



**Rajiv Gandhi University**

Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh

**DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL  
SECURITY STUDIES**

organises

A National Webinar on

**ISSUES AND CHALLENGES  
OF NATIONAL SECURITY  
IN INDIA'S NORTH-EAST**

**Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

In Collaboration with



**Institute of Distance Education**  
RGU, Rono Hills, Arunachal Pradesh

# BACKGROUND

With the end of World War II, the academic study on International security and measures to cope up with the challenges has got new impetus under the label of "security studies", "strategic studies", "peace studies", etc.. The term "International Security or Global Security" was coined which refers to the measures taken by states and international organization such as United Nation Organization, European Union and others to ensure mutual survival and safety. The content of international security has expanded over the years. It covers a variety of interconnected issues in the world that affect survival. It ranges from the traditional or conventional modes of military power, the causes and consequences of war between states, economic strength, to ethnic, religious and ideological conflicts, trade and economic conflicts, energy supplies, science and technology, food, as well as threats to human security and the stability of states from environmental degradation, infectious diseases, climate change and the activities of non-state actors. In the present context, transnational terrorism, regional coercion and meddling, use of chemical and other unconventional weapons, massive displacement of populations, overwhelming humanitarian crises, cyber security etc. are the greatest threat to humanity and to International peace and security.

Theme:

## ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF NATIONAL SECURITY IN INDIA'S NORTH-EAST

The North-Eastern Region (NER) of India comprises of eight States namely, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. These states account for around 8 per cent of the total geographical area and 3.76 per cent of the total population of the country. The entire region is highly diverse in terms of topography, climatic conditions and tradition and culture of indigenous people. As the region consists of different ethnic groups, the tribal communities have acquired their heterogeneous character. The region shares an international border of 5,182 km (about 99 percent of its total geographical boundary) with several neighboring countries – 1,395 km with Tibet Autonomous Region, China in the north, 1,640 km with Myanmar in the east, 1,596 km (992 mi) with Bangladesh in the south-west, 97 km with Nepal in the west, and 455 km with Bhutan in the north-west. In term of external security threat, due to porous international boundary, cross border terrorism, external funding and supply of arms and ammunition to insurgent activities, infiltration of illegal migrants, cross border drug trafficking, etc. is rampant in the region. In internal context, inter-state boundary disputes, ethnicity, insurgency due to presence of various insurgent groups like, NSCN-K, NSCN- IM, ULFA, BLT, GNLF etc contributes to various security issues and challenges.

Keeping the above in view it is justifiable to organize a one day national webinar to academically address the various issues pertaining to the proposed theme.

# Aims and Objectives:

The Webinar aims to discuss and debate on the issues and challenges of National Security in India's North-East

- Give the deeper understanding of the concept of National Security.
- To introduce the strategic importance of entire North-East region.
- To discuss the relevance National Security.
- Aware of civilians to strengthen the National Security.
- To establish the linkage between National Security, Regional Security and Global Security.

## Outcome:

The deliberations in the Webinar are expected to have threadbare discussions on various emerging security issues and the challenges therein and to come out with specific policy formulations to overcome those challenges in the region. It is also expected to enhance the knowledge and understanding of the participants about the region.

## Who Can Participate

- Teachers from Colleges and Universities from concerned subject and other interdisciplinary areas.
- Students and scholars of National Security Studies (NSS), Defense & Strategic Studies (DSS) and other interdisciplinary school.
- Different armed forces staff.
- Any individuals who have the desire to develop understanding about National Security.

