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About the Seminar

What is India's strategic culture? Strategic culture is a set of shared beliefs, assumptions, and moods of behavior derived from common experience and expected narrative (both oral and written) that shape collective identity and relationship to other groups and which determine appropriate ends and means of achieving security objectives. One of the pioneering works on India's strategic culture is by George K. Tanham (1992), titled "India's Strategic Thought: An Interpretive Essay" in which he argues that virtually there is no evidence to prove that Indian elites have consistently thought about a national strategy. According to whom this lack of coherent strategic thought can be explained by analyzing 4 principal factors that condition the thought process of the Indian strategic program. Indian strategic community viz., geography, history, culture, and the British Raj. These factors have contributed largely to the absence of strategic thinking. From among the Indian strategic community, a few have partly, and another section has fully agreed with the arguments of Tanham. Rejecting Tanham's argument Shiv Shankar Menon former Foreign Secretary and national security advisor has made a powerful intervention in the debate by stating that India possesses a strategic culture and the same has been consistently used in bilateral and multilateral diplomacy.

India's strategic culture is a multifaceted and dynamic phenomenon that is shaped by centuries of diverse civilizations, invasions, and socio-political changes, India's approach to strategy reflects a unique blend of continuity and adaptation. In conclusion, tracing the roots of India's strategic culture requires a nuanced understanding of its historical, cultural, and geopolitical dimensions. From ancient philosophies to modern-day geopolitical challenges, India's strategic culture continues to

evolve, adapting to the complexities of the contemporary world. This concept note provides a foundation for deeper exploration into the intricacies of India's strategic thought and its implications for regional and global security. The conference is therefore intended to have a very candid and in-depth dialogue aimed at analyzing "India's Strategic Culture". With this background, papers are invited from interested scholars, researchers, and students.

Sub-themes of this National Seminar:

- Civilizational History: from kautilya to k. Subrahmanyam
- Strategic culture and theoretical doctrine
- Post-independent India's strategic doctrine
- Non-Alignment, NAM 2.0, and Cold War 2.0
- Global South
- Nuclear Doctrine
- Regional Hegemony and Security Concerns: China, Pakistan
- Economic Imperatives
- Soft Power and Cultural Diplomacy
- Terrorism and Asymmetric Threats
- Diplomatic Engagement and Multilateralism
- Climate Change and Environmental Security
- India's Cultural based Foreign Policy and South East Asia

About the College

D.S. College is affiliated with Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University, Aligarh, and Accredited as B++ by NAAC, having co-education with excellent education facilities in Hindi, English, and Sanskrit medium. There are more than 10000 students, 159 regular teachers, 50 teachers in self-finance courses, and 150 non-teaching staff. The institute aims at imparting quality education in the various faculties like Science, Arts, Commerce, Law, Education, Computer Application, Business Administration

and library science as well as enhancing students' ability with Games, NCC, NSS, Rovers, and Rangers.

This Institute was established in the year 1947 by Rai Bahadur Badriprasad ji under the society Satya Dharm Samaj, as the society named "Satya Dharm Samaj" was established, the first aim of it these words - **"To strive and attain the best dharma, as said in Vedas about devotion and knowledge and leaving of false knowledge."** Dharam Samaj (Post Graduate) College is situated near Achal Taal at G.T. Road in Aligarh.

Paper Submission

Academicians, scholars, and Students are invited to submit their full-length papers with abstracts in **English** or **Hindi** on any related issues by **5th April 2024** through Email: dsstdscollege@gmail.com.

Word limit: 3000 -5000 (M.S. WORD typed in Times New Roman (in English) or Kruti Dev 010 (in Hindi).

Reference Style: APA 6th Edition

Notes: End notes to be Followed (Do not use footnotes). Selected Papers will be published in the **ISBN Book**.

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Teachers	INR 1000.00
Research Scholars	INR 600.00
Students (PG only)	INR 300.00

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Accommodation: Accommodation will be provided to outstation registered delegates on prior request with a registration fee. Contact person: **Dr. Pushpendra Singh Yadav (9412147160)**. T.A. will be provided under the guidelines of ICSSR, New Delhi.