

**Amb. Sheel Kant Sharma**  
*Challenges to India's Membership in the Multilateral Export Control Regimes*

**Dr. Manpreet Sethi**  
Senior Fellow, Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi  
*India's Nuclear Diplomacy and its Ramifications for Peace and Stability*

15:25-15:40

Tea/Coffee

**Session VII**

15:40-17:00

**Theme**

: **India and the World**

**Chair**

: **Dr. Vishal R.**  
Deputy Commissioner, Udupi

**Speakers**

: **Dr. Liyaqat Ayub Khan**  
Associate Professor, Department of Civics and Politics,  
University of Mumbai  
*Soft Power and India's Cultural Diplomacy*

**Dr. Pranav Kumar**  
Assistant Professor, Centre for Political Studies,  
Central University of Bihar, Gaya  
*Evolving Contours of India's Africa Policy*

**Dr. H. Vinod Bhat**  
*Leveraging India's Soft Power Potential in the Higher Education Sector*

**Valedictory Session:**

17:00-17:35

**Chair**

: **Prof. M. D. Nalapat**

17:00-17:30

**Valedictory Address**

: **Shri Ram Madhav**  
Director, India Foundation

17:30-17:35

**Vote of Thanks**

: **Dr. Monish Tourangbam**  
Assistant Professor, Department of Geopolitics and IR,  
Manipal University



**National Seminar**  
on  
**India's Foreign Policy Orientations**

**29-30 January 2015**

**Organised by**  
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**Kolkata**

**Venue**  
**Academic Senate Hall, Third Floor**  
**Manipal.edu Building, Manipal University**

## Day I: 29 January 2015 (Thursday)

### Inaugural Session

- 09:30-11:10 **Chair** : **Dr. H. Vinod Bhat**  
Pro Vice Chancellor, Manipal University
- 09:30-09:45 **Welcome Remarks and Overview of the Conference** : **Prof. Arvind Kumar**  
Head, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal University
- Floral Welcome** : **Dr. Ramdas M. Pai**  
Chancellor, Manipal University
- 09:45-09:55 **Overview of Manipal University** : **Dr. K. Ramnarayan**  
Vice Chancellor, Manipal University
- 09:55-10:05 **Overview of MAKAIAS and its Collaborations** : **Dr. Sreeradha Datta**  
Director, MAKAIAS
- 10:05-10:25 **Inaugural Address** : **Dr. Anil Kakodkar**  
Formerly Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission
- 10:25-10:45 **Special Address** : **Ambassador Rakesh Sood**  
Formerly India's Ambassador to Nepal and Afghanistan and Special Envoy of PM on Non Proliferation and Disarmament
- 10:45-11:05 **Keynote Speech** : **Prof. Gopa Kumar**  
Vice Chancellor  
Central University of Kerala
- 11:05-11:10 **Vote of Thanks** : **Dr. Praveen Kumar**  
Associate Professor, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal University
- 11:10-11:30 **Tea/Coffee**

### Session I

- 11:30-13:00 **Theme** : **Evolving Contours of India's Foreign Policy**
- Chair** : **Amb. Sheel Kant Sharma**  
Formerly India's Ambassador to Austria and Representative at IAEA
- Speakers** : **Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra**  
US Studies Programme, School of International Studies (SIS)  
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi  
*Probable Constructive Strategic Indo-US Engagements by 2025 AD*
- Dr. R K Singh**  
Strategic Analyst, New Delhi  
*India's Core Interests in Foreign Policy from Services Point of View*

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

### Session II

- 14:00-15:30 **Theme** : **India's External and Internal Challenges and its Linkages with Foreign Policy**
- Chair** : **Prof. M. D. Nalapat**  
Honorary Director and UNESCO Peace Chair  
Department of Geopolitics and International Relations,  
Manipal University
- Speakers** : **Shri Alok Mohan**  
Additional Director General of Police, Karnataka State  
*Linkages between Foreign Policy and India's Internal Security*
- Dr. Lawrence Prabhakar**  
Associate Professor, Madras Christian College, Chennai  
*India's Maritime Policy and Strategy in the Context of Indo-Pacific Security Architecture*

15:30-15:45 **Tea/Coffee**

### Session III 15:45-17:15

- Theme** : **Understanding India's Neighbourhood Policy-I**
- Chair** : **Prof. Chintamani Mahapatra**
- Speakers** : **Prof. M D Nalapat**  
*India's Evolving Strategy towards China*
- Amb. Rakesh Sood**  
*India's Policy Options in Afghanistan*
- Mr. Sachin Pardhe**  
Lecturer, Department of Civics and Politics  
University of Mumbai  
*India's Foreign Policy towards South Asia: Challenges and Prospects*

## Day II: 30 January 2015 (Friday)

### Session IV 09:30-11:00

- Theme** : **Understanding India's Neighbourhood Policy-II**
- Chair** : **Dr. Sanjay Deshpande**  
Director, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies  
University of Mumbai
- Speakers** : **Prof. Swaran Singh**  
Chairman, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, SIS, JNU  
*Challenges to India's China Policy in the Emerging Geopolitical Dynamics*
- Dr. Sreeradha Datta**  
*Challenges to India's Neighbourhood Policy with a focus on Bangladesh and Sri Lanka*

11:00-11:15

**Tea/Coffee**

### Session V 11:15-12:45

- Theme** : **India's Extended Neighbourhood Policy**
- Chair** : **Dr. Sreeradha Datta**
- Speakers** : **Dr. Sanjay Deshpande**  
*India's Policy towards Russia and Central Asia*
- Dr. Pankaj Jha**  
Director (Research), Indian Council of World Affairs,  
New Delhi  
*Challenges to India's Act East Policy: Evolving Contours*
- Mr. Vignesh Ram**  
Research Scholar, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal University  
*India's Strategic Interests in South East Asia*

12:45-14:00

**Lunch**

### Session VI 14:00-15:25

- Theme** : **Role of Science and Technology in India's Foreign Policy**
- Chair** : **Prof. Swaran Singh**
- Speakers** : **Prof. V Siddhartha**  
Visiting Professor, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal University  
*The Dimensions and Roles of Science & Technology in India's Foreign Policy*