## Workshop Format

100

Participants

03

Total Sessions

03

Technical Sessions

Platform: Zoom/Google Meet

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# Technical Session:

<b>11:00 AM</b>	Welcome Address	<b>Prof. P.K. Panigrahi</b> <i>HoD Dept. of National Security Studies (NSS), Rajiv Gandhi University</i>
<b>11:05 AM</b>	Opening Remarks By Convener	<b>Prof. P.A. Ghosh</b> <i>Organising Secretary and Faculty of Dept. National Security Studies (NSS), Rajiv Gandhi University</i>
<b>11:10 AM</b>	Speech by Registrar	<b>Dr. N. T. Rikam</b> <i>Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University</i>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	Address by PVC	<b>Prof. Amitava Mitra</b> <i>Pro Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University</i>
<b>11:20 AM</b>	Eminent Speaker (1)	<b>Prof. Prashant Agarwal</b> <i>Ex HoD, Dept. of Defence &amp; Strategic Studies, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.</i>
<b>11:50 AM</b>	Eminent Speaker (2)	<b>Prof. Kamal Kinger</b> <i>Professor, Dept. of Defence &amp; Strategic Studies, Punjabi University, Punjab.</i>
<b>12:20 PM</b>	Eminent Speaker (3)	<b>Major General (Retd.) S C Mohanty</b> <i>Security Advisor to Government of Arunachal Pradesh</i>
<b>12:50 PM</b>	Address by Chief Patron	<b>Prof. Saket Kushwaha</b> <i>Vice Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University</i>
<b>01:00 PM</b>	Vote of Thanks	<b>Dr. Arvind Kumar Kushwaha</b> <i>Faculty of Dept. National Security Studies (NSS), Rajiv Gandhi University</i>

# Speakers/Experts



**Prof. Prashant Agarwal**

*Dept. of Defence & Strategic Studies*  
University of Allahabad, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh



**Prof. Kamal Kinger**

*Dept. of Defence & Strategic Studies*  
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**Major General (Retd.)  
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- Mr. Saurav Mitra, Guest Assistant Professor in English, IDE, RGU
- Ms. Chathiam Lowang, Guest Assistant Professor in Sociology, IDE, RGU
- Ms. Tunung Tabing, Guest Assistant Professor in Hindi, IDE, RGU
- Ms. Bide Mindo, Guest Assistant Professor in History, IDE, RGU

## Co- Convener



**Dr. Nyajum Lollen**

*Guest Assistant professor in*  
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# About the Department

## RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh and has completed twenty-five years of its existence. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, laid the foundation stone of the university on 4th February, 1984 at Rono Hills, where the present campus is located. Ever since its inception, the university has been trying to achieve excellence and fulfil the objectives as envisaged in the University Act.

The University got academic recognition under section 2(f) from the University Grants Commission on 28th March, 1985 and started functioning from 1st April, 1985. It got financial recognition under section 12-B of the UGC on 25th March, 1994. Since then, Rajiv Gandhi University then Arunachal University has carved a niche for itself in the educational scenario of the country following its selection as a University with potential for excellence by a high level expert committee of University Grants Commission from among universities in India. The University was converted into a Central University with effect from 9th April 2007 as per notification of Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

## NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

The department of National Security Studies (NSS) was establishment in the year 2017. Currently the department is running under the leadership of Professor P.K. Panigrahi as Head of the department, one permanent faculty, other four guest faculty members and one PA and one MTS. The department being located in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, which is considered as a security and strategic hot spot in South and South East Asia, it has inherent potentialities to promote academic research as well as policy analysis on the issues related to national, regional and international security; particularly border security management in the hills and forests. Apart from designed curricula, students and scholars of the department are introduced to policy analysis using innovative teaching and research skills along with field visits. Students and faculties of National Security Studies (NSS) intend to study and examine all conflicting issues of national and international importance from the prism of Indian security traditions, to protect its national interest, territorial integrity and world peace. This would pave the way to all the stakeholders to engage in constructive dialogue, and debate on issues related to national diplomacy, security and strategy. Core values of our department are to develop critical thinking and build up renewed spirit of building democratic values and collective consciousness and contributing towards nation building process.

## INSTITUTE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

The Institute of Distance Education is affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University. The institute aims to provide higher education opportunities to those who are unable to join regular academic and vocational education programmes in the affiliated colleges of the University and make higher education reach to the doorsteps in rural and geographically remote areas of Arunachal Pradesh in particular and North-eastern part of India in general. The education through distance mode is an alternative mode of imparting education to overcome the problems of access, infrastructure and socioeconomic barriers. The institute offers Master's degree, Bachelor degree and Certificate programmes in the field of Art.

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