International Conference
on
Changing Dynamics of India's Narrative Diplomacy
25 & 26 February 2026
Organised by: Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts
Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Gurugram, Haryana
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Programme Schedule

Day 1: 25th February 2026

Panel Discussion 1 (10 – 11.30 am)
Narrative Diplomacy: Theory & Praxis
Venue: Shooting Hall, A Block, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University

Moderator
Dr. Nandini Basistha
Associate Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University
Special Guests - Discussants
• **Dr. Aurora Martin**
Associate Professor, Romanian Language Institute, Brusov State University, Yerevan, Armenia
• **Dr. Titipol Phakdeewanich**
Director, Regional Center for Human Rights Study and Coordination & Faculty of Political Science, Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand
• **Dr. Artyom Garin**
Head, Digital Laboratory, Institute of Oriental Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia
• **Anamika Bhattacharjee**
Scholar, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom
• **Cynthia Francis**
Researcher, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Panel Discussion 2 (11.30 am – 12.00 pm)
The Power of Perception: Narrative Diplomacy and Operation Sindoor
Venue: Shooting Hall, A Block, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University

Moderator
Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram, Haryana, India
Special Guest
Dr. Hemang Joshi
Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, Bharatiya Janata Party, Vadodara Lok Sabha Constituency

Parallel Technical Sessions (12 – 1.30 pm)

Technical Session 1 Venue Room No. 003 A Block	Technical Session 2 Venue Room No. 106 A Block	Technical Session 3 Venue Room No. 205 A Block	Technical Session 4 Venue Room No. 008 A Block

Lunch Break (1.30 – 2.30 pm)

Inaugural Session (2.30 – 4.30 pm)

Venue: Shooting Hall, A-Block, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University

Lighting of Lamp & Felicitation of Guests 2.30 – 2.35 pm	
Opening Remarks 2.35 – 2.40 pm	**Dr. Nandini Basistha** Convener & Associate Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University
Inaugural Address 2.40 – 2.50 pm	**Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma** Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram, Haryana, India
Guest of Honour 2.50 – 3.05 pm	**Hon'ble Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar** IFS (Retd.), Executive Council Member, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses; Distinguished Fellow, Ananta Aspen Centre, & Former Ambassador of India to Kazakhstan, Sweden & Latvia
Guest of Honour 3.05 – 3.20 pm	**Dr. Anwesha Ghosh** Research Fellow (Afghanistan), Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi
Keynote Address 3.20 – 3.35 pm	**Prof. Dr. Arvind Kumar** Centre for the Study of the Americas, School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
Chief Guest 3.35 – 3.50 pm	**Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale** In-Charge, Foreign Affairs Department & Member National Executive, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
Presidential Address 3.50 – 4.05 pm	**Padma Bhushan Ram Bahadur Rai** Hon'ble Chancellor, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Gurugram, Haryana
Book Release 4.05 – 4.15 pm	***Stories, Soft Power, and Strategy: India's Narrative Diplomacy in the 21st Century,*** Edited by, Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma & Dr. Nandini Basistha
About the Book 4.15 – 4.25 pm	**Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma** Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram, Haryana, India
Vote of Thanks 4.25 – 4.30 pm	**Dr. Tejee Isha** HoD & Assistant Professor, School of Emerging Media & Communication, SGT University, Gurugram

High Tea (4.30 – 5.30 pm)

Day 2: 26th February 2026

Panel Discussion 3 (10 – 11.30 am)
Changing Dimensions of India's Narrative Diplomacy
Venue: Shooting Hall, A Block, SGT University

Moderator
Dr. Amit K Suman
Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi
Discussants

- **Prof. S. D. Muni**

Professor Emeritus, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Former Ambassador and Special Envoy, Govt. Of India

- **Lt. Col. JS Sodhi (Retd.)**

Editor, Global Strategic & Defence News

- **Dr. Sampa Kundu**

Deputy Director, International Decision, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), New Delhi

- **Prof. Ramdas Rupavath**

Department of Political Science, School of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Central University

- **Prof. Dr. Annapurna R**

Professor & HoD, Faculty of Indian Medical System, SGT University, Haryana

- **Prof. Dr. Alka Parikh**

Director, Centre for field learning, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

- **Prof. Saroj Kumar Verma**

Professor & Head (Retd.), Department of Political Science, Former Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jayaprakash University, Chapra, Bihar

