



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND STRATEGIC STUDIES

HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



Himachal Pradesh University was established by an act of the legislative assembly of HP on July 22, 1970 as a response to the needs and aspirations of the UT, poised for full statehood in the Union of India on January 25, 1971. It is the only multi-faculty residential and affiliating university in the state that provides higher education to urban, rural and tribal areas through formal and distant modes.

The headquarter of the university is located at Summer Hill, the picturesque suburb of Shimla. The university has total area of 241 bighas with stately buildings set among rhododendron, silver oak, pine and deodar trees.

It affords a salubrious climate and congenial atmosphere for reflection, study, and research. The prime objective of the university is to disseminate knowledge and advance learning and understanding through research, training, and extension programs. It instills in its students and teachers a conscious awareness regarding the social and economic needs, cultural ethos, and future requirements of the state and the country.

ABOUT DEPARTMENT

The Department of Defence and Strategic Studies was established at Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla in 2020. The department has so far started post-graduation course of two years in Defence & Strategic Studies and plans to begin PhD also in the discipline.

The department provides a significant platform for academic studies in the field of national security and strategic areas, and promoting military education along with a culture of research amongst students from different backgrounds. The approach to the areas of study is interdisciplinary and encompasses strategic thought, international relations, national security, theory and practice of war, military history, war studies, defence economics, science and technology, military sociology and psychology, international law, conflict resolution, and peace studies and many other domains are explored in this discipline. The students from different disciplines such as social sciences, humanities, commerce, and sciences opt for this course for their academic excellence and bright career opportunities.

During this course, students interact with different area experts and resource persons through seminars, conferences, lectures, and workshops organised by the department and other research institutes. The students also explore the opportunity to visit various research organisations, think tanks, military establishments, historical places and war museums. The department is bound to establish a rich tradition of academic excellence and a better understanding of India's security requirements.

Chairperson's Message



Dr Abha Chauhan Khimta
Department of Defence and Strategic Studies

Welcome to the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies!

Our department is committed to fostering a deeper understanding of national security, strategic thoughts, military history, and geopolitical developments that shape our world today. Situated in the serene hills of Shimla, our department offers a unique environment for academic inquiry and critical thinking on issues of national security, national defence, strategy, and international relations.

In an era marked by rapidly evolving global security challenges, our objective is to prepare students to analyse complex strategic environments, engage with policy frameworks, and contribute meaningfully to national and international discourse. Through rigorous academic programs, research initiatives, seminars and collaborations, we aim to equip our students with both theoretical knowledge and practical insights. We take pride in our interdisciplinary approach drawing from social sciences to provide a holistic perspective on defence and strategic affairs. Our faculty members are dedicated scholars and mentors who guide students in pursuing excellence in academics, research and civil or defence services.

I encourage prospective students, researchers and collaborators to explore the opportunities offered by our department. Together, we can contribute to a more secure and informed society.

Faculty Message



Dr. Ashok Kumar
Assistant Professor

Dear Students,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies at Himachal Pradesh University. We are passionate about our subject and dedicated to providing our students with a rich - and rewarding learning experience. In our department, students have the opportunity to engage with cutting edge research, participate in stimulating discussions, and collaborate with experts in the field. Whether you are interested in national security policy, military strategy, conflict resolution, or global geopolitics, our diverse range of courses and resources will help you develop the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in your chosen career path.

The department is committed to providing comprehensive education and research opportunities in the fields of defence, security, and strategic studies. The department was established with the aim of nurturing future leaders and experts in defence and strategic affairs. Our department offers a dynamic academic environment that encourages critical thinking, innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration. With a diverse faculty comprising experienced scholars and practitioners, we strive to impart both theoretical knowledge and practical insights to our students.

MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



Organised two days ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on the theme "**India's National Security: Military Challenges, Management and Responses**" with distinguished guests Lt. Gen. S.S. Mahal GOC-in-C, ARTRAC Shimla, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S.P. Bansal & Prof. Arvind K. Bhatt and others



One Day National Seminar themed on "**India and South Asia: Understanding the Border as a Hindrance**" with distinguished guests- Lt. Gen. J. S. Sandhu, Chief of Staff, ARTRAC; Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. S. P. Bansal, Maj. Gen. Amarjit Singh, Maj. Gen. Shammi Raj, Prof. Baljit Singh and Col. Amit Vig and others.



