

# Defense News Conclave

## *Stories of U.S. - India Defense Partnership*

### India-U.S. Geo-Political Relations: Past, Present and Future

**Workshop IV | Monday, September 26, 2022**

**Time: 1800 - 1930 hours IST / 0830 - 1000 hours EST**

**(Virtual)**

#### Background and Context

Under the [Defense News Conclave Project](#), CUTS International is organizing a series of workshops to generate necessary awareness for 100-120 journalists and diverse media professionals on Indo-U.S. defense-related issues. These workshops are covering the entire gamut of India-U.S. bilateral strategic relations, particularly in the context of the maritime domain and the Indo-Pacific. This is the fourth in this series of workshops on this subject.

#### Objectives

- Act as a capacity-building initiative for media professionals and researchers
- Facilitate a meaningful dialogue among the experts and participants to understand how the media stakeholders are thinking about strategic-related issues

#### Expected Outcomes

- A platform for free-flowing interaction and discussions on strategic issues between experts and participants at the workshops
- Participants will have a more informed view on important geo-political, defense and strategic matters, and an enhanced capacity to report and write on such issues

## Agenda

*The past 75 years have witnessed significant shifts across the various sectors in India- U.S. relations from India's non-alignment during the cold-war era but coming together for UN peace keeping missions, to becoming major defense partners. This fostering relationship between the two great democracies is essential to global peace, security, stability and prosperity. Therefore, the objective of this workshop is to take stock of geo-political relations that India and the U.S. have embarked upon at present, and what the way forward should look like.*

### Coverage

- The U.S. policy on today's Indo-Pacific from the 1940s to 2000s
- Assessing the region's global geopolitical shift, securitization and emerging nuclear deterrence
- Assessing basic Foundational Agreements between the two nations and their outcomes
- Making Multi-laterals and Polylaterals stronger together, co-leadership – INFRUS, QUAD, I2U2, IPEF etc. Relevance of Indo-U.S. partnership in reviving multilateralism
- Jointness and Synergies between India and U.S. on traditional and nontraditional security threats. Joint warfare capabilities and exercises in Cyber, Space, Water, and Land, HADR, Anti-terrorism, Climate Change, Maritime threats, etc
- Learnings from the past and next 25 years; the direction of the relationship Countering adversaries, Reforms and co-production and co-development
- The relevance of the India-U.S. partnership for peace, stability, and economic resilience in the Indo-Pacific

### Moderator

- **Dipanjan Roy Chaudhury**, Diplomatic Editor, The Economic Times

### Panellists

- **Lt. Gen. D. S. Hooda (Retd.)**, Senior Fellow for Military Strategy, Delhi Policy Group and former General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian Army's Northern Command
- **Raymond Vickery**, Senior Adviser, Albright Stonebridge Group and former US Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Trade Development
- **Anit Mukherjee**, Deputy Head, Graduate Studies, and Associate Professor, South Asia Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University

### Vote of Thanks

- **Bipul Chatterjee**, Executive Director, CUTS International

