



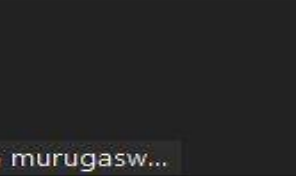



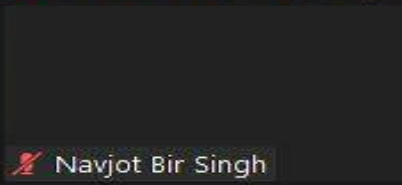
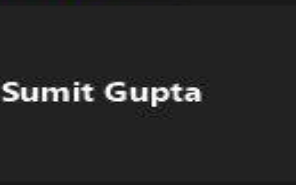



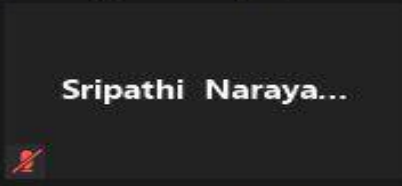






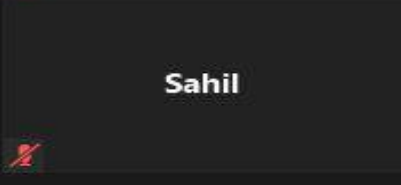


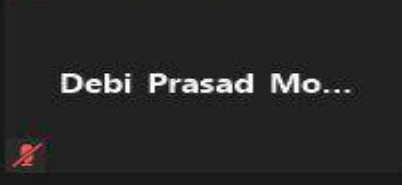



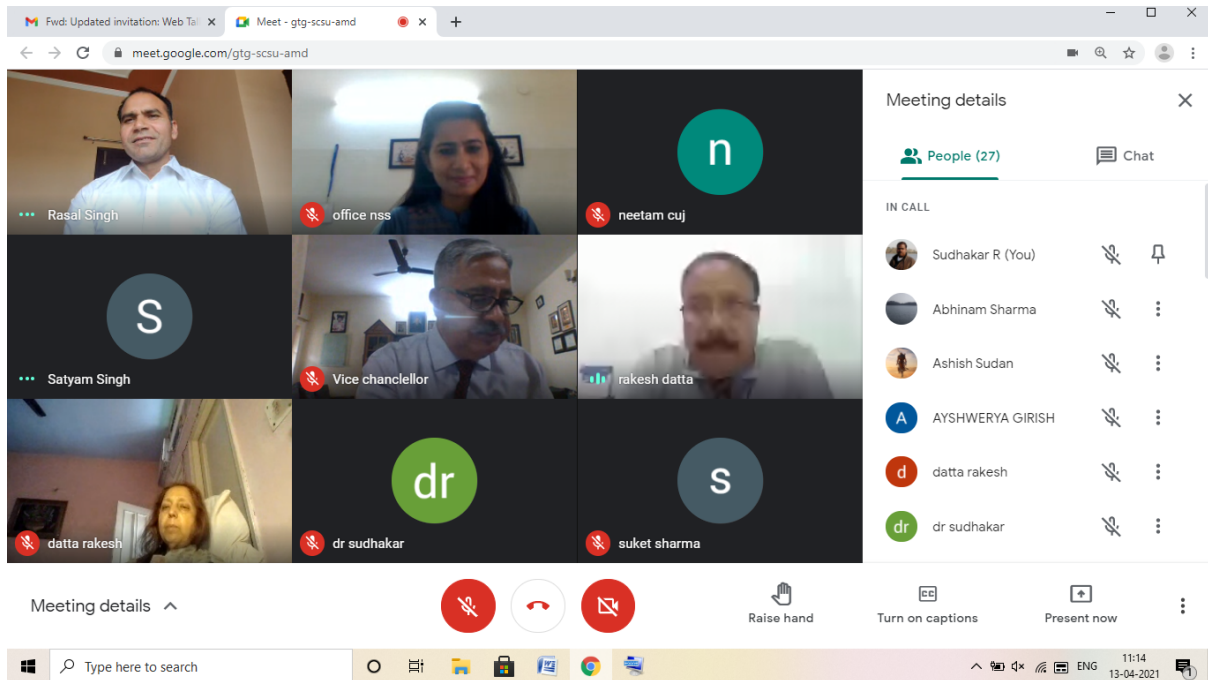
The Department of National Security Studies organised a webinar on “India’s Maritime Security: Indian Ocean and Beyond” to examine emerging challenges and strategic responses in the maritime domain. Eminent experts from academia, armed forces, and policy institutions highlighted the Indian Ocean’s growing geopolitical significance, maritime trade routes, and non-traditional threats such as piracy, terrorism, and illegal fishing. Speakers emphasised capacity building, technological modernisation, and regional cooperation as essential pillars of India’s maritime strategy.

