s attractive market can be an asset only if it strategically leverages it to its benefit.

CPEC: ‘Third Party’ Dilemma and Cracks in the Corridor
Amit Kumar argues that optimism regarding the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor might be waning, with apprehensions increasingly being voiced in China.

US Exit from the TPP: Opportunities and Alternatives for Japan
Chandrani Sarkar argues that the US’ exit from the TPP does not necessarily mean trouble for Japan and that Tokyo has other alternatives it can tap to its benefit.
20 March

**Pakistan's Economy: Significance of MSCI Elevation and FTSE Inclusion**

*Prof Amita Batra* says that the turnaround is promising given the simultaneity of positive developments.

28 March

**Manipur: Uncertainty Remains Despite End to the Economic Blockade**

*Dr Nehginpao Kipgen* says that the manner in which the UNC demands are handled and addressed will largely determine the fate of the BJP government in Manipur.

28 March

**The CPEC: Corridor to Chinese Coffers**

*Vice Admiral (retd) Vijay Shankar* explores whether the economic benefits from the CPEC are destined for China and whether it is another lease-for-debt deal.

19 May

**India-Sri Lanka: A Grim Tale of Economic Cooperation**

*Husanjot Chahal* says that even though the need for engagement is strong, in practice, very little has been achieved on the economic front.

23 June

**Seizing ‘The Belt and Road’ Opportunity: Challenges for Nepal**

*Pramod Jaiswal* argues that the Nepal can benefit from the BRI only if it creates a favourable environment by addressing the genuine concerns of both its neighbours.

13 July

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Preferring the Bilateral to the Multilateral: Personal Diplomacy and India's Trade Negotiations**

*Mihir S Sharma* assesses India's trade negotiations over the past three years and identifies a pattern where the preference seems to tilt towards bilateral over multilateral formats.
18 July

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Reviving the Indian Economy: Structural Reforms Needed**

Prerana Priyadarshi assesses the state-of-affairs of the Indian economy over the past three years and says structural reforms would be required to revive it.

7 August

**Dhow Trade in the North Arabian Sea**

Dr Vijay Sakhuja reviews the risks and traditions associated with Dhow trade in the North Arabian sea and identifies recent trends.

28 September

**India's Trade Options**

Prof Amita Batra identifies actionable recommendations that would be in India’s best interest.

30 October

**19th Party Congress: Understanding the Economics in Xi’s Speech**

Prof Amita Batra analyses China’s growth and reform in light of the purported consolidation of its economic might.

3 November

**Short Sea Shipping in Bay of Bengal Takes Baby Steps**

Dr Vijay Sakhuja considers the significance of new initiatives in the Bay region.
27 November
Microbeads and Microfibre: A Big Challenge for Blue Economy
Dr Vijay Sakhuja analyses the impact of these minuscule materials on marine life

29 December
India and Blue Economy in the Bay of Bengal
Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues for the pooling of national resources to augment regional cooperation among the littorals
In this paper, Roshan Iyer attempts to analyse the economic aspect of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor, focusing on the reasons for stalling of the its progress, and explore measures to take the initiative forward.
The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), UK, and IPCS conducted a closed door one-day workshop on Illicit Flows in South Asia and Myanmar at IPCS. The regional workshop focused on Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar, bringing together a select group of experts from the public and private sectors to examine, among others, the routes and actors involved in facilitating regional illicit flows (in commodities and finances), how this is impacted by criminality, corruption, and weak governance, and how these illicit flows are transformed into legitimate funds through anti-money laundering techniques.
In this edited volume, IPCS brings together a host of experts to review the Narendra Modi government's policy successes and failures, gauge continuity and change, and assess policy effectiveness during the first three years of his administration.
Commentaries

3 January

India, Afghanistan and the Heart of Asia: Reading Between the Lines

Sarral Sharma analyses the recent Heart of Asia conference and the implications for Pakistan

9 January

India and Vietnam: Strengthening Bilateral Relations

Amruta Karambelkar reflects on recent high-level visits to India to analyse the nature of bilateral ties

10 January

Japan-China Contestation in 2017

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra reviews the Tokyo-Beijing bilateral and identifies the potential trajectory the relationship in 2017

Column | East Asia Compass
The Future of US-Taiwan Relations Under China’s Shadow

Namrata Hasija argues that the US-Taiwan relationship under Trump remains uncertain in terms of upgradation but certain in terms of continuation.

