Goa University

School of International and Area Studies

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Report on 1st Young International Conference on 5th and 6th March 2026

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	1st Young International Conference on 5th and 6th March 2026
2. Date and Time	5th and 6th March 2026
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Offline and online
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	School of International and area studies
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	Attached list of speakers and Programme Schedule
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	08
7. Number of Student attended / participated	15 offline and 25 online
8. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	25
9. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To foster awareness and academic rigor among young scholars in international relations regarding India's foreign policy constructs and the contours of a rising India.
10. Description of the Program/activity/event	The conference was organized by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University, to foster awareness and academic rigor among young scholars in international relations regarding India's foreign policy constructs and the contours of a rising India.
11. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The young scholars and students benefited from a strategic understanding of India's

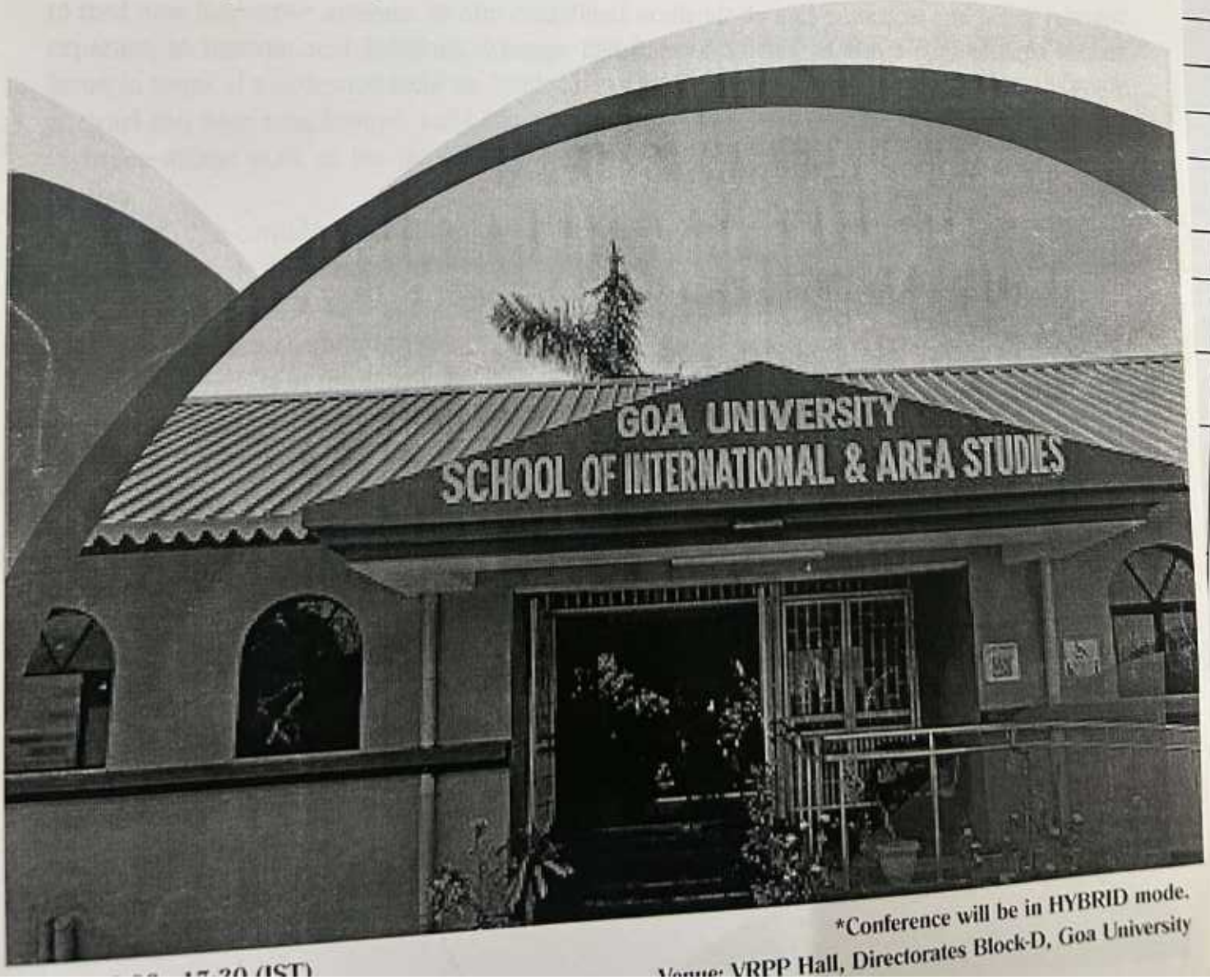
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INTERNATIONAL YOUNG SCHOLARS CONFERENCE 2026

Foreign Policy Constructs & Contours of a Rising India



*Conference will be in HYBRID mode.