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Department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu organized WebTalk

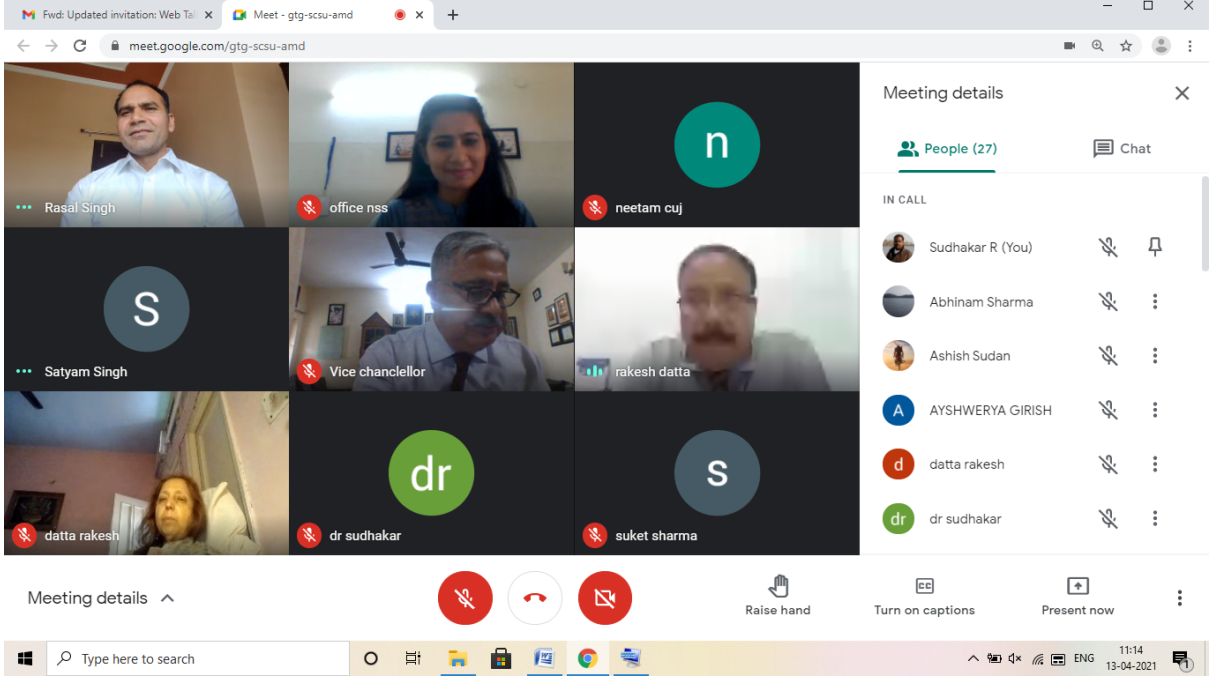


The department of National Security Studies, Central University of Jammu, organised a web talk on “Indo Pacific: A Construct in Offing” on 13th April 2021. Prof. Rakesh Datta, Department of Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh (Member National Security Advisory Board, Standing Member on RM BP R&D) delivered a lecture. Prof. Datta highlighted the strategic significance of the Indo-Pacific region. He mentioned that the geopolitical construct of the ‘Indo-Pacific’ region is not only related to the foreign policy strategies of major powers but also has serious implications for a rising power like India. There is a need of maintaining balance of power by containing China in the Indo-Pacific through India’s rise in the region. Further, the speaker said that this region is becoming a most attractive destination for Foreign Direct Investment, trade, business and several other major business operations. However, there is a desperate need for cooperation in areas such as defence, information sharing, counter-terrorism and peacekeeping. Prof. Datta highlighted that, in the given scenario, where the common threads of geopolitics, geoeconomics and geostrategy are closely intermeshed across the Indian and Pacific oceans, this new conceptualization needs to be accorded deeper consideration. There are conflicting views about the construct and the inclusion of India in it. The Indo Pacific needs to be viewed in the larger perspective of offering more opportunities for cooperation than competition. It is a reflection of the rapidly changing geopolitical reference points. So instead of looking at Indo Pacific idea with some skepticism, it should be best acknowledged, most welcomed and cooperatively promoted in the interest of all. The programme enriched the knowledge of the participants. Dr Neeta, Coordinator of the Department of National Security Studies formally welcomed distinguished guests and moderated the program. Prof. Rasal Singh, Head of the Department of National Security Studies gave his initial remarks on the relevant theme and

highlighted the changing role of India internationally and how India is seen as a global partner by major powers at present. Honourable Vice Chancellor Prof. Ashok Aima in his presidential remarks, while sharing Chinese discernibility in trapping countries through debt diplomacy, was equivocal about bursting of Chinese bubble in the near future with rise of market. The program successfully ended with a vote of thanks by Dr R. Sudhakar, assistant professor Department of National Security Studies.