India-UAE: An Emerging Special Relationship

Amb (Retd) Ranjit Gupta assesses the trajectory of India-UAE relations and makes recommendations towards taking the bilateral further.

Forecast 2017: Carnage Ahead?

Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar illustrates why the pulling away from multilateral alliances and the potential for new strategic orientation would appear to be the new norm.

The ‘Two-State Solution’ in Israel-Palestine: An Accelerated Demise?

Derek Verbakel explores possible trajectories the Israel-Palestine issue will take with Donald Trump as the US president.

Forecast 2017: India-US Strategic Partnership

Prof Chintamani Mahapatra traces the trajectory of the India-US strategic partnership and identifies opportunities and challenges.
29 March
**India-Bangladesh: What to Expect During Prime Minister Hasina’s Visit?**
Dr Amit Ranjan assesses the New Delhi-Dhaka relationship in the context of Bangladesh’s Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina’s, upcoming visit to India.

3 April
**Sino-Indian Strategic Dialogue: Differences in Strategic Thinking**
Siwei Liu analyses the recently concluded Sino-Indian strategic dialogue and says an open and creative attitude would be a way forward.

11 April
**Trump’s Strike Against Syria: International Implications**
Amb (Retd) KP Fabian assesses the potential implications of US President Donald Trump’s missile strike on Syria’s Shayrat air base.

13 April
**Trump Vs Obama: US Policy Towards Adversarial States**
Kimberley Anne Nazareth on the elements of continuity and change in US strategy towards Syria, North Korea and Iran.

13 April
**Asia-Pacific: Is Middle Power Multilateralism Possible?**
Chandra Sarkar assesses the plausibility of a middle power coalition between India, Japan and Australia as a counter to a rising China.

27 April
**China-Philippines Ties: Lessons for India and Japan**
Tapan Bharadwaj considers the opportunities for India and Japan to re-engage with Southeast Asia.

1 May
**Trump’s North Korea Policy: Regional Implications**
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra considers regional perspectives on the US administration’s approach towards North Korea.
Steering Co-operation Across Oceans
Asanga Abeyagoonasekera analyses Sri Lanka’s role in the world, in the backdrop of the One Belt One Road conference in China

100 Days in Office: The Trump Administration
Prof Chintamani Mahapatra reviews Donald Trump’s foreign policy moves thus far

South Korea-North Korea: A New Version of Engagement
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra talks about why the initiation of the engagement policy under President Moon Jae-in will not be easy

India-Pakistan: Three Years of Wasted Effort?
Rana Banerji reviews India’s relations with Pakistan and related developments and policies over the past three years

India-Bangladesh: Engagement with More Stakeholders Required
Dr Amit Ranjan reviews India’s relations with Bangladesh and related developments and policies over the past three years and makes recommendations
12 June

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**India-West Asia: With Relations Boosted, Consolidation Must Follow**

Ambassador (Retd) Ranjit Gupta reviews India’s relations with West Asia and over the past three years and makes recommendations.

15 June

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**India-ASEAN Relations: Progress and Possibilities**

Amb (Retd) Rajiv Bhatia offers an evaluation keeping in view recent history and the changing power dynamics in the region.

19 June

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**India-China Relations: A Mixed Bag**

Amb (Retd) TCA Rangachari assesses how India-China relations have developed over the past three years and identifies key trends.

21 June

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**India and the Koreas: Promises and Follow-ups**

Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra analyses India’s relations with South Korea and North Korea and the implications of the same, over the past three years.

21 June

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**India-US: Convergences and Divergences**

Prof Chintamani Mahapatra argues that while there may be periodic turbulence in the India-US bilateral, the new paradigm of relations will not face any existential threat.