Venue: VRPP Hall, Directorates Block-D, Goa University

About Our School

Shaping Bright Futures Since 2021

Erstwhile UGC Centre for Latin American Studies/Department of International Relations

The School of International and Area Studies (SIAS), Goa University, earlier the Department of International Relations, and subsuming within it, the erstwhile UGC established Centre for Latin American Studies, has been in existence and vogue for over three and half decades at the portals of the University. Anchored in the pedagogic realm of Global and Area Studies, the SIAS remains committed to deepening and enhancing instruction, research, and consultancy, concerning the specialised disciplines of International Relations, Defence, Security, and Strategic Studies. The School endeavours to seed new innovative avenues, as also consolidate academic domain resources and policy relevant expertise, in International Relations, Strategic and Defence Studies, as also a curated Area Studies focus, in terms of a dedicated focus on South Asian affairs, China studies, East Asian affairs, the study of Israel and West Asia, Europe, and Latin America, not to mention a dedicated emphasis on Strategic Maritime Affairs w.r.t. to the Indo-Pacific, besides, an abiding interest in Diaspora and Soft Power Studies.

Pursuant to the considered understanding that linguistic conversance and proficiency is integral to sound expertise in the domain of International Relations and Strategic Studies, the SIAS is currently offering Certificate of Proficiency programme, in the Japanese language, with the proposed addition of Mandarin and Korean, on the anvil.

Longstanding faculty at the School, have already been engaged in teaching and collaborative research, as also through professional association, with peer academic institutions across South Asia, China, Europe, and Latin America, besides providing considered inputs to various agencies, such as the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, MEA), the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, as also the Naval War College (NWC), at INS Mandovi, Goa, for the past decade and more. The School is currently engaged in forging institutionalised collaborative arrangements for academic cooperation with entities such as the Dept of Geopolitics and International Relations, MISHA, MAHE (Manipal), the Centre for Public Policy Research (Kochi), the Asian Confluence (Shillong) besides similar mechanisms with international think tanks across South Asia, East Asia, Europe, and Latin America respectively.

Warm regards,

SIAS

❖ Concept Note

There is no gainsaying that, the era we inhabit, is one of incendiary geopolitical contestation, accentuated geo-economic fragmentation, and accelerated technological displacement. The global order, once recognized as being beset by "VUCA" (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity and Ambiguity), now resembles an epoch of "Un-Peace", where everything stands weaponized, vide the hegemonic instruments of national power. Multilateralism finds itself in dysfunction, if not defunct, with newer niftier forms of collectivisation, embodying coordinating forms of 'institutional cooperation sans the institutionality', taking root. Commerce, Conflicts and Climate have become the trinity faultlines, coalescing cooperation and competition, across the High North & the Global South. Amidst a steeply ascendant China and a relatively declining United States, defining competitive binary models of reshaping the global order, stands India, the fastest growing G20 economy, a resiliently rising national power, advocating and disposing for consensus based global decision-making, through its unique acceptability across juxtaposing wedges, cliques and axes. India's five-fold strengths of eternal and timeless civilizational wisdom, tenacious democratic character exuding as a stability anchor amidst democratic chaos, marked demographic dividend coveted in times of higher order skills and talents, convictions in consensual ideas and actions, and an empowering change-agent for the global south, makes it a credible actor in the global system.

Notwithstanding, a rising India, is also a function of transformative change domestically, which has implied fundamentally reshaping the manner in which foreign policy statecraft is formulated and executed. The transition from once Non-Aligned to now multi-aligned; from a once idealistically ideated litigator of scourges to a currently ideational and performance driven provisioner of public goods; from once remaining unflinchingly wedded to mainstream multilateralism to now headlining the quest for reformed and innovative collectivisation, has required changes in processes and platforms. The factors conditioning India's foreign policy, the actors inducing its mutations, and the complexity of their interaction, has mandated changing constructs and contours in policymaking, needing studied examination, analytical consideration and effective dissemination.