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय जम्मू



राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग, जम्मू के केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय ने 13 अप्रैल 2021 को "भारत-प्रशांत: ए कंस्ट्रक्ट इन ऑफिंग" पर एक वेब वार्ता आयोजित की। प्रो. रakesh दत्ता रक्षा और राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग, पंजाब विश्वविद्यालय, चंडीगढ़ (सदस्य राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा सलाहकार बोर्ड आर. एम. बी. पी. आर. और डी. पर स्थायी सदस्य) ने व्याख्यान दिया। प्रो. दत्ता ने भारत-प्रशांत क्षेत्र के रणनीतिक महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। उन्होंने उल्लेख किया कि भारत-प्रशांत क्षेत्र का भू-राजनीतिक निर्माण न केवल प्रमुख शक्तियों की विदेश नीति रणनीतियों से संबंधित है; बल्कि भारत जैसी बढ़ती शक्ति के लिए गंभीर निहितार्थ भी है। क्षेत्र में भारत के उदय के माध्यम से भारत-प्रशांत क्षेत्र में चीन को शामिल करके शक्ति संतुलन बनाए रखने की आवश्यकता है। इसके अलावा क्ता ने कहा कि यह क्षेत्र प्रत्यक्ष विदेशी निवेश, अंतर्राष्ट्रीय व्यापार और कई अन्य प्रमुख व्यावसायिक कार्यों के लिए सबसे आकर्षक गंतव्य बनता जा रहा है। हालांकि रक्षा सूचना साझाकरण आतंकवाद और शांति रक्षा जैसे क्षेत्रों में सहयोग की सख्त जरूरत है। प्रो. दत्ता ने इस बात पर प्रकाश डाला कि दिए गए परिदृश्य में जहां भू-राजनीति, भू-अर्थशास्त्र और भू-आकृति के सामान्य सूत्र पूरे भारतीय और प्रशांत महासागरों में घनिष्ठ रूप से जुड़े हुए हैं। इस नए संकल्पना पर गहन विचार करने की आवश्यकता है। भारत के निर्माण और इसमें शामिल होने के बारे में परस्पर विरोधी विचार हैं। प्रतियोगिता की तुलना में सहयोग के लिए अधिक अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए भारत-प्रशांत को बड़े परिप्रेक्ष्य में देखने की आवश्यकता है। यह तेजी से बदलते भू-राजनीतिक संदर्भ बिंदुओं का प्रतिबिंब है, इसलिए भारत-प्रशांत के विचार को कुछ संशयवाद के साथ देखने के बजाय इसे सभी के हित में सबसे अच्छी तरह से स्वीकार किया जाना चाहिए सबसे स्वागत और सहकारी रूप से इसे बढ़ावा दिया जाना चाहिए। कार्यक्रम ने प्रतिभागियों के ज्ञान को समृद्ध किया। राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग की समन्वयक डॉ. नीता ने विशिष्ट अतिथियों का औपचारिक स्वागत किया और कार्यक्रम का संचालन किया। राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग के प्रमुख प्रो. रसाल सिंह ने

संबंधित विषय पर अपनी प्रारंभिक टिप्पणी दी। माननीय कुलपति प्रो. अशोक आइमा ने अध्यक्षीय भाषण दिया। राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा अध्ययन विभाग के सहायक प्रोफेसर डॉ. आर. सुधाकर के धन्यवाद प्रस्ताव के साथ कार्यक्रम सफलतापूर्वक समाप्त हुआ।

A lecture on the **Role of Women in the Border Security Force (BSF)** was organised by the Department of National Security Studies on 3 October 2022. The event highlighted the increasing participation of women in guarding India's borders and maintaining internal security. Speakers discussed their courage, discipline, and leadership in challenging terrains and high-risk operations. The programme also emphasised equal opportunities, training, and welfare measures for women personnel, inspiring students to consider careers in the BSF and other security services.