21 June

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**India-Bhutan: Furthering Common Interests**

Ambassador (Retd) VP Haran analyses the trajectory of the New Delhi-Thimphu relationship over the past three years.
28 June

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India-Sri Lanka: Reorienting the Relationship?
Husanjot Chahal assesses the trajectory of India-Sri Lanka relations over the past three years and identifies trends in three key areas

28 June

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India-Maldives Relations: A Tale of Two Concerns
Dr N Manoharan assesses New Delhi-Maé relations over the past three years and identifies irritants in two areas, political and strategic

30 June

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India-Russia: Navigating New Geopolitical Waters
Amb PS Raghavan reviews India-Russia relations and says there are strong reasons for consolidating bilateral relations even as New Delhi seeks to strengthen relatively newer strategic links

3 July

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India-Japan: Past Trends Continue
Dr Shamshad A Khan writes that the India-Japan relationship has deepened further in the past three years, and says agreed but unfinished projects need special attention

10 July

Japan’s ‘New Approach’ to Russia: Is it Moving Forward?
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra analyses recent developments in Japan-Russia relations and argues that the prospects of Tokyo’s ‘New Approach’ towards Moscow do not look positive
11 July

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**India-Myanmar: Fast-tracking the Eastward Push**

Angshuman Choudhury assesses the trajectory of India-Myanmar relations since 2014 and argues that there has been substantial forward movement in several sectors.

14 July

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**India-EU: Potential Partners in the Emerging World Order?**

Amb (Retd) KP Fabian assesses India-European Union (EU) relations since 2014, the state of the EU, and identifies areas for future cooperation between the two.

16 August

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**India-Nepal Relations: Mixed Fortunes**

Dr Pramod Jaiswal reviews the trajectory of New Delhi-Kathmandu relations since 2014 and says it has seen several ups and downs.

17 August

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**India-Afghanistan Relations: Innovating Continuity**

Rajeshwari Krishnamurthy reviews India’s Afghanistan policy under the Modi government.

25 August

**Testing the Trump-Modi Partnership**

Prof Chintamani Mahapatra analyses the challenges facing the India-US relationship.

26 August

**Fifty Years of ASEAN: Between Assertion and Reinvention**

Angshuman Choudhury cautions that geopolitics and structural issues may restrain the organisation from realising its ambitious new agenda.
21 September
**Russia-Turkey: Implications of the New Arms Deal**  
Monish Gulati examines the potential geopolitical implications of the recent Russia-Turkey agreement involving the purchase of the S-400 Triumf air defence system.

24 October
**Will the US' Pressure on Pakistan Deliver Results?**  
Dr Shalini Chawla evaluates the recent developments in the US-Pakistan relationship and explores whether Washington’s pressure on Islamabad can deliver positive results.

24 October
**Trump's Visit to East Asia**  
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra looks at why the trip might be unprecedented, but the outcomes are most likely not going to be so.

5 December
**Denial and Provocation: Failure of US' North Korea Policy**  
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra argues that Trump’s policy is detrimental to security because it has allowed huge North Korean nuclear and missile advancements in a short span of time.

11 December
**The Neglected Dimension of Iran’s Opposition to Iraqi Kurdistan's Independence**  
Pieter-Jan Dockx argues that Iran’s opposition to Iraqi Kurdistan stems less from the Kurdish issue in its own territory and more from the Iraqi Kurds' relationship with Israel.

11 December
**Zimbabwe: Political Solutions to Legal Questions Undermine the Rule of Law**  
Phephelaphi Dube assesses the impact of the recent political changes in Zimbabwe for rule of law in the country and reflects on ongoing developments in South Africa.
**Events**

**Talk**

**31 Mar**

**The Roles and Dimensions of S&T in India’s Foreign Policy**

*speaker*

Dr V Siddhartha  
Emeritus Scientist (Retd), Defence Research and Development Organisation

*chair*

Ruhee Neog  
Director, IPCS

**1 Jun**

**India-Nepal-China Trilateralism**

*speakers*

Dr Chen Xiaochen  
Head, Dept of International Studies, Chungyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China

