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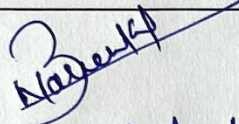
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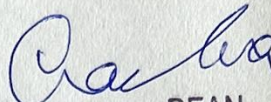
Report on National Seminar on 'Bharat's Helm-ship of the Quad: Priorities, Perceptions & Performance'


1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	National Seminar on 'Bharat's Helm-ship of the Quad: Priorities, Perceptions & Performance'
2. Date and Time	5 th to 6 th March 2023
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	School of International and Area Studies
5. Collaborating Agency/School/Directorate	
6. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	A brief Bio of the Paper presenters attached
7. Number of Faculty attended/participated	05
8. Number of Student attended / participated	25
9. No. of external students/faculty/other participants	13
10. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To create awareness regarding the strategic importance of India's leadership in the Quad
11. Description of the Program/activity/event	During the National Conference, a total 13 papers were presented. These papers cover broad perspectives of India's leadership of Quad countries.

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12. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	Students comprehended the strategic importance of the Quad to India and the geopolitical Significance of the Quad in the Indo-Pacific region.
13. Enclosures with report	Conference Banner, Conference Schedule, Bio of Speakers, attendance, and Pictures are attached.

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 Designation: **Aut. Prof.**
 Date: **12/3/2024**

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National Seminar
"Bharat's Helm-ship of the Quad: Strategic Priorities, Perceptions and Performance"

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 Technical Session No: I (10:17 AM)

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'Bharat's Helm-ship of the 'Quad': Priorities, Perceptions, and Performance'

Date: 5th- 6th March 2024

Venue: Conference Hall, Main Admn. Block

Date	Time	Agenda
5 th March 2024	10.00 - 10.45 hrs	Session I - Plenary Address: Prof. Jagannath Panda, ISDP (Sweden) 'Bharat's Prominence in the Quad: Decoding the Strategic Context'
	10.45 - 11.00 hrs	Tea/Coffee Break (Foyer)
	11.00 - 12.45 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;">Session II: <u>Key Vantage-Points on the 'Bharat' Factor in Quad</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Dr. Ramanand Garge, RRU (Shivamogga)</p> <p>1. Dr. Anshu Joshi: Exploring Multi-dimensional Perspectives on India's Leadership and Role in the Quad 2. Dr. Swasti Rao: European Strategic View of India's Role in the Quad and the Larger Indo-Pacific 3. Dr. Vaishali Krishna: India in the Quad: A Geostrategic Appraisal of Russia</p>
	12.45 - 13.45 hrs	Working Lunch (Council Hall)
	13.45 - 15.30 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;">Session III: <u>Strategic Quad Compacts: The 'Bharat' Quotient</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair: Prof. Jagannath Panda, ISDP, Sweden</p> <p>1. Dr. Chaitanya Giri: Bharat's Space-Tech USP for the Indo-Pacific 2. Dr. Dhanasree Jayaram: India in the Quad: Challenges and Opportunities in Productivising Climate Action 3. Dr. Alvite Ningthoujam: India in an Evolving I2U2: Drawing Lessons from the Quad</p>
	15.30 - 16.00 hrs	Breakout Time
	16.00 - 17.00 hrs	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>INAUGURAL SESSION</u></p> <p>1. Welcome Remarks: Prof. Ganisha Somayaji (5mins) 2. Theme Remarks: Dr. Dattesh D. Parulekar (7mins) 3. Presidential Address: Prof. Harilal B. Menon (10mins) 4. Keynote Speaker Introduction: Dattesh D. Parulekar (3mins) 5. Keynote Address: R. Adm. Monty Khanna(Retd.) (25mins) 6. Keynote Speaker Felicitation at hands of Hon. VC. (5mins) 7. Vote of Thanks: Dr. Almin C. Jose (5 mins)</p>
	17.00 - 17.30 hrs	High Tea (Council Hall)