TRENDING NOW

Tharoor meets Kharge, Rahul

PTTI, CUJ hold workshop on 'Security Challenges'

By **Daily Excelsior** - October 15, 2022



ADGP Mukesh Singh speaking during the workshop organised at Central University of Jammu in Samba on Friday. [Kashmir Local Events](#)



Excelsior Correspondent

SAMBA, Oct 14: Police Technical Training Institute (PTTI) Vijaypur in collaboration with Central University Jammu (CUJ), Department of National Security Studies organized a two days capacity building workshop for Police Officers on the topic "Major Security Challenges in view of emerging 5G Technology", here today. The workshop has been organized on the directions of DGP, Dilbag Singh after the implementation of 5G Technology. Mukesh Singh, ADGP Jammu Zone and Prof Sanjeev Jain, Vice Chancellor, Central University of Jammu inaugurated the workshop which was attended by 25 Officers of J&K Police at Central University Jammu.

The ADGP Jammu presented a detailed note on the working of 5G Technology and the possible threats to the security scenario of J&K Union Territory. He has directed Police officers to upgrade their skills so as to deal with cyber crime effectively.

Prof Sanjeev Jain discussed merits and demerits of this 5G Technology during the workshop.

Khalil Ahmed Poswal, Principal PTTI Vijaypur gave the welcome address and also presented an introductory note during the event. Dr J. Jaganaathan, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of National Security Studies, CUJ coordinated today's conference.

Eminent personalities who spoke and shared their experiences in the conference include Dr Chaitanya Giri, Consultant Policy Diplomacy (RIS), New Delhi, Nimit Dixit, Advocate and Cyber Law Consultant, New Delhi, Dr Harneet Kour, Research Associate, ISRO, CUJ and Dr Misbah Shafi, Research Associate, ISRO, CUJ.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

Conferences/Lectures/Educational field visits

- 1 The Department of National Security Studies and Office of Dean students' Welfare, Central University of Jammu, in collaboration with Jammu Kashmir Study Circle, organised SANKALP DIWAS on theme *“PoJK & POTL ka Sanskritik avum Samrik Mahotsav”* on 21.02.2024.





Title: Empowering the Future: National Security and the Emergency Role of Young Voters
Date: 13/3/2024

The Department of National Security Studies organised an event titled “Empowering the Future: National Security and the Emergency Role of Young Voters.” The session examined how youth participation in elections shapes security policies, addresses emerging threats, and strengthens democratic resilience, emphasising informed civic engagement as vital to the nation’s long-term stability.



TRENDING NOW

Oppn braces up to corner Govt in Assembly; Cong says will stick to 'alliance dharma'

CUJ organizes Thursday Mind Meet on 'Defence Indigenization and Vision: Viksit Bharat @2047'

By **Daily Excelsior** - March 22, 2024





Guests along with faculty and students of CUJ during University's weekly program Thursday Mind Meet.

Excelsior Correspondent

JAMMU, Mar 21: The Department of National Security Studies (NSS), Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of Vice-Chancellor Prof Sanjeev organized Thursday Mind Meet on the theme "Defence Indigenization and Vision Viksit Bharat @2047".

Thursday Mind Meet is a weekly program of Central University of Jammu to promote learning and critical thinking through interactive discussions, knowledge sharing, and interdisciplinary approach.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Prof Ritu Bakshi (Head, Department of NSS) and co-convenor of the program. Prof Vandana Sharr convenor of the program delivered special remarks.

Lt Col (Dr) Adarsh Sharma (Retired) was the keynote speaker for today's event. There were four panelists from the Department namely Abhigya Langeh and Shubham Singh Charak, Col Ravi Ji Raina and Soosan Sara Baby. Lt Col Sharma delivered an enlightening lecture on Defence Indigenization and Vision Viksit @2047. He emphasized on the principles of self-reliance, self-sufficiency, and defence indigenization, seeing their significance in addressing the evolving national security.

He highlighted the significance of defence indigenization in safeguarding national interest. The speaker stressed on the crucial importance of promoting de indigenization and collaboration between academia and young individuals to stimulate economic growth and shape India's future as a global leader.

The panelists highlighted several crucial points on defence indigenization, including the role of women, modernization of the navy, and the relevance of Ma India.

The Q&A segment of the session initiated interaction among faculty, scholars, and students from various departments. Dr R Sudhakar (Associate Professor) Ekta Manhas (Assistant Professor) coordinated the event.