Glimpse of "G20 University Connect" programme hosted by Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla with "Research and Information System (RIS) for Developing Countries, G20 India, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India" managed by Department of Defence and Strategic Studies at HPU Auditorium



A Special Lecture on the "Contemporary International Strategic Environment: Challenges to International Peace and Security" Organised by the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, HPU, Shimla resource person Prof. Kamal Kinger, from Punjabi University, Patiala with Dr. Vikas Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar & Students of the Department



Special Lecture with ARTRAC, Shimla



Special Lecture on Strategic views of J.F.C. Fuller & Liddell Hart on Warfare and Pakistan's Fault Lines & Risks

Glimpse of Special Lecture on 'Strategy view of JFC Fuller & Liddell Hart and Pakistan's Fault Lines and Risk' with Brig. Harish V. Singh, VSM.



SPECIAL LECTURE

on

Strategy and Tactics of Jomini & Clausewitz on War



Glimpse of Special Lecture on 'Strategy and Tactics of Jomini & Clausewitz on War' with Maj. Gen. (Retd.) Amarjit Singh, Director, Gyan Chakra Think Tank.



Glimpses of a Special Lecture on **"Career Opportunities for Defence Aspirants"** organised to mark Foundation Week of Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla-5 with resource person Sqn. Leader Anupam Arora, 44 SQN. IAF, Chandigarh



Glimpse of Special Lecture on **"India - China Himalayan Boarder lands"** with Prof. Boaz Atzili, American University, Washington DC, USA with Students, Research Scholars and Faculty Members of Defence and Strategic Studies, HPU, Shimla

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1. Abstract can be in English or Hindi
2. Word Limit - 100-150
3. Deadline - 15th May, 2024

Full Paper Submission Guidelines

1. The word limit: 2000 - 2500
2. Language: British English or Hindi
3. Upto 15 % plagiarism allowed
4. Duration of Each Presentation-15 min

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The Department of Defence and Strategic Studies organised an International Conference on "Human Security and Global Governance" in collaboration with IIHSG, New Delhi.



One day National Seminar was organised on "India's G-20 Presidency and the Global Vision" with distinguished speaker Prof. Ashutosh Kumar, Prof. Ashok Acharya, Prof. Harish K. Thakur, Prof. Mamta Mokta, Prof. Rajkumar, Prof. Joginder Saklani, Dr. Ashok Kumar & others.

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**Cordially Invites to Join
LECTURE SERIES**

Subject: Chinese Strategic Culture and Chinese Thinking on Managing Borders Crises

DIRECTOR
Maj. Gen. Amarjit Singh
Veteran Indian Army
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RESOURCE PERSON
Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Mandeep Singh
Veteran Indian Army
Fellow, UCC, New Delhi


CHAIRMAN
Dr. Vikas Singh
Dept. of Defence and Strategic Studies
HP University, Shimla


Date : November 22, 2023 Time : 11am onwards Platform : Google MEET


Organised by: Gyan Chakra Think Tank, Chandimandir with DSS, HPU & Stakeholders



The Department of Defence and Strategic Studies organised a special lecture on "Chinese Strategic Culture & Chinese Thinking on Managing Border Crises" resource person Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Mandeep Singh, SM, VSM, Maj. Gen. Amarjit Singh, Dr. Vikas Singh, Dr. Ashok Kumar & Students of the Department.


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HIMACHAL PRADESH UNIVERSITY, SHIMLA
 Cordially Invites You to Attend
SPECIAL LECTURE
 On
UNDERSTANDING INDIA'S SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE
GEO-POLITICAL REALITIES
RESOURCE PERSON


Prof. Vikas Singh
 Chairman
 Defence & Strategic Studies


Prof. Umrao Singh
 Defence and Strategic Studies
 Punjabi University Patiala



Dr. Ashok Kumar
 Assistant Professor
 Defence & Strategic Studies



Date: 06 Sep. 2024

Time: 1130 Hrs.


VENUE : Room No : 302 Dr Ambedkar Bhawan , HPU




Special Lecture was organised on the **“Understanding India’s Security Problems in the Geo Political Realities”** resource person Prof. Umrao Singh from Punjabi University, Patiala alongwith Chairman Dr. Vikas, Dr. Ashok and Students of the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies.


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SPECIAL LECTURE
 On
Contemporary International Strategic
Environment : Challenges to international peace
and security
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Dr. Vikas Singh
 Chairman
 Defence & Strategic Studies


Prof. Kamal Kinger
 Defence & Strategic Studies,
 Punjabi University Patiala


Dr. Ashok Kumar
 Assistant Professor
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08 April 2024
TIME : 1100 Hrs.
VENUE : Room no : 302 Dr Ambedkar Bhawan , HPU



Special Lecture was organised on the **“Contemporary International strategic Environment: Challenges to International peace and security”** resource person Prof. Kamal Kinger from Punjabi University, Patiala alongwith Chairman Dr. Vikas, Dr. Bhawna, Dr. Mini Pathak, Dr. Ashok and Students of the Department of Defense and Strategic.