- **Dr. Ravi Rameshchandra Shukla**

Associate Professor, Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

- **Dr. Girisanker SB Nair**

Research Associate, Indian Council of World Affairs, Delhi

Parallel Sessions (11.30 am– 1.30 pm)

Technical Session 5	**Technical Session 6**	**Technical Session 7**	**Technical Session 8**
Venue Room No. 003 A Block	**Venue** Room No. 106 A Block	**Venue** Room No. 205 A Block	**Venue** Online

Lunch Break (1.30 – 2.30 pm)

Valedictory Session (2.30 – 4 pm)

Venue: Shooting Hall, A Block, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University

Inauguration & Felicitation of Guests 2.30 – 2.40 pm	
Anchor & Rapporteur 2.40 – 2.50 pm	**Dr. Shweta Tiwari** Assistant Professor, Dept. of English & Humanities, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University, Gurugram, Haryana
Valedictory Address 2.50 – 3 pm	**Hon'ble Prof. (Dr.) Hemant Verma** Vice-Chancellor, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary (SGT) University, Gurugram, Haryana, India
Guest of Honour 3 – 3.20 pm	**Lt. Gen Shokin Chauhan** PVSM, AVSM, YSM, SM, VSM, PhD, Former DG, Assam Rifles & Former Chairman CFMG, Nagaland, Strategic Advisor to Chairman CAPSI
Chief Guest 3.20 – 3.40 pm	**Shri Vinay Prabhakar Sahasrabuddhe** Vice-Chairman, Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini & Former Member of the Parliament of India
3.40 – 3.55 pm	**Award giving Ceremony**
Vote of Thanks 3.55 – 4.00 pm	**Dr. Nandini Basistha** Convener of the Conference & Associate Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University, Haryana

High Tea (4.00 – 4.30 pm)

Day 1: 25th February 2026

Technical Session 1: India's Narrative Diplomacy: Theory & Praxis

Time 12 am – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 003, A Block

Chairperson: Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas, Asst. Professor, Dept. of International Relations, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Central University of Jharkhand, India
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Tripti Chowdhury, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University
Resource Person: Dr. Abhishek Srivastava, Asst. Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation & Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Paper-Presenters:

1. **NARRAITVES OF BELIEF IN THE POST TRUTH ERA: DISCOURSE, AFFECT AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA**
   Dr. Laxmi Negi, Associate Professor**,** JB Institute of Technology, Uttarakhand
2. **INDIA SPEAKS: REIMAGINING NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY IN GLOBAL POLITICS**
   Prof. Dr. Rajbir Singh, Associate Professor, GGDSD College, Palwal, Haryana
3. **CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF INDIA'S FOREIGN: FROM NON-ALIGNMENT TO MULTI-ALIGNMENT**
   Dr. Mohd Shahzad, Asst. Professor (Political Science), Hamdard Institute of Legal Studies (HILSR), Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi
4. **CIVILIZATIONAL CONSTRUCTIVISM AND THE META-THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS OF INDIA'S NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY POST-2014**
   Anupama, Doctoral Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia
5. **FROM SOFT POWER TO STRATEGIC NARRATIVE: INDIA'S DIPLOMACY IN THE 21ST CENTURY MULTIPOLAR WORLD**
   Neeraj Kumar, PhD. Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, Patna University, Bihar
6. **FROM DHARMA TO DIPLOMACY: INDIA'S EVOLVING NARRATIVE OF STATECRAFT IN A CHANGING WORLD ORDER**
   Dhriti Rana, Student, Dept. of Political Science**,** University of Delhi
7. **INDIA'S SOFT POWER REIMAGINED: NARRATIVES, DIPLOMACY, AND GLOBAL INFLUENCE**
   Khushi, Student, Dept. of Political Science**,** University of Delhi

Technical Session 2: The Narrative Diplomacy of Different Countries

Time 12 – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 106, A Block

Chairperson: Dr. Nazima Parveen, HoD & Associate Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University, Gurugram, India
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Palu Joshi, HoD (PG & Research) & Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Kanoria PG Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jaipur
Resource Person: Dr. Somdatta Banerjee, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, New Alipore College
& **Dr. Abhisek Karmakar**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Galsi Mahavidyalaya, The University of Burdwan

Paper-Presenters:

1. **FROM STRATEGY TO STORY: THE ROLE OF NARRATIVE IN CONTEMPORARY DIPLOMACY**
   Kishore Kumar Behera, Principal (Retd), Government Science College, Odisha
2. **BEYOND NON-INTERFERENCE: BALANCING IDEALS AND INTEREST IN A FRAGILE NEIGHBOURHOOD**
   Devarati Mandal, Asst. Professor**,** New Alipore College, West Bengal
3. **FROM STORIES TO INFLUENCE: THE POWER OF STORYTELLING IN SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION**
   Dr. Maninder Kaur, Asst. Professor, School of Social Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar **& Dr. Pranav Mahajan**, Asst. Professor, School of Social Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar **& Rupal Dutt**, Research Scholar, Dept. of Library and Information Science, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar
4. **UNDERSTANDING DHARMA: ETHICAL FOUNDATION OF BHARATIYA CONSTITUTIONALISM**
   Dr. Anant Prakash, Asst. Professor **& Mr. Ashutosh Prasad,** Student, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
5. **CONFUCIAN AND CHANAKYAN KNOWLEDGE TRADITIONS IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA-CHINA DIPLOMACY**
   Anupam Sharma, Student, Dept. of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi
6. **CONSTRUCTING POWER: HOW NATIONS BUILD LEGITIMACY THROUGH NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Anukriti Sharma & Abhijeet Maurya, Law Student, Christ University, Pune
7. **THE QUESTION OF SUSTAINABLE DIPLOMACY IN THE ERA OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT**
   Daksh Singh, Student, BA (Hons.) Political Science, SHSL, SGT University

Day 1: 25th February, 2026

Technical Session 3: Bollywood and the Impact of Indian Cinema

Time 12 am – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 205, A Block

Chairperson: Dr. Tejee Isha, HoD & Asst. Professor, School of Emerging Media, Communication and Film Studies, SGT University, India

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Ravinder Saini, HoD & Asst. Professor, Dept. of Special Education, Faculty of Education, SGT University, Gurugram

Resource Person: Dr. Mita Howladar, Associate Professor, Dept. of Education, Jadavpur University, Kolkata & **Dr. Kiran Trivedi**, HoD & Associate Professor, Jaipur National University, Jaipur

Paper-Presenters:

1. **BOLLYWOOD'S SOFT POWER: SHAPING INDIA'S NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY ON THE GLOBAL STAGE**
   Dr. Virendra Kumar & Dr. Atul Kumar Mishra, Asst. Professor & **Dr. Abhishek Dubey**, Associate Dean & Asst. Professor, SMCF, SGT University, Gurugram
2. **HER BODY, THEIR BORDER: GENDER, CINEMA AND THE INTIMATE VIOLENCE OF DIPLOMACY**
   Dr. Bijetri Pathak & Partha Debnath, Asst. Professor, Sikkim Manipal University, Majitar, Sikkim
3. **VISUALISING POWER: BOLLYWOOD, STRUCTURES OF FEELING, AND INDIA'S GLOBAL NARRATIVE**
   Dr. Palak Arora, Asst. Professor**,** Dept. of English and Humanities**,** SGT University **& Dr. Manshi Yadav**, Independent Researcher
4. **BEYOND ENTERTAINMENT: BOLLYWOOD AS A MEDIUM OF INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS AND PHILOSOPHICAL THOUGHT**
   Dr. Manita Devi, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Education**,** SGT University
5. **A SURVEY ON THE ROLE OF BOLLYWOOD AND REGIONAL FILMS IN PROMOTING INDIAN KNOWLEDGE AND CULTURAL SUSTAINABILITY**
   Priyanka Yadav, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Special Education, Faculty of Education, SGTU
6. **PROJECTING THE NATION ON SCREEN: BOLLYWOOD, CULTURALREPRESENTATION, AND INDIA'S SOFT DIPLOMACY**
   Dr Arvinder Kaur Pabla, Deputy Director**,** Centre for Excellence for Andragogical and Pedagogical Sciences **& Mr. Tushar,** Asst. Professor**,** Dept. of English & Humanities**,** School of Humanities Social Sciences and Liberal Arts **& Ms. Monika Sharma,** Assistant Director**,** Centre for Excellence for Andragogical and Pedagogical Sciences, SGT University
7. **HOMEBOUND (2025) AND THE ANTI-CASTE: A QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF NARRATIVE MARKERS AND STUDENT INTERPRETATIONS**
   Prathamesh Kamble, PhD Scholar, Amity University Maharashtra
8. **MOTHER INDIA TO MODERN INDIA: GENDERED STORYLINES AND THE DIPLOMACY OF BOLLYWOOD**
   Parul, PhD Research Scholar**,** Amity University Noida, Uttar Pradesh
9. **ETHICS AND DIPLOMACY EMBEDDED IN INDIAN NARRATIVE TRADITIONS: TOWARDS AN INDIGENOUS THEORY OF DIPLOMACY**
   Neha Kumari, Post Graduate Student, Dept. of Political Science, University of Delhi