Dr Sudhakar delivered vote of thanks while Dr Neeta Rani (Associate Professor) and Dr Anuradha Chaudhary (Assistant Professor) organized the event. Akri

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Central University Jammu Hosts Lecture On India's Security And Foreign Policies By Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy

By **Bold News Online Desk**

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On **Nov 23, 2024**

Samba, 22 November 2024: Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy, Honorable Chancellor, Central University of Jammu, visited for the 9th meeting of the Court in the CU Jammu Campus.

He was warmly received by the Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, and The Registrar, Prof. Yashwant Singh.

As part of the visit, the Chancellor delivered a special lecture titled "Development and Changes in Foreign and Security Policies in India" focused on assessing the dynamic transformations occurring in India's external environment. In a welcome address at the beginning of the special lecture, Prof. Yashwant Singh, Registrar, CU Jammu highlighted the Chancellor's achievements as a seasoned diplomat and renowned scholar. He also highlighted the importance of the special lecture and foreign policy in the ever-evolving geopolitical landscape. The Registrar conveyed sincere appreciation to Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Honorable Vice Chancellor, CU Jammu for his unwavering support and visionary guidance for the event. Further, the Registrar also acknowledged the role of the Department of National Security Studies in organising this lecture and expressed gratitude to Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor of the department for his contributions as a coordinator of the event.

Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy, Honorable Chancellor during the lecture recalling his ambassadorial tenure in the USSR, the Chancellor divulged how the Pakistan-China alliance had evolved during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, posing a threat to India's foreign and security policy in the subsequent period. He also mentioned how India successfully

countered this two-front challenge. He emphasized that Pakistan is less relevant in India's security calculations in the contemporary period. However, with China's help, especially in the nuclear domain, Pakistan poses a tangible level of threat to India.

The Chancellor also delved into the changing dynamics at the global level and the challenges and opportunities they pose to India. He assessed India's neighborhood with respect to Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan. The instability in Pakistan has resulted from its long-term policies, and this instability, he stressed, has been generating scepticism in China as well. China's long-term policy against India is marked by unsuccessful attempts for low-cost pressure to diminish India's economy. With Donald Trump's recent victory, India is projected to have a good relationship with the US compared to the outgoing Democrat President. Further he mentioned that establishing robust ties with the Gulf countries has been another achievement of India's diplomacy over the years and India has leveraged its maritime ties in forging strong ties in the energy and economic sector in this region. The millions of India's expatriate population in the Gulf region is another asset to India's economy and diplomacy. The Chancellor also held that India's performance in the international system is based on its impressive economic growth in the post-liberalization period. The international institutions have been projecting the brighter prospects for this growth. This

becomes important as strong foreign policy and bold negotiations of a nation are dependent on its economic power.

Concluding the lecture, Amb. (Retd.) G. Parthasarathy emphasized that any country's dynamic foreign policy should rely on its national interest, which is based on its national consensus. India has been successful in forging a consensus over national interest and balancing its economic resilience and defence preparedness.

The lecture was followed by interesting questions from the audience about India's contemporary issues with Pakistan and China. Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean of Students' Welfare, CU Jammu, delivered a formal vote of thanks. She extended her gratitude to the Honorable Chancellor for the engaging and profoundly insightful lecture. She also expressed her gratitude for the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sanjeev Jain, acknowledging his significant contributions to the development of the Central University of Jammu.

The event was anchored by Ms. Abhigya Langeh, research scholar at the Department of National Security Studies, CUJ.



Title: Lecture Series on Global Security Dynamics
Date: 28-11-2025



Event Title: Vijay Diwas--Strategic Brilliance of 1971 War: Lessons for India in Contemporary Times Date: 16/12/2025

The Department of National Security Studies organized a “Vijay Diwas Lecture” titled “Vijay Diwas – Strategic Brilliance of 1971 War: Lessons for India in Contemporary Times” on 16 December 2025. Colonel Ajat Shatru, as guest speaker, highlighted operational brilliance, diplomatic leverage, and jointmanship in 1971, drawing vital lessons for India’s contemporary security challenges.





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Central University of Jammu organizes Thursday Mind Meet on the theme “Contemporary Cyber Security Challenges in J&K”

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JAMMU: The Department of National Security Studies (NSS) at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the esteemed patronage of Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, successfully organized the Thursday Mind Meet (TMM) on the theme “Contemporary Cyber Security Challenges in Jammu and Kashmir.” TMM, a flagship weekly initiative of CU Jammu, is dedicated to fostering learning and critical thinking through interactive discussions, knowledge-sharing, and an interdisciplinary approach.