Prof Zhang Shubin  
Deputy Director, Nepal Study Centre, Hebei University of Economics & Business

Dr Pramod Jaiswal  
Senior Fellow, IPCS

*chair*

Amb (Retd)  
TCA Rangachari  
Former Indian ambassador to China
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25 Years of Diplomatic Relations between India and Israel and the Way Forward

**Talk**

**speaker**
Ambassador Daniel Carmon
Ambassador of Israel to India

**chair**
Ambassador (Retd) Salman Haidar
Patron, IPCS; former Indian Foreign Secretary

India-China: Revisiting the Himalayan Conflict Theatre

**Book Discussion**

**speaker**
Dr Bérénice Guyot-Réchard
Lecturer, King’s College;
Author, *Shadow States: India, China and the Eastern Himalayas*

**chair**
Professor Srikanth Kondapalli
Professor in Chinese Studies,
Centre for East Asian Studies,
School of International Studies, JNU
Discussion

Sino-Indian Relations

**speaker**
Dr Wang Dong  
Secretary General,  
Academic Committee,  
Pangoal Institution,  
Beijing, China

**chair**
Amb (Retd) TCA Rangachari  
Former Indian ambassador to China

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13 Sep

The People Next Door: The Curious History of India’s Relations With Pakistan

**speaker**
Amb (Retd) TCA Raghavan  
Member, Governing Council, IPCS;  
Former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan

**chair**
Amb (Retd) Salman Haidar  
Former Indian ambassador to China
Book Reviews

Guardians of God: Inside the Religious Mind of the Pakistani Taliban
Mona Kanwal Sheikh
Oxford University Press, 2016

What Motivates the Pakistani Taliban?
Commodore (Retd) Uday Bhaskar
Distinguished Fellow, IPCS

The New Arthashastra: A Security Strategy for India
Gurmeet Kanwal (ed.)
Harper Collins, 2016

New Thinking on India’s Emerging Security Challenges
Lt Gen (Retd) Arvinder Singh Lamba
President, IPCS; former Vice Chief of Staff, Indian Army
Commentaries

12 January
**India: Crises in Command?**
Gp Capt (Retd) Murli Menon assesses the appointment of India’s new army chief and makes recommendations for the process of reforms to the personnel policies of the Indian armed forces.

19 January
**West Asia Six Years After the ‘Arab Spring’: Prognosis for 2017**
Amb (Retd) Ranjit Gupta assesses the political and security related developments of the past six years, and identifies the trajectories for 2017.

1 February
**South Korea: Two Moons and the Future of a Nation**
Dr Rahul Raj provides a preliminary assessment on the two potential presidential candidates in the upcoming presidential election in South Korea.

3 February
**Where is Egypt Headed?**
Amb (Retd) KP Fabian traces the trajectory of Egypt’s political history and asesses the current state-of-affairs.
18 February

**Forecast 2017: Sri Lanka**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera assesses how Sri Lanka fared in 2016 and makes recommendations for 2017

20 February

**Inadequate Budgetary Allotment and India's Defence Preparedness**

Brig (Retd) Gurmeet Kanwal recommends the establishment of a roll-on, non-lapsable defence modernisation fund as national security imperative

16 March

**Nepal: Local Body Elections Amid Uncertainty**

Pramod Jaiswal assesses the build up to and the prospects of Nepal's upcoming local body elections

2017 Indian Assembly Elections

17 March

**Goa: Staging Post of the Resourceful**

Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray analyses the outcome of the Legislative Assembly Elections in Goa

18 March

**Manohar Parrikar as Defence Minister: A Positive Record**

Brig (Retd) Gurmeet Kanwal says Manohar Parrikar’s achievements as India’s Defence Minister far outweigh the disappointments

21 March

**Afghanistan and the Attempted Exhumation of the QCG**

Rajeshwari Krishnamurthy says that the US seeks to revive the relevance of the QCG with an objective to remain in the ‘lead’ on the Afghan issue