The maiden iteration of the SIAS's International Young Scholars Conference slated for 5-6 March 2026, endeavours to illuminate varied dimensions to studying the changing dynamics and mechanics within Indian foreign policy, through the national lens as also through the prism of its relationships across major and peer rising powers, the repositioning of India in its immediate neighbourhood and extended geographies of instructive importance and influence, the topical concerns that underpin strategic actions spanning geo-political, geo-economic and geo-technological realms, and the Indian way of forging a distinct alternative that securitizes within the framework of Pax Americana and Pax Sinica.

Dr. Dattesh Parulekar
Conference Convener

Conference Chair Profiles

1. Prof. Varun Sahni



Prof. Sahni, was till recently, Professor in International Politics at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, from where he took early retirement after 30 years of service. An Inlaks Scholar, he completed his doctoral thesis, on the political role of the Argentine Navy at the University of Oxford (1991). His teaching and research, span a wide range of areas, including International Relations theory, nuclear deterrence, regional security, emerging balances in the Indo-Pacific, evolving security concepts, emerging powers, Latin American issues, foreign policy, maritime geopolitics, and river waters. Over his career, Prof. Sahni has authored 92 research articles on these themes, and has held visiting professorships at universities in Mexico City, Washington, DC, and Canberra. He has served as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jammu (2008–12) and Goa University (2016–21). For his "outstanding contribution to research and teaching", he was awarded the V.K.R.V. Rao Prize in Social Sciences (2006), by the Indian Council of Social Science Research. He has also served as a Jury Member of the Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding.

2. Prof. Anuradha Wagle



Prof. Wagle, is a Professor in French and Francophone Studies and Dean of the Shenoi Goembab School of Languages and Literature, and the School of International and Area Studies (SIAS), at Goa University. A PhD in Translation Studies from JNU, New Delhi, with 30 years of teaching experience to boot, she is a recipient of Fellowships at the Advanced Institute for Translators and Interpreters in Paris (1994), the University of Lausanne (1998), Montreal University (2002), Rhone Alpes University at Grenoble in France (2007) and Hong Kong University (2012), respectively. She has received two prestigious awards from the French Government i.e. Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et Des Lettres (Knight in the Order of the Arts and Letters) in 2016 and the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Académiques (Knight in the order of the Academic Palms) in 2008, for her accomplishments in the areas of teaching and scholarship and reinforcement of relations between India and France. She has served two terms as President of the Indian Association of Teachers of French and has been President of the Asia Pacific Commission and Global Vice President of the Paris based International Federation of French Teachers.

Conference Chair Profiles

3. Prof. Rahul Tripathi



Prof. Tripathi, is a Professor of Political Science at the DD Kosambi School of Social Sciences and Behavioural Studies, Goa University. He has been engaged in teaching and research since 2000 with expertise spanning areas of India's Foreign Policy, International Relations, International Political Economy, South Asian Politics, and Human Rights, mentoring multiple doctoral research scholars. He has served on numerous academic and administrative bodies within Goa University, from the Academic Council and University Court, to being the International Students Adviser and President of the University Teacher's Association, besides being a Visiting Faculty at Nihon University, Japan, and an Adjunct Faculty at the Naval War College, INS Mandovi, Goa. He has authored edited books such as Monetary and Payments Cooperation in South Asia, and Towards Freedom in South Asia: Democratisation, Peace and Regional Cooperation, besides publishing widely in national and international journals and edited volumes.

4. Dr. Dattesh D. Parulekar



Dr. Parulekar, is an Assistant Professor and Programme Director, at the School of International and Area Studies (SIAS), Goa University, and the Conference Convener here. A former Fulbright Fellow, expending a research stint at the SIAS, Johns Hopkins University Washington DC, USA, in over fifteen years of teaching, research and consultancy, his acquired areas of expertise span India's Foreign Policy, Maritime Geopolitics, Strategic Affairs in the Global South, and West Asian and European Politics and Conflicts. He is extensively engaged with the slew of National Defence and War Colleges across India, such as the NWC (Goa), the CDM and CAW (Secunderabad), the NDC (New Delhi), MILIT (Pune), AWC (Mhow), INA (Kannur), CELEBS-SNC (Kochi), etc. He also instructs Courses on Geopolitics and Indian Foreign Policy at the IIM-Indore, and at the IIULER, Goa. Besides being a Non-Resident Fellow at the Middle East Institute (MEI), New Delhi and a Distinguished Fellow at the Indo-Pacific Studies Centre (IPSC), Australia, he is professionally associated with Universities and Think Tanks, across China, Japan, Europe, South Asia and Latin America.