Technical Session 4:
Buddhist Heritage, Indology and the Indian Knowledge System

Time 12 – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 008, A Block

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr.) Shiladitya Chakraborty, Dept. of Political Science, University of Kalyani

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Twinkal Dogra, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University

Resource Person: Rev. Acharya Yeshi Phuntsok, Mahayana Buddhist Monk & Board Member, Tibetan Cultural Religious Publication Centre

Paper-Presenters:

1. **RECLAIMING THE ASANA: YOGA AS A STRATEGIC TOOL IN THE VISHWAGURU NARRATIVE**
   Dr. Madhuparna Dutta, Associate Professor, New Alipore College, West Bengal
2. **FROM FOLK PERFORMANCE TO SOFT POWER: DHANUYATRA OF BARGARH IN INDIA'S NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Dr. Amita Arora, Associate Professor **& Dr. Anjana Dash,** Asst. Professor **& Chanchal Parmar**, MBA Student, School of Commerce and Management, SGT University
3. **FROM FOLK TRADITION TO FOREIGN POLICY: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS IN INDIA'S NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Ms. Monika Sharma, Assistant Director**,** CEAPS **& Mr. Tushar,** Asst. Professor**,** Dept. of English and Humanities, SHSL, **& Dr Arvinder Kaur Pabla,** Deputy Director, CEAPS, SGT University
4. **कूटनीतिक व्यवहार के सिद्धांतों**
   डॉ. योगेश बाजवान, सहायक प्रोफेसर, रक्षा अध्ययन विभाग, एसडीएस गवर्नमेंट कॉलेज, खरखोदा
5. **INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, CULTURAL DIPLOMACY, AND INDIA'S EVOLVING IPR STRATEGY (BALANCING INNOVATION, HERITAGE PROTECTION, AND GLOBAL DIPLOMACY)**
   Jigyasa Vohra, Research Scholar**,** Jiwaji University
6. **TIMELESS TRADITIONS: THE JOURNEY OF PARAMPARA IN BHARTIYA EDUCATION FROM ANTIQUITY TO MODERNITY**
   Himanshi Kadyan, Academic Scholar**,** Dept. of Political Science**,** University of Delhi
7. **ECOLOGICAL SOFT POWER IN INDIA: INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS FROM TRADITION TO DIPLOMACY**
   Dr. Tanupriya Majumdar, Independent Research Scholar
8. **INDIA'S BUDDHIST DIPLOMACY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: ANALYSING STRATEGIC AND CULTURAL ENGAGEMENTS**
   Anamika Sinha, Research Scholar & **Dr. Shraddha Rishi**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Magadh University, Bodhgaya
9. **ANCIENT CIRCLES, MODERN CHOICES: KAUTILYA AND INDIA'S PATH OF STRATEGIC AUTONOMY**
   Sanjana Prasad, Student, Pondicherry University

Day 2: 26th February 2026

Technical Session 5: Digital Storytelling & Social Media Diplomacy

Time 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 003, A Block

Chairperson: Dr. Papri Chakraborty, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, University of Gour Banga, Malda, West Bengal, India

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Swati Sourav, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University

Resource Person: Dr. Sovik Mukherjee, Asst. Professor of Economics in the Faculty of Commerce and Management and the Course Coordinator of the Course on "Personality Development" at St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

Paper-Presenters:

1. **LANGUAGE DIPLOMACY IN INDIA: CONCEPTUALIZING AND DEBATING ENGLISH VERSUS NATIVE**
   Prof. Sam Nesamony, Professor & HoD, Dept. of English and Humanities, SGT University
2. **EVERYDAY DIGITAL INDIA: HOW VISIBLE TECHNOLOGY SHAPES NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Gunjan Bajaj, Asst. Professor, Maharaja Surajmal Institute, New Delhi
3. **LITERATURE AS NARRATIVE: JAVANESE AND BALINESE RETELLINGS OF THE RAMAYANA AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR STRENGTHENING CONTEMPORARY INDIA-INDONESIA DIPLOMATIC TIES**
   Mr. Deepak, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English and Humanities, SHSL, SGT University
4. **MAGIC REALISM AS NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY: SALMAN RUSHDIE'S DIASPORIC NEGOTIATION OF SUBCONTINENTAL HISTORY IN MIDNIGHT'S CHILDREN**
   Dr. Abdullah Nouman & Ms. Pali Sarkar, Asst. Professor**,** Dept. of English and Humanities, SGT University
5. **INDOLOGY AND INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM: STORYTELLING DIPLOMACY VIA AGE-OLD KNOWLEDGE AND MODERN INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT**
   Sharavan Kumar, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Education**,** SGT University
6. **FROM SACRED TO SONIC: THE NARRATIVE REFRAMING OF "SANSKRIT VOCABULARY" IN POPULAR MUSIC CULTURE**
   Dona Martin, Research Scholar, University of Delhi
7. **LIABILITY OF INTERMEDIARIES FOR "FAKE NEWS": STRENGTHENING THE IT RULES TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL NARRATIVE FROM FOREIGN DISINFORMATION**
   Pratigya Darpe, Research Scholar**,** School of Legal Studies**,** Vikrant University
8. **THE GLOBAL VISION OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE AND INDIAN DIPLOMACY**
   Neha Kapoor, Student, Post Graduate Student, SHSL, SGT University
9. **RABINDRANATH TAGORE: A VOICE OF INDIA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE**
   Angel Susan Saji, Post Graduate Student, SHSL, SGT University
10. **FROM GURUKUL TO FEED: ONLINE GURUKULS, DIGITAL BABAS, AND THE MAKING OF BLIND FAITH**
    Chinki, Student, BA (Hons.) International Relations, SHSL, SGT University

Day 2: 26th February 2026

Technical Session 6: Narratives of Food, Democracy, & Diaspora

Time 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 106, A Block

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr) Suman Vij, Director - Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), & Professor of School of Commerce and Management, SGT University

Co-Chairperson: Dr. Shweta Tiwari, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English & Humanities, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University

Resource Person: Dr. Jayeeta Ray, Associate Professor, Dept. of English, Rabindra Bharati University

& Dr. Vandana Mishra, Director- Research, Empowering Steps Foundation

& Dr. Rachana Sharma, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar

Paper-Presenters:

1. **THE INDIAN DIASPORA AS SOFT POWER: FROM REMITTANCES TO 'BRAND INDIA'**
   Dr. Vinod Malik, Asst. Professor, Government College, Kharkhoda, Haryana
2. **GREEN DEVELOPMENT NARRATIVES AND DEMOCRATIC FUTURES: INDIA'S DIPLOMATIC STORYTELLING IN THE ANTHROPOCENE**
   Dr. Kanika Godara, Asst. Professor, School of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, Shree Guru Gobind Singh Tricentenary University, Gurugram
3. **POVERTY REDUCTION, HEALTH, AND EDUCATION IN BIHAR: AN INTERLINKED DEVELOPMENTAL ANALYSIS**
   Saddam Hussain, Research Scholar**,** Lalit Narayan Mithila University (LNMU), Darbhanga
4. **DIASPORA DIPLOMACY IN A MULTIPOLAR WORLD: CONSTRAINTS AND CHALLENGES**
   Deepika Bhati, PhD Scholar**,** Noida International University**,** Uttar Pradesh
5. **FROM LABORERS TO CULTURAL AMBASSADORS: INDIAN DIASPORA AS INSTRUMENTS OF SOFT POWER IN THE GULF**
   Amit Saha, PhD Scholar, Dept. of Politics & International Studies**,** Pondicherry University **& Adarsha Ranjan Swain,** Student**,** Dept. of Politics & International Studies**,** Pondicherry University
6. **DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT NARRATIVES AND THE CHANGING DETERMINANTS OF VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN INDIAN POLITICS: A CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL STUDY**
   Rupesh Kumar Yadav, Research Scholar**,** Dept. of Political Science, Patliputra University, Patna
7. **SPICE ROUTES TO GLOBAL POLITICS: THE NARRATIVE POWER ON THE PLATE**
   Rabit Kumar & Khushi Mohata, Student**,** University of Delhi, New Delhi
8. **SPICES, SUSTAINABILITY, AND SOFT POWER: INDIA'S CULINARY DIPLOMACY REVISITED**
   Mohd Zaid Irfan, Student, Jamia Millia Islamia
9. **DEFINING THE STRATEGIC MOVES OF DIPLOMACY THROUGH DIASPORA AROUND**
   Shahin Khan, Student, BA (Hons.) Political Science, SHSL, SGT University
10. **THE ROLE OF NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY IN NATION-BRANDING AND ESTABLISHING SOCIAL IDENTITIES (WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE STATE)**
    Surati Chaturvedi, Student, BA (Hons.) International Relations, SHSL, SGT University