21 March

**Re-building Sri Lanka: An Island at a Crossroads**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera writes that there are three potential options Sri Lanka could consider in order to bring credibility and results to the reconciliation process
22 March

**Manipur: A Turning Point**
Angshuman Choudhury analyses the outcome of the Legislative assembly elections in Manipur

22 March

**Punjab: Congress and Strong Regional Leaders**
Niharika Tagotra considers how state elections work differently than national elections, using Punjab as an example

22 March

**Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand: A Clear Mandate**
Prerana Priyadarshi and Sarral Sharma analyse the outcome of the Legislative Assembly Elections in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand

4 April

**Forecast 2017: Nepal**
Dr Pramod Jaiswal assesses how Nepal fared in 2016 and identifies the challenges the country will have to overcome in 2017

4 April

**Park Geun-hye's Impeachment and South Korean Foreign Policy**
Dr Sandip Kumar Mishra looks at the implications for East Asian regional politics

10 April

**Operation Twilight: A Turning Point in Bangladesh**
Angshuman Choudhury traces the evolving nature, capabilities and tactics employed by terrorist outfits in Bangladesh and the security forces' responses to them

19 April

**Obama, Trump, and Abiding Authoritarianism in Egypt**
Derek Verbakel asks if there has been a policy shift in the US' approach towards Egypt and assesses the trajectory of Egypt's political situation
20 April

**Sri Lanka: National Interests in a Globalised World**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera argues that the Sri Lankan government should take into account and assess its national interests while deciding on policies.

21 April

**Pakistan and the Panama Papers Verdict**

Rana Banerji analyses the verdict delivered by the Supreme Court of Pakistan and assesses the potential implications of the same.

6 May

**New Complexities in Myanmar's Peace Process**

Angshuman Choudhury assesses the potential implications of the parallel channel of political dialogue created by Ethnic Armed Organisations (EAOs) in Myanmar.

23 May

**Forecast 2017: The Future of the European Union**

Ambassador (Retd) KP Fabian assesses the EU’s trajectory in the recent years and identifies the challenges the country will have to overcome in 2017 and beyond.

23 May

**Local Elections in Nepal: Is the Second Phase Possible?**

Dr Pramod Jaiswal assesses the recently held local elections in Nepal and explores the prospects of the next phase of the local elections.

20 June

**Crisis and Foresight Analysis**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera writes about the importance of preparing foresight maps and situation analysis on a long term framework for developing countries.
27 June

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**Maritime Issues: Proactive Initiatives**

Dr Vijay Sakhuja argues that over the past three years, India's focus on 'matters maritime' have become more proactive and comprehensive.

27 June

**Unpacking Recent Violence against Egypt's Copts**

Derek Verbakel traces the evolving trends in the attacks against Coptic Christians in Egypt, and the role of the interplay between state and societal forces in the phenomenon.

28 June

**Second 21CPC and Myanmar’s Stuttering Peace Process**

Angshuman Choudhury reviews the proceedings and context of the 21CPC meeting in May 2017 and identifies emerging trends in Myanmar's peace process.

3 July

**The ISI and Kulbhushan Jadhav's Second “Confession”**

Rana Banerji analyses the contents and circumstances involving the release of Kulbhushan Jadhav's second "confession" and argues that the ISI has tied itself into knots of its own making.

5 July

**China’s Maritime Strategy in the South China Sea**

Tapan Bharadwaj reviews the maritime component of China's grand strategy in the Indo-Pacific, and argues that its strategy in the SCS has begun delivering results for Beijing.