Conference Chair Profiles

5. Dr. Mukund V. Narvenkar



Dr. Narvenkar, is an Assistant Professor at the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University. His area of research focuses on India's maritime security, foreign policy, international relations, and strategic studies. His recent publications include a research paper, 'Safeguarding India's Maritime Security: Challenges and Strategies' in the Social Horizons Journal for Social Science – Belgrade 2024. A data paper titled "A Dataset on Social Media and India's Foreign Policy: The Case Study of X Diplomacy During the Covid-19 Pandemic" in the Journal of Open Humanities Data (Ubiquity Press, London) 2025. 'Geopolitical Shift in the Indo-Pacific: Chinese Ambitions and India's Security Concerns' in the Jadavpur Journal of International Relations, SAGE 2025.

6. Dr. Almin Cicily Jose



Dr. Jose, is an Assistant Professor at the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University, having joined the University in 2021 after previous tints at the Central University of Rajasthan and the Christ University, Bengaluru, Karnataka, respectively. Currently, she is also Coordinator for the Japanese Language Courses offered at the SIAS, and has successfully completed the Level1 A2 Proficiency in the Japanese language in 2025, herself. She instructs Courses on South Asia, International Concepts and Perspectives, International and Regional Organizations in Global Governance, etc. With speacial interest in Gender Issues and Policy Analysis, she has worked on two speacially commissioned projects, viz., the one on the Financial Inclusion of Women weavers in Rajasthan by the National Commission for Women New Delhi (2015), and was the Road Map on Higher Education for Discriminated Sections of Society, by the Rajasthan State Planning Commission.

Conference Chair Profiles

7. Mr. Yugank Naik



Mr. Naik, is an Assistant Professor at the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University. His research interests include New Social Movements and broader Latin American Studies. He is the recipient of the DD Kosambi Junior Fellowship of the Government of Goa, besides, having been awarded the Dr. TMA Pai Best Book Award in Konkani in 2014, for work on International Cinema.

Conference Agenda

Day 1, Thursday - 5th March 2026

Time	Event	Remarks
9.00am - 10.15am	Registration	at VRPP Hall, Directorates Block-D, Goa University
10.15am – 11.00am	Inaugural Segment	10.15-10.20 Arrival of Dignitaries on Stage and Watering of the Plant 10.20-10.25 Welcome Remarks by the Chair, **Prof. Anuradha Wagle**, Dean-SIAS 10.25-10.30 Concept Remarks by Convener, **Dr. Dattesh Parulekar**, PD-SIAS 10.30-10.55 Keynote Address by **Prof. Varun Sahni**, Professor-Ashoka University 10.55-11.00 Felicitation of the Keynote Speaker
11.00am – 11.15am	Tea & Refreshments Break	
11.15am – 1.00pm	*Technical Session I* – **Indian Foreign Policy: Scoping Mutations in Formulation, Factor-Actor Conditioning and National Interests Framing** Session Chair: **Prof. Varun Sahni** Session Compere: **Ms. Geetanjali Rajgupta**, MA International Studies Presenter 1: **Mr. Sainandan Iyer** (Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, DCT's Dhempe College of Arts and Science, Miramar, Panaji-Goa) Paper Topic: ***"Currents of Influence: Reimagining India's Maritime Diplomacy through Science and Norms"*** Presenter 2: **Mr. Nirjhar Mukherjee** (Assistant Professor of Political Science at Berhampore College, Murshidabad district, West Bengal, India) Paper Topic: ***"Between Hegemony and Contestation : Towards a Post-Marxist Enquiry into Indian Foreign Policy in South Asia"*** Presenter 3: **Mr. Shailesh Tanpure** (Sub-Editor & Reporter, Prudent Media Pvt. Ltd.) Paper Topic: ***"Societal Actors in India's Foreign Policy: Citizens Abroad, Diaspora, Conduct and Global Image"*** Presenter 4: **Mr. Niyas Abdulla** (Master's student, Global Studies: Sustainable Societies and Social Change, Jönköping University, Sweden) Paper Topic: ***"From Integration Deficit to Consensual Leadership: India's South-Asia-Plus Strategy in an Era of Un-Peace"*** Presenter 5: **Mr. Shashwat Ranjan Sahu** (Department of International Relation & Politics, Central University of Kerala) Paper Topic: ***"Strategic Autonomy and the Transformation of India's Foreign Policy: Negotiating U.S. Adaptive Hegemony through Trump era Geo-Economic Statecraft"***
1.00pm – 2.15pm	Lunch Break	
2.15pm – 3.45pm	*Technical Session II* – **India and its Extended Neighbourhood: Strategic Curation in Redefined Emerging Geographies of Interest and Influence** Session Chair: **Dr. Dattesh Parulekar** Session Compere: **Ms. Liz Marie Fernandes**, MA International Studies Presenter 1: **Mr. Aniket Ahuja** (Goa Bureau Chief- Aseema English Monthly) Paper Topic: ***"Terror Nexus in Af-Pak: India's 'Surgical' Diplomacy and the Future of Neighbourhood Securitization"*** Presenter 2: **Ms. Sakshi Rathi** (Assistant Professor, Satyam College of Education, Noida, Affiliated to SNDT Women's University, Mumbai) Paper Topic: ***"Rising India and Restless Neighbours: Rethinking Regional Engagement in an Era of Youth Politics"***