An Educational Tour was organised to Indian Air Force Heritage Centre, Chandigarh, Rock Garden, Sukhna lake & Nada Sahib Gurudwara with the students of Defence and Strategic Studies.



An Educational Tour was organised to the Army Heritage Museum & Indian Institute of Advanced Studies with the students of Defence and Strategic Studies.

UMANG 2022

Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, HPU Shimla



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A Fresher's party was organised by the students of Defence and Strategic Studies, HPU Shimla.



Fresher's and Farewell Party was organised by the students of
Defence and Strategic Studies - HPU Shimla

Freshers -cum- Farewell party was organised by
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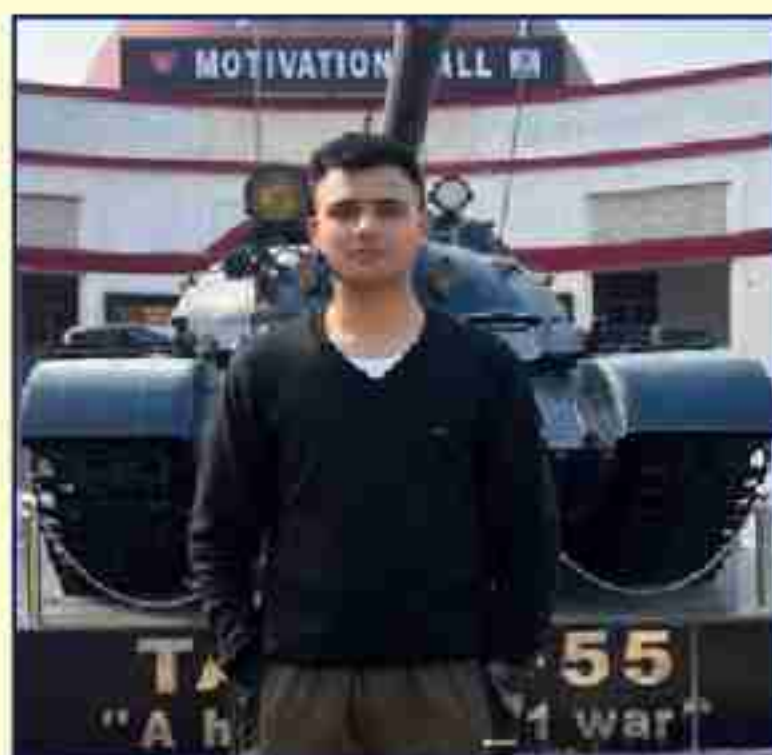


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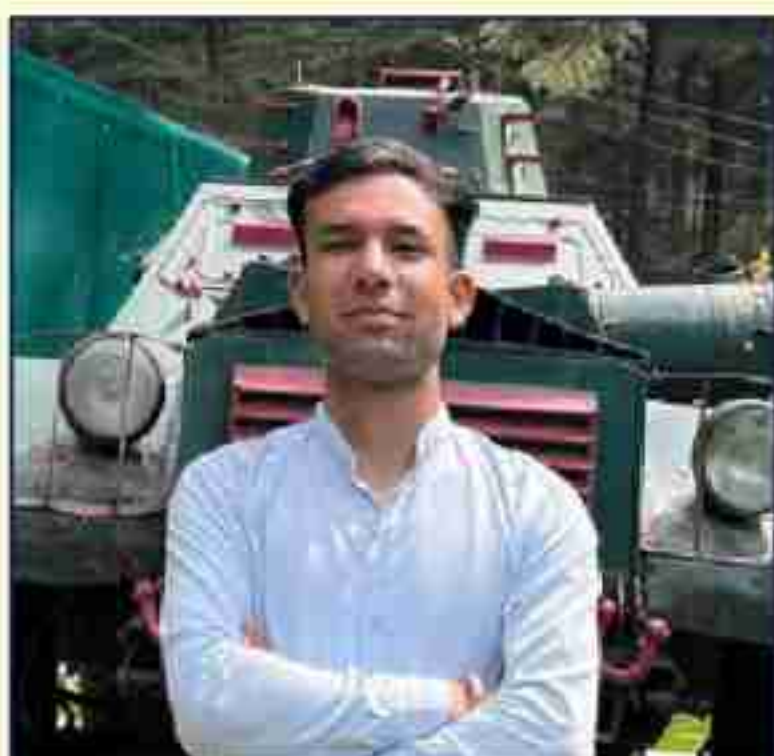
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