The event began with a cordial welcome address by Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor at NSS, followed by distinguished remarks from Prof. Vandana Sharma, the Convenor of TMM. Dy SP Priyanka from the Cyber Cell, J&K Police, served as the keynote speaker. The panel featured four members from the University: Dr. Palak Mahajan, Assistant Professor at the School of Engineering, Ms. Akriti Uppal and Mr. Vivek Kumar (Doctoral students) and Mr. G. Sumanth, (M.A. student).

Deputy Superintendent of Police Mrs Priyanka delivered the lecture, discussing how cyber security has been a significant topic for nearly a decade, but many people are ignorant of its crucial importance. While technology improvements have unquestionably improved efficiency and convenience, they have also increased the amount of threats. In fact, these hazards are becoming so common that they are beginning to overshadow the advantages of digital technology.

Cybersecurity challenges have not only grown in number but also in complexity and variety. Addressing these challenges requires a greater emphasis, especially for vulnerable

populations, such as financially disadvantaged individuals who rely on many digital accounts for transactions. Cybersecurity dangers are increasing at an alarming rate, with terrorist groups using platforms like Telegram to recruit members and develop local networks. Furthermore, incidences of financial fraud, identity theft, and illegal trading are increasing, emphasizing the critical need for strong security measures.

Further, she stressed how a large number of women have come forward to describe being targeted by cybercrime, such as data theft and privacy breaches. These crimes vary from illegal access to personal information to increasingly serious kinds of digital harassment, emphasizing the critical need for greater cybersecurity and legislative safeguards to secure women's online safety and privacy. People need to be aware of all of these actions and put an end to them since they make no sense. Authorities have implemented laws to help individuals protect themselves from cybercrimes. It is essential for people to familiarize themselves with these regulations and learn how to apply them effectively for their digital security.

The discussion was followed by lectures by the other members of the panel. Dr Palak Mahajan spoken on the topic “Security and Artificial Intelligence”, Ms Akriti Uppal spoke on “Cybersecurity and Women in J&K: Addressing Targeted Treats and Ensuring Digital Safety”, Mr Sumanth spoke on “Digital Illiteracy and Cybercrime Vulnerability” while Vivek Kumar spoke on “The Socio-economic: Impact of cybersecurity in J&K”.

The Q&A session facilitated meaningful interactions among faculty members, scholars, and students from various departments. Dr. Tilak Raj Sharma, Assistant Professor, delivered the Vote. Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor, efficiently coordinated the event. Neeta Rani, Head of the Department, along with Dr Anuradha Choudhary and Dr Prasanta Kumar Sahu, contributed to organizing the event. Mr. Gurpreet from NSS adeptly fulfilled the role of emcee, ensuring the smooth conduct of the proceedings.