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2.15pm - 3.45pm	*Technical Session II* – India and its Extended Neighbourhood: Strategic Curation in Redefined Emerging Geographies of Interest and Influence	
	Presenter 3: **Ms. Prachi Kerkar** (MA (1), School of International & Area Studies, Goa University) Paper Topic: ***"Managed Interdependence: India's Evolving Approach to Nepalese Migrants from 2015-2025"***	
	Presenter 4: **Mr. Atendriya Dana** & **Ms. Anwesha Banerjee** (Atendriya Dana, PhD Scholar, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University) (Anwesha Banerjee, PhD Scholar, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University) Paper Topic: ***"Streaming the Neighbourhood: OTT Platforms and Cultural Diplomacy in India–Bangladesh Relations"***	
	Presenter 5: **Ms. Umesha Binari Thalagahawatta** (PhD Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala) Paper Topic: ***"Beyond Boundaries: India's Role Shift from "Idealistic Litigator" to "Economic First Responder" in Sri Lanka"***	
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Tea and Refreshments Break	
4.00pm – 5.45pm	*Technical Session III* - India in its Prioritised Neighbourhood: Reimagining Cartography and Repurposing Relations with Neighbours Session Chair: **Prof. Rahul Tripathi** Session Compere: **Ms. Heena Velip**, MA International Studies	
	Presenter 1: **Ms. Homidzoda Saodat Komiljon** (Attaché, Department of Middle East and African Countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan) Paper Topic: ***"Soft Power as Strategic Statecraft: India's Emerging Foreign Policy Architecture in Central Asia and Comparative Perspectives"***	
	Presenter 2: **Ms. Ravneet Kaur** (PhD Scholar, Department of Political Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar) Paper Topic: ***"Strategic Autonomy and Hedging in the Indian Ocean: India–Australia Strategic Cooperation amid Great Power Rivalry"***	
	Presenter 3: **Mr. Anirban Deb** & **Ms. Satabdi Baidya** (Anirban Deb, Assistant Professor & Head of the Department, Political Science, Acharya Prafulla Chandra College, West Bengal) (Satabdi Baidya , M.A. in International Relations, Jadavpur University) Paper Topic: ***"Re-Capturing North East India as a Strategic Belt in India's Expansion Towards South East Asia"***	
	Presenter 4: **Dr. Timor Shah Bushar** (PhD, SIAS, Goa University) Paper Topic: ***"Reassessing India's Strategic Approach to Afghanistan After 2021"***	