Column I Dateline Colombo

24 July

**The Forgotten Professions: The Plight of a Nation**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera writes that Sri Lanka's political culture, economy and universities can all be reinvented to generate real innovation and creativity.
2 August
**Pakistan: The Nawaz Ouster**
Rana Banerji analyses the ouster of Pakistan’s Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and the implications of the same

17 August
**Three Years of the Modi Government**
The State and the States: The Northeast in the Centre's Vision
Sanjoy Hazarika and Niyati Singh consider the Centre's policy initiatives towards the region

22 August
**Trump's Afghanistan Strategy**
Rana Banerji weighs in on Donald Trump's long-awaited pronouncement on his administration’s approach to Afghanistan

22 August
**Sri Lanka: Leveraging the Politics of Geography**
Asanga Abeyagoonasekera considers how the country can reap the political benefits of its geostrategic location

24 August
**Nepal's Disaster Management Preparedness: Taking Stock**
Avasna Pandey looks at the obstacles in the way of effective disaster management in the country

31 August
"The World is Not Peaceful"
Vice Admiral (Retd) Vijay Shankar weighs in on the dogmas, past and present, that guide Chinese strategic thinking
6 September

**China's Indian Ocean Strategy**

Tapan Bharadwaj examines the motivations for China's enhanced presence in the region

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7 September

**Pakistan: Census Complexities**

Rana Banerji analyses the implications of the country’s sixth population census

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8 September

**Myanmar: Contextualising the Violence In Northern Rakhine**

Angshuman Choudhury argues that the 25 August attacks are part of a conflict continuum in the region

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15 September

**In Context: NA-120 Lahore By-election**

Sarral Sharma contextualises the circumstances and relevance of the potential outcomes of the upcoming by-election for Lahore’s National Assembly constituency, (NA)-120

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4 October

**German Elections Results: Impact on Foreign Policy**

Dr Kai Fürstenberg assesses the outcome of the German federal elections and its potential impact on Berlin's overall foreign policy and its policies towards South Asia

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9 October

**Monuments Over Mortality?**

Asanga Abeyagoonasekera presents his thoughts on popular mobilisation against corruption in Sri Lanka and the larger neighbourhood
6 November  
**China's Signaling Under President Xi Jinping**
Air Commodore Prashant Dikshit VM (G) traces the pattern in China’s signaling to the world under the leadership of President Xi Jinping and makes projections.

14 November  
**The Geopolitics of Floating Bases and the New World Order**
Asanga Abeyagoonasekera weighs in on China’s strategic vision that combines economic might with geopolitical prowess.

15 November  
**Unpacking the Unprecedented Churning in Saudi Arabia**
Amb (Retd) Ranjit Gupta analyses the domestic and foreign policy dynamics in the unfolding changes in Saudi Arabia’s political set-up.

21 November  
**The Pangsangh Alliance and the Future of Myanmar’s Peace Process**
Angshuman Choudhury says that there can be no peace in Myanmar without the cooperation and compliance of the northern EAOs.

28 November  
**“Taking Centre Stage in the World”**
Vice Adm (Retd) Vijay Shankar looks at why restoring the lost grandeur of the Silk Route has many challenges that may not be overcome.

4 December  
**Changing Political Horizons in Sri Lanka?**
Asanga Abeyagoonasekera reflects on Sri Lanka’s political culture ahead of local and provincial elections in the country.
11 December

**Nepal Elections: Reading the Results**

Dr Pramod Jaiswal assesses the results of Nepal’s recently held provincial and federal elections and the potential near and long-term implications for Nepal and India.

26 December

**Trump and Jerusalem: Long Term Implications**

Amb (Retd) KP Fabian analyses the big picture issues related to US President Donald Trump’s recognition of Jerusalem as Israel’s capital and related developments that ensued.

27 December

**Election Year in Pakistan: Key Dynamics and Prospects**

Rana Banerji identifies key election-related factors that will have a bearing on domestic politics in Pakistan in 2018.
A Year in Transition: Assessing Democracy in Myanmar

On 7 February 2017, the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS) hosted a panel discussion, titled 'A Year in Transition: Assessing Democracy in Myanmar'. It was chaired by Ambassador (Retd) Rajiv Bhatia, former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar. The panellists were: Professor Nehginpao Kipgen, Executive Director, Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs; Dr Bibhu Prasad Routray, Visiting Fellow, IPCS, and Director, Mantraya; and Professor Kenneth Holland, Executive Director, Centre for International Development, Ball State University (US). IPCS Special Report #186 contains the introductory remarks and an overview of the issues discussed.
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21 Mar