	19.30 - 21.30 hrs	Sit-Down Dinner@Peep's Kitchen Restaurant, Taleigao. (Restricted)
		End of Day 1
6 th March 2024	10.15 - 11.15 hrs	<p>Session IV: Bharat in the Quad: Advancing the Commons Chair: Dr. Dattesh D. Parulekar, SIAS, Goa University</p> <p>1. Prof. Liyaqat Khan: India in the Quad: Counter-Terrorism Security Cooperation</p> <p>2. Dr. Shruti Mantri: India in the Quad: Collaborative Strategic Framework for Cyber Security Cooperation</p> <p>3. Dr. Mukund Narvenkar: The Maritime Strategy of Quad Countries: India's Leadership Initiatives</p> <p>4. Dr. Pooja Bhatt: Strategizing Sustainable Management of Commons: Exploring the Role of India and the Quad in the Indo-Pacific</p>
	11.15 - 11.30 hrs	Tea/Coffee Break (Foyer)
	11.30 - 12.45 hrs	Session IV Contd. - Chair: Dr. Dattesh D. Parulekar, SIAS
	12.45 - 14.00 hrs	Working Lunch (Foyer)
	14.00 - 15.45 hrs	<p>Session V - Bharat in the Quad: Leveraging Cooperation in Near Abroads Chair: Dr. Swasti Rao, MP-IDSA, New Delhi</p> <p>1. Dr. Ramanand Garge: India as the Anchor of the Indo-Pacific in the Era of Roaring 40s</p> <p>2. Dr. Vignesh Ram: India's Role in the Quad: The Strategic 'ASEAN' Members' Perspective</p> <p>3. Dr. Shraddha Naik: 'QUAD' in South Asia: India's Endeavour in Fostering Regional Developmental Partnership</p>
	15.45 - 16.00 hrs	Seminar Summation Remarks - Dr. Dattesh Parulekar
	16.00 - 16.30 hrs	Tea and Refreshments

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RISE OF CHINA

- ◆ 2023 GDP GROWTH 5.2 % - 126.058 Tr Yuan (Tr USD)
- ◆ PER CAPITA CONSUMER SPENDING 26.796 Yuan (3,770 USD). U.S. > 20,000 U
- ◆ DEFENCE BUDGET (2023) 1.55 Tr Yuan (USD). 50% MARK-UP 336 Bn (1.89% of GDP) CORRECTION 520 Bn. U.S. \$ 816.7 Bn (2023)
- ◆ TRADE IN CHINA 2025. CHINA STANDARDS
- ◆ PATENTS FILED WITH WIPO IN 2022 (U.S. 594,340; INDIA 77,068)



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PROFILE



Rear Admiral Monty Khanna, AVSM, NM (Retd) was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jan 83. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, he won the 'Best Naval Cadet' award, 'Binoculars', as well as the Midshipman 'Sword of Honor', during his formative years. His afloat commands included Indian Naval Submarine Sindhuvijay and the Frigates Krishna and Gomati. For his tenures at the helm of INSM Sindhuvijay and INS Gomati, the ships were awarded the coveted Unit Citation. In addition to tenures as Naval Assistant to the VCNS and Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, he was also the Naval Attaché at the Embassy of India, Washington D.C.

On promotion to Flag Rank, he was appointed as the Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Foreign Co-operation & Intelligence) from Jan 12 to Dec 13. He was the Commandant of the Naval War College, Goa from Jan 14 to Nov 17 where he conceived and executed the first Goa Maritime Conclave. He thereafter served as Chief Instructor (Navy), Defence Services Staff College, Wellington till his retirement on 31 Aug 2019. He served as the Assistant Military Adviser, National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS), New Delhi from Dec 2019-Dec 2023, during which he officiated as the Military Adviser for over 18 months.

Monty Khanna is a graduate of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, College of Naval Warfare, Mumbai and Naval War College, USA. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Jawaharlal Nehru University, two Master's Degree from Madras University and Cochin University of Science and Technology and an MPhil (Defence and Strategic Studies) from Mumbai University. He is also an alumni of the Near East and South Asia (NESA) center of the National Defence University, Washington DC. He was awarded the Nao Sena Medal in 2000 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in Jan 2017. In 2023, he was conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award by his school, the Lawrence School, Sanawar. He has published over 20 articles in professional journals that include ORF Issue Briefs, Maritime Affairs, and the United States Naval Institute Proceedings. He regularly delivers lectures on a wide variety of subjects that include Leadership, Naval and Military Strategy, Geo-Politics of the Indo-Pacific, Developments within the PLA Navy, Ship Building and Restructuring our Armed Forces. He is an excellent sportsman and has distinguished himself in the sport of yachting. He has represented the country in two Asian Sailing Championships overseas winning a Silver Medal in Hong Kong and Bronze Medal in Hiroshima. He has won several National and Naval awards in the sport.

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Prof. Jagannath Panda is the Head of the Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs (SCSA-IPA). He is also the Editor for ISDP. Besides, he is the Director for Europe-Asia Research Cooperation at the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS); and a Senior Fellow at The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Netherlands. Prof. Panda holds a number of adjunct affiliations in various think-tanks and institutions in Asia/Indo-Pacific. He holds a position of International Research Fellow at the Cannon

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