Day 2, Friday - 6th March 2026

Time	Event	Remarks
9.45am - 11.15am	*Technical Session IV* – **India's Pivot in the 'Global South': Appraising Diplomacy around Strategic Autonomy driven Development Compacts** Session Chair: **Prof. Anuradha Wagle** Session Compere: **Ms. Megan Alphonso**, MA International Studies	
	Presenter 1: **Mr. Paheja Siririka** (MA (1) SIAS, Goa University International Relations, Health, Lifestyle, and State House correspondent at New Era newspaper, Windhoek, Namibia) Paper Topic: ***"Unlocking Untapped Potential: Trade, Technology, and Talent in India–Namibia Cooperation"***	
	Presenter 2: **Dr. Girisanker SB** (Research Associate, Indian Council of World Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi) Paper Topic: ***"Rising India Needs a Latin American Strategy"***	
	Presenter 3: **Ms. Baigali Tsedenbal** (Ph.D Scholar, School of International and Area Studies, Goa University) Paper Topic: ***"Mongolia in India's Extended Neighbourhood Policy: The Evolving Partnership"***	
	Presenter 4: **Dr. Josephine Dias** (Associate Professor & Head, Department of Geography, Govt. College of Arts, Science & Commerce, Quepem - Goa) Paper Topic: ***"India's Climate Policy and Energy Transition: Strategies for Sustainable Development"***	
11.15am - 11.30am	Tea & Refreshments Break	
11.30am - 1.00pm	*Technical Session V* – **Frontier Commons in Indian Foreign Policy Statecraft: Climate Action, Industrial-Tech Supply Chain Resilience, Minerals Securitization, Blue Economy Beneficence, etc.** Session Chair: **Mr. Yugank Naik** Session Compere: **Ms. Tanisha Kundaikar**, MA International Studies	
	Presenter 1: **Ms. Nistha Kumari Singh** (PhD Scholar, Dept. of Geopolitics and International Relations, MISHA, MAHE Manipal; NAST Fellow, Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru) Paper Topic: ***"India's Cyberspace Revisited: Does VUCA Factor Shapes Cyber Policy?"***	
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	Presenter 3: **Ms. Sarvashi Satyavan Naik** (Regional Research Associate, Indo-Pacific Studies Center, Australia) Paper Topic: ***"Semiconductors and Strategic Autonomy: India within a Structurally Interdependent Global Semiconductor Order"***	
	Presenter 4: **Mr. Dhruv Awasthi** (PhD Scholar, Department of Maritime Security, School of National Security Studies, Central University of Gujarat) Paper Topic: ***"Ports, Power and the Blue Economy: India's Maritime Turn in Foreign Policy"***	
1.00pm - 2.00pm	Lunch Break	

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2.00pm - 3.30pm	*Technical Session VI* - **'Minilaterals' & 'Plurilaterals' in India's Strategic Calculus: Reformed & Innovative Multilateralism, the 'India' Way** Session Chair: **Dr. Mukund Narvenkar** Session Compere: **Ms. Geetanjali Rajgupta**, MA International Studies	
	Presenter 1:**Dr. Dipankar Dey** & **Ms. Geethika** (Dr. Dipankar Dey, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science) (Ms. K. Geethika, MA, Department of Political Science) Paper Topic: ***"Revisiting Neoliberalism in a Fragmented World Order: India's Engagement with China within the BRICS+"***	
	Presenter 2: **Mr. Avdhesh Singh** (PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) Paper Topic: ***"From Norm Entrepreneur to Interest Maximiser? Tracing Ideational Shifts in India's UN Voting Behaviour (2010-2025)"***	
	Presenter 3: **Ms. Daphne M.** (M.A. (II) History, S. T. Hindu College, Nagercoil, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu) Paper Topic: ***"From Non - Alignment to Multi - Alignment: Remaining India's strategic autonomy in the 21st Century"***	
	Presenter 4: **Ms. Mezelle Vanessa Silva** (Masters in International Studies, School of International & Area Studies, Goa University) Paper Topic: ***"India's Critical Minerals Diplomacy and Its Impact on Lithium Trade in Latin America"***	
3.30pm - 3.45pm	Tea & Refreshments Break	
3.45pm - 5.15pm	*Technical Session VII* - **Navigating Geopolitical Binaries, Taming Geo-Economic Fragmentation: India's Relationships with Major Rising Powers** Session Chair: **Dr. Almin Cicily Jose** Session Compere: Ms. **Pavinta Tamankar**, MA International Studies	
	Presenter 1: **Ms. Anisree Suresh** (Research Associate (Geoeconomics), Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru) Paper Topic: ***"India's Trade Strategy in the New Geoeconomic World"***	
	Presenter 2: **Ms. Varshini N.** (PhD Scholar, Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati) Paper Topic: ***"India's Strategic Autonomy in Clean Energy Transition: A Study of Critical Minerals Supply Chains"***	
	Presenter 3: **Mr. Harishankar Nag** (MA (I), International Relations and Political Science, Central University of Kerala) Paper Topic: ***"Strategic Balancing Between U.S. And China – Multi Aligned Diplomacy of India"***	
	Presenter 4: **Ms.Monalisha Swain** (MA (II), International Relations and Political Science, Department of International Relations and Politics, Central University of Kerala) Paper Topic: ***"India's Strategic Engagement with Venezuela amid United States–China Geopolitical Competition"***	
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