Technical Session 7: Challenges & Prospects of Narrative Diplomacy

Time 11.30 am – 1.30 pm Venue: Room No. 205, A Block

Chairperson: Prof. (Dr.) Tanushri Purohit, School of Commerce and Management, SGT University
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Krushna Balajirao Hangargekar, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Gramin (ACS) Mahavidyalaya, Vasantnagar (Kotgyal),Tq. Mukhed Dist. Nanded, Maharashtra
Resource Person: Dr. Shivangi Chaturvedi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English & Humanities, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University

Paper-Presenters:

1. **CULTURAL STRATEGY AND NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY: INDIA – VIETNAM'S SOFT POWER ENGAGEMENT IN ASIA**
   Jyoti, PhD. Scholar**,** Maharshi Dayanand University, Haryana
2. **BECOMING A MAJOR POWER: STRATEGIC NARRATIVES OF INDIAN RESCUE-AND-RELIEF DIPLOMACY**
   Indranil Das, PhD Research Scholar**,** University of Delhi
3. **INDIA'S MARITIME DIPLOMACY: RECENT NARRATIVES AND PRACTICES**
   Santosh Kumar Sahoo, Research Scholar, Utkal University
4. **NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY THROUGH INCLUSIVE TEACHER PREPARATION**
   Abhra Mukhopadhyay, PhD Scholar**,** Faculty of Education, SGT University
5. **NEGOTIATING NATIONAL IDENTITY: COALITION GOVERNANCE AND INDIA'S NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Surinder Kumar, Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, Desh Bhagat University, Punjab
6. **THE FUTURE AND PROBLEMS OF NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY**
   Dr. Deepesh Kumar Saxena, Registrar**,** University of Patanjali, Haridwar
7. **EMPIRICAL STUDY ON DEEP READING VS. AI SUMMARISATION: SPECIAL REFERENCE TO POST GRADUATE STUDENTS AT TUMKUR UNIVERSITY, TUMKUR, KARNATAKA**
   Manjunatha J, PhD Research Scholar**,** Tumkur University & **Dr. Sripad Kulkarni**, Asst. Professor**,** Tumkur University
8. **INDIAN NARRATIVE TRADITION, ETHICAL DIPLOMACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE: A POLITICAL ANALYSIS OF BACKWARD CLASS REPRESENTATION IN THE THOUGHT AND PRACTICE OF BHARAT RATNA KARPOORI THAKUR**
   Ganesh Kumar, Research Scholar**,** Samastipur College, Samastipur
9. **LEVERAGING CULTURE, DEMOCRACY, AND DEVELOPMENT IN INDIA'S SOFT POWER**
   Anjali Chauhan, Research Scholar**,** Jai Prakash University, Chapra, Bihar

Technical Session 8: Changing Dynamics of India's Narrative Diplomacy

Time 9.30 am – 2.00 pm Venue: Room No. 003, A Block

Chairperson: Dr. Amrita Banerjee, Asst. Professor, HoD/Coordinator, Dept. of Political Science, Bidhan Chandra College (Asansol), West Bengal
Co-Chairperson: Dr. Deepika Chahal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Liberal Studies & Social Sciences, Faculty of Humanities, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts, SGT University
& **Dr. Saloni Priya**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of English and Humanities, SHSL, SGT University
Resource Person: Dr. Urmil Vats, Associate Professor**,** Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi, New Delhi
& Dr. Veeragoni Shirisha, Asst. Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Paper-Presenters:

1. **NARRATING RUIN, NEGOTIATING NOTHING: ECO-DISASTER AND THE FAILURE OF NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY IN ANIMAL'S PEOPLE**
   Triparna Mukherjee, Asst. Professor, South Calcutta Girls' College **& Krishnayan Mukherjee,** Student, Rabindra Bharati University
2. **VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM AS A DIPLOMATIC DOCTRINE: INDIA'S ETHICAL NARRATIVE IN GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**
   Dr. Rakhi Singh Chouhan, Professor & Principal**,** Prestige Institute of Management and Research, Madhya Pradesh
3. **NARRATIVE DIPLOMACY OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES**
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