

Department of Political Science, Osmania University Hosts International Symposium on Indo-Pacific Geopolitics

Explores Strategic Synergies among India, Japan, and the USA in an Era of Uncertainty

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In a compelling move to foster academic discourse on global affairs, the Department of Political Science, Osmania University, organized a high-level International Symposium on the theme “India, Japan, and the USA in the Indo-Pacific: Navigating Uncertain Times” at the University College of Arts and Social Sciences.

The event brought together distinguished diplomats, scholars, and policymakers to deliberate on the shifting geopolitical dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region and the growing relevance of trilateral cooperation among India, Japan, and the United States.

Professor Kumar Molugaram, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, inaugurated the symposium as Chief Guest, underlining the strategic imperatives of Indo-Pacific partnerships and the pivotal role India plays in ensuring a free, open, and inclusive regional order.

Professor C. Kaseem, Principal, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, attended as Guest of Honour, emphasizing the significance of academic platforms in shaping informed perspectives on regional cooperation.

The keynote address was delivered by Ms. Sayo Saruta, Director, New Diplomatic Initiative, Japan, who articulated the importance of democratic resilience, multilateral collaboration, and the shared responsibilities of regional actors in maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. She outlined new frontiers for India-Japan cooperation, particularly in navigating global disruptions and reinforcing the rules-based international order.

A distinguished panel of experts enriched the symposium with nuanced insights:

- Mr. R. Radhakrishnan, OSD to the Chairman, Telangana State Council for Higher Education, offered a comprehensive analysis of India’s evolving foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific context.
- Dr. Sanjay Pulipaka, Chairman, Politeia Research Foundation, emphasized balancing national values with strategic pragmatism in Indian diplomacy.
- Dr. Kanika Rakhra, Assistant Professor, Kautilya School of Public Policy, reflected on the interplay of dualism and institutional frameworks in regional engagement.
- Professor J. L. N. Rao, Director, Institute of Indo-Pacific, Osmania University, traced the historical and civilizational roots of India’s foreign policy orientation and its modern implications.

The symposium was expertly coordinated by Professor V. Srilatha (Convenor), Professor M. Krishnakumar (Session Chair), and Dr. Chalamalla Venkateshwarlu (Co-Convenor). Their efforts facilitated a vibrant exchange of ideas and policy dialogue on one of the most strategically critical arenas in contemporary international relations.

The event witnessed active participation from research scholars and students, who engaged enthusiastically in discussions, reflecting the growing academic interest in Indo-Pacific studies and global strategic affairs.

This symposium marks a significant step in Osmania University's commitment to fostering global understanding and preparing the next generation of scholars and policymakers for the complexities of a multipolar world.



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TO promote academic discussion on global affairs, the Department of Political Science at Osmania University organised an international symposium titled "India, Japan, and the USA in the Indo-Pacific: Navigating Uncertain Times," held at the University College of Arts and Social Sciences on Thursday.

The event brought together esteemed diplomats, scholars, and policymakers to discuss the shifting geopolitical dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region and the increasing importance of trilateral cooperation among India, Japan, and the United States.

Professor Kumar Molugaram, the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, inaugurated the symposium as the Chief Guest, emphasised the strategic importance of partnerships in the Indo-Pacific and highlighted India's crucial role in ensuring a free, open, and inclusive regional order.

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tor of the New Diplomatic Initiative in Japan. She discussed the importance of democratic resilience, multilateral collaboration, and the shared responsibilities of regional actors in maintaining peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific. Additionally, she outlined new areas for India-Japan cooperation, particularly in addressing global disruptions and reinforcing the rules-based international order.

A distinguished panel of experts provided nuanced insights throughout the symposium. R Radhakrishnan, OSD to the Chairman of the Telangana State Council for Higher Education, presented a comprehensive analysis of India's evolving foreign policy within the Indo-Pacific context.

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