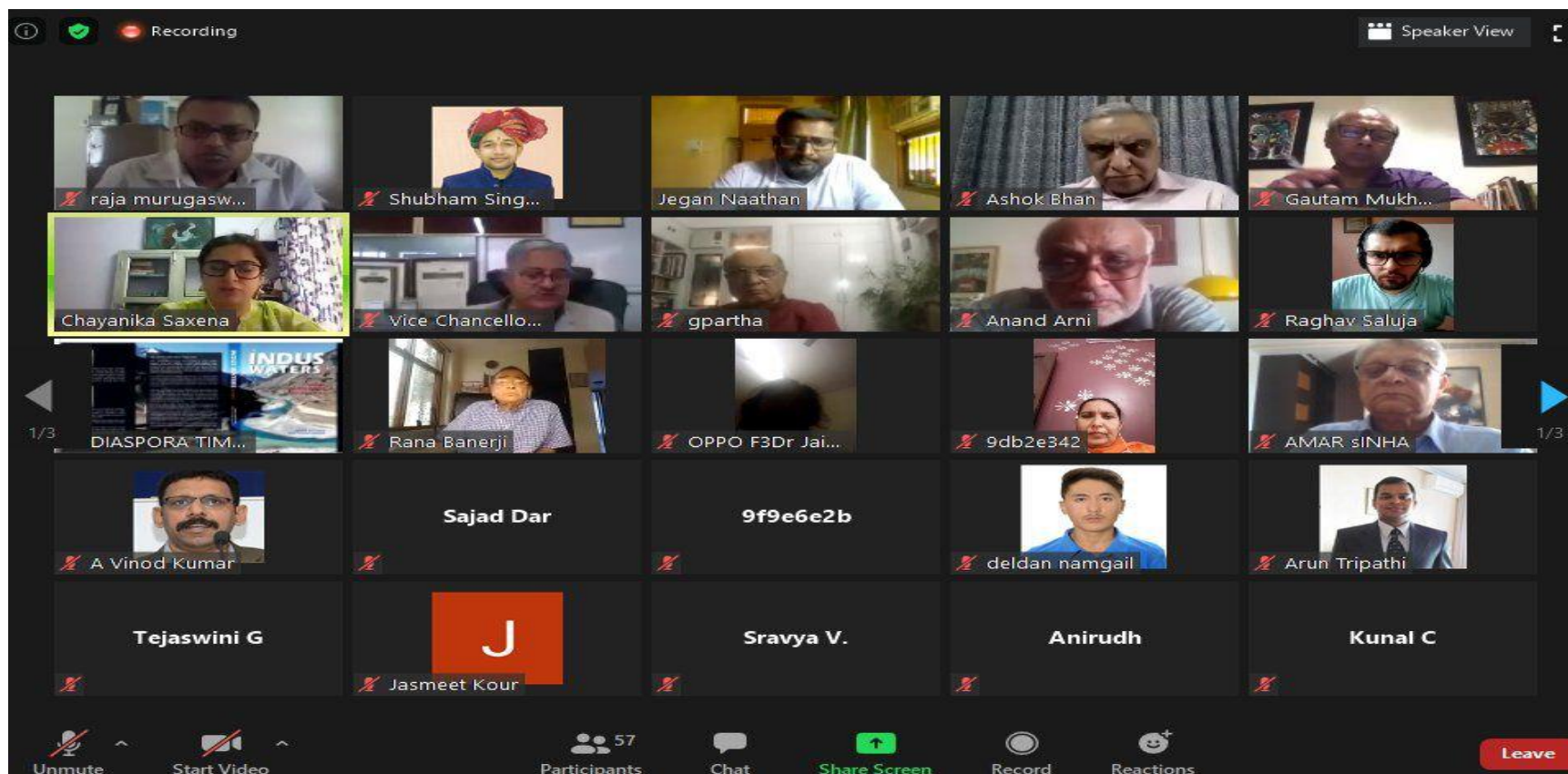
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The Department of National Security Studies organised a guest lecture titled “*The Neo-Taliban: The Whats, Whys & Hows*” on 6 September 2020 through online mode. The session examined the evolution of the Neo-Taliban, their ideological motivations, organizational changes, and strategic objectives. Speakers highlighted regional security implications, emerging threats, and policy challenges.





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Central University of Jammu hosts inspiring expert talk on “Nation First: My Role” & “Know Your Army” with esteemed Army veterans

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- ***Event highlights Operation Sindoor, National Security, and Nation-Building under the patronage of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain***

JAMMU: The Office of Dean Students' Welfare (DSW) and the Department of National Security Studies (NSS) at the Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the esteemed patronage of Honourable Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organised an Expert Talk on the theme “*Nation First: My Role*” and “*Know Your Army*”. Two prominent army veterans, Lt. Gen. Jagbir Singh Cheema (Retd.) and Brigadier (Retd.) Harcharan Singh, VSM, graced the occasion.

The event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Neeta Rani, Head of the Department, NSS. She highlighted the relevance of the theme in the backdrop of the current national security landscape. She also introduced the speakers. Prof. Ritu Bakshi, Dean Students' Welfare provided a detailed overview of the programme.

In an enlightening discourse, speaker Lt. Gen. J.S. Cheema (Retd.) shed light on the strategic execution and implications of Operation Sindoor, calling it a landmark in India's modern warfare history. Framing it within the broader national security architecture, he explained how India, post-Operation Sindoor, took the unprecedented step of suspending the Indus Water Treaty, thereby asserting a more assertive stance in the face of cross-border terrorism.

He emphasized how India has established a “New Normal” in responding to terrorist threats—marked by precision-based, non-escalatory strikes deep into Pakistan's territory. He

provided a day-by-day account of the operation, detailing targets, timelines, and India's calibrated strategic messaging. He also discussed India's weapon system. Drawing comparisons, he questioned the credibility of Pakistan's weapon systems while highlighting India's superior operational readiness and credible deterrence posture.

The General also hailed the multi-domain "Network-Centric Approach" adopted during Operation Sindoor as a benchmark in modern military doctrine, showcasing India's preparedness to thwart offensive moves and strike decisively when required. In his concluding remarks, he discussed the strategic implications of the operation—highlighting India's strategic autonomy, psychological victory and deep-strike capability—while cautioning about information warfare tactics deployed by adversaries to distort perception and morale.