2017 Indian Assembly Elections: How Did The States Vote?

speakers

Manoj Joshi
Senior journalist;
Distinguished Fellow, ORF

Ajay Vir Jakhar
Member, IPCS Executive Committee;
Chairman, Bharat Krishak Samaj
(Farmer's Forum India)

moderator

Niharika Tagotra
Researcher, IPCS
Lok Sabha By-polls: Reading J&K

**speaker**
Ashok Bhan  
Distinguished Fellow, IPCS; Former Director General of Police, J&K; former member, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), India

Investigating the Need for Political Reform

**speaker**
Feroze Varun Gandhi  
Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha

**chair**
Let Gen (Retd) Arvinder Singh Lamba  
President, IPCS; Former Vice Chief of Staff, Indian Army
Maldives:
Contextualising Freedom of Speech in the Murder of Yameen Rashid

**moderator**
Rajeshwari Krishnamurthy
Deputy Director, IPCS

**speakers**
Hussain Rasheed
Father of slain Maldivian blogger, Yameen Rashid

Shauna Aminath
Former advisor to Mohamed Nasheed, former President of The Maldives
Commentaries

13 April

**Why India’s Economic Reforms are Climate Unfriendly**

Niharika Tagotra explores how India’s Budget 2017 and the Goods and Services Tax could impact the country domestically as well as New Delhi’s international obligations.

8 May

**India: Missing the Bus on Sustainable Development Goals?**

Garima Maheshwari looks at how sustainability has become a burden of technocratic formality rather than a policy-implementable mainstay.

18 July

**Three Years of the Modi Government**

**Environmental Protection: A Mixed Bag**

Garima Maheshwari assesses the state-of-affairs of environment protection in India in the past three years.
14 July

**Global Warming-Induced Migration: An International Convention Needed**

John Schabedoth analyses the implications of global warming-induced migration for international relations and argues that a binding international convention will be needed.

5 September

**Marine Mammal Stranding: Myth, Mystery and Facts**

Dr Vijay Sakhuja analyses the phenomenon of increasing numbers and incidents of marine mammals getting stranded ashore or washing aground in India.

6 October

**Nepal: Climate Change and Human Mobility**

Avasna Pandey argues that climate change-induced migration in the country merits closer analysis.

10 October

**Plastic Litter: The Challenge at Sea**

Dr Vijay Sakhuja discusses initiatives aimed at ensuring that water bodies remain environmentally and ecologically stable.

28 November

**COP-23 Climate Negotiations: Politics Over Just Commitments**

Garima Maheshwari analyses the unfolding developments at COP-23 and their implications for global climate change related policymaking.
Revamping India’s Renewable Energy Sector: Opportunities and Challenges

This IPCS Policy Brief draws from the conclusions of the seminar on ‘Indian and Chinese Energy Policies Addressing Energy Needs and Climate Change’ held in February 2017. It was organised by IPCS in collaboration with the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) and Energy Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

The five policy recommendations listed in the brief have been identified on the basis of an assessment of government intent and willingness, actionability, availability of resources, and affordability. An elaboration of each recommendation follows in the next section, flagging also the challenges that may be faced in their implementation.

*Drafted by Niharika Tagotra and Tapan Bharadwaj, China Research Programme*
Indian and Chinese Energy Policies: Addressing Energy Needs and Climate Change

This IPCS Policy Brief draws contains the remarks made during a joint panel discussion titled ‘Indian and Chinese Energy Policies Addressing Energy Needs and Climate Change’ held in February 2017. It was organised by IPCS in collaboration with the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS) and Energy Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.
India is eager to harness research and technologies in sustainable resources and in a way that is investment-driven. Many of the existing cooperative initiatives are being executed in a public-private mode and are focused on selection of models from the Netherlands, knowledge exchange, and research collaborations and trainings. Given how cooperation between India and the Netherlands on this matter hinges mainly on investment and scientific exchange, the way forward should take account of five key aspects.
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Prachi Aggarwal
Assistant Professor,
Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies
Tapan Bharadwaj
Researcher, China Research Programme
Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS)
PC Maithani
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