Brigadier (Retd.) Harcharan Singh, VSM, in his address, shifted the focus towards nation building and environmental consciousness through the lens of the armed forces. Speaking on "*Environmental Awareness: Role of Army in Nation Building*", he opened by saluting "Nari Shakti", emphasizing the critical role of women in national development and defence. He lauded the indigenous success of the Make in India initiative achieved during Operation Sindoor and connected environmental principles in terms of security with Indian culture, national interest and the role of the army.

Brigadier Singh offered a wide-ranging geopolitical overview, analyzing India's security dynamics in relation to the USA, Russia, China, Pakistan and Bangladesh. He also discussed regional rivalries, hybrid threats, and the broader strategic ecosystem affecting India. Highlighting concerns such as the Two-Nation Theory, psychological warfare, infiltrator and termites nexus and the broader strategic nexus between Pakistan, China and Bangladesh. He underlined the complex security challenges India is facing. In his concluding remarks, he charted a visionary path forward rooted in the performing fundamental duties under Article 51A of the Constitution, rising above partisan divides, empowering youth, and embracing the "Nation First" approach in all spheres of life.

Dr. Anuradha Choudhary moderated the interactive Q&A session and also delivered a vote of thanks. She expressed gratitude to both the speakers. She also extended her gratitude to Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, Prof. Ritu Bakshi, DSW and Dr. Neeta Rani, HOD, NSS, for organising this event. This event reflected CUJ's commitment to fostering strategic awareness, civic responsibility and intellectual engagement on matters of national importance among students and the wider academic community.

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CUJ Organises Lecture on “Defence and Strategic Studies in Journalism Perspective: Scope and Relevance”

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The Department of National Security Studies (NSS), Central University of Jammu (CUJ), under the patronage of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Jain, organized a special lecture today on “Defence and Strategic Studies in Journalism Perspective: Scope and Relevance”. The lecture was delivered by Prof. (Retd.) V. Natarajan, formerly Head of the Department, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu. The session commenced with a warm and heartfelt welcome address by Dr. Anuradha Choudhary, Assistant Professor, NSS, who highlighted the pivotal role of media in reporting issues related to defence, national security, and strategic affairs. She emphasized that informed and responsible journalism is essential in shaping public understanding of national and international security concerns. This was followed by an introduction of the distinguished guest by Dr. M. Venkataraman, Prof., NSS, CU Jammu, who introduced the distinguished speaker, Dr. V. Natarajan, Retired Professor, lauding him as an experienced, versatile, and accomplished academician, journalist, and filmmaker. He underlined the growing significance of journalism and mass communication in the contemporary information-driven world, especially in the context of national security and defence reporting.

Dr. Neeta Rani, HOD, NSS, while setting the thematic tone for the session, remarked on the contemporary relevance of defence journalism and geopolitics. She outlined the career opportunities available for young scholars and professionals in the field, encouraging students to explore defence reporting as a specialized and



impactful domain.

In his special lecture, Dr. V. Natarajan offered an insightful overview of the intersection between Defence and Strategic Studies and Journalism, emphasizing its growing relevance in contemporary media. Drawing on the conflict dynamics of Jammu and Kashmir, he underscored the media's responsibility to remain informed, ethical, and balanced while reporting on sensitive security issues. He highlighted the importance of defence journalism in shaping public opinion, informing policy, and reporting on global conflicts with accuracy and responsibility. Dr. Natarajan discussed key aspects of military strategy, international relations, and media ethics, stressing the need to balance national security imperatives with the public's right to information. Concluding his address, he spoke on emerging trends in investigative and defence reporting, and the educational and professional opportunities available in journalism focused on strategic and security affairs.

Dr. R. Sudhakar, Associate Professor, NSS, CUJ moderated the Q & A session and facilitated the interactive discussion

that focused on media ethics, national security, and defence communication. As a token of appreciation the Guest Speaker was felicitated with a memento by the Department of NSS.

The formal proceedings came to a close with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Ekta Manhas, Assistant Professor, NSS, CUJ, who acknowledged the patronage of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Sanjeev Jain and the convenors of the programme Prof M. Venkataraman and Dr. R. Sudhakar for organizing such events. Dr. Ektha further lauded the contribution of the distinguished speaker and all faculty members for extending their cooperation in making the event a grand success. Special thanks was extended to research scholars and participants in making the event successful. The event brought together students, scholars, and faculty members of other departments to explore the interdisciplinary intersections between defence studies, strategic affairs, and the field of journalism and mass communication. The event was well-received and appreciated for its academic depth and contemporary relevance.