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Name of the Event: National Seminar on “Drugs and Narcotics Trade and its Impact on Social Stability and National Security with Special Reference to North-East India”

Organised by: South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi; Centre for Indo-ASEAN Strategic Studies (CIASS), Guwahati; Hansraj College, University of Delhi; Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi

Date of the Event: 01.08.2025 to 02.08.2025

Duration/Event Timing: 10 am to 5 pm (on 01.08.2025) and 10 am to 2 pm (02.08.2025)

Venue of the Event: Conference Hall (Ground Floor), Administrative Block, South Asian University, New Delhi

Name of Coordinator(s):

Name of Convener: Dr Pooja Jha Maity (Hansraj College);

Dr. Ritu Gaur (Professor & Dean, FLSB, South Asian University,

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Dr. Sanjeev Ningombam, Centre for Indo-ASEAN Strategic Studies, Guwahati)



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Event Description (About 250 Words)

A two-day National Seminar was successfully conducted on 1st and 2nd August 2025 at South Asian University, New Delhi, to address the pressing issue of the expanding drugs and narcotics trade and its severe impact on the social and national security fabric of India, particularly in the North-East region. The event was jointly organized by CIASS, SAU, ICSSR, and Hansraj College, and witnessed the participation of eminent policymakers, academics, security experts, law enforcement officials, and civil society members.

The North-East region of India, owing to its geographic proximity to the Golden Triangle and its over 5,600 km of porous international borders, has emerged as a significant hub for drug trafficking and consumption. With routes such as Manipur–Moreh and Mizoram–Champhai frequently exploited for smuggling heroin, methamphetamine, cannabis, and synthetic substances, the region faces acute challenges in public health, socio-economic stability, insurgency, and security. The seminar sought to foster a multidisciplinary and collaborative dialogue to assess the depth of this crisis and develop actionable solutions.

Day 1: 1st August 2025

The seminar began with a formal Inaugural Session featuring keynote addresses by:

- Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita, Former GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, Indian Army, and President, Shankardev Education & Research Foundation.
- Prof. K.K. Aggarwal, President, South Asian University.

Session I: **Decoding the Syndicate – Scale & Impact of the Indo-ASEAN Narcotics Trade**
Speakers included:

- Dr. L.R. Bishnoi, IPS (Retd.), Former DGP, Meghalaya
- Mr. Jyotirmoy Chakravarty, IPS (Retd.), Former Special DG, SSB
- Dr. Anish Charkannath, Expert on Indo-Asian drug trafficking networks

Session II: **Economic and Societal Impact of the Narcotics Trade**

This session explored the interplay between narcotics trade and socio-economic instability:

- Mr. Pallab Bhattacharyya, IPS (Retd.), Former Chairman, APSC
- Mr. Sanjoy Hazarika, Founder-Director, Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research

Session III: **Drug Menace and Security Concerns**

Focused on insurgency, terrorism, and border vulnerabilities:

- Maj. Gen. (Dr.) Gajinder Singh, AVSM (Retd.)
- Lt. Gen. Pradeep Chandran Nair, Former DG, Assam Rifles

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- Shri Pradip Phanjoubam, Editor, Imphal Free Press

Day 2: 2nd August 2025

Session IV: Towards Feasible Solutions – Multi-Dimensional Approaches and Challenges
Speakers presented innovative legal, policy-based, and enforcement models:

- Shri Debojit Borkakati, Advocate-on-Record, Supreme Court
- Dr. Partha Pratim Das, Advisor, Village Defence Organization, Assam
- Dr. Partha Sarathi Mahanta, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Guwahati

Open House Discussion:

An engaging interactive session where experts and participants discussed the formulation of a comprehensive policy paper on combating narcotics trade through regional coordination, public health interventions, and security reforms.

Valedictory Session:

The seminar concluded with a valedictory address by:

- Prof. Kailash Chandra Sharma, Chairperson, Haryana State Higher Education Council
Guests of Honour:
- Prof. Dhananjay Singh, Member Secretary, ICSSR
- Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Rana Pratap Kalita
- Vote of Thanks: Delivered by Dr. Pooja Jha Maity from Hansraj College, who expressed gratitude to all dignitaries, speakers, organizers, and participants for making the seminar a platform of rich dialogue and meaningful insight.

The seminar proved to be a vital step in enhancing understanding of the growing drug crisis in the Northeast and fostering inter-agency collaboration. It emphasized the urgent need for harmonized efforts in legislation, border management, community rehabilitation, and international cooperation to counter the narcotics threat and protect India's social and national security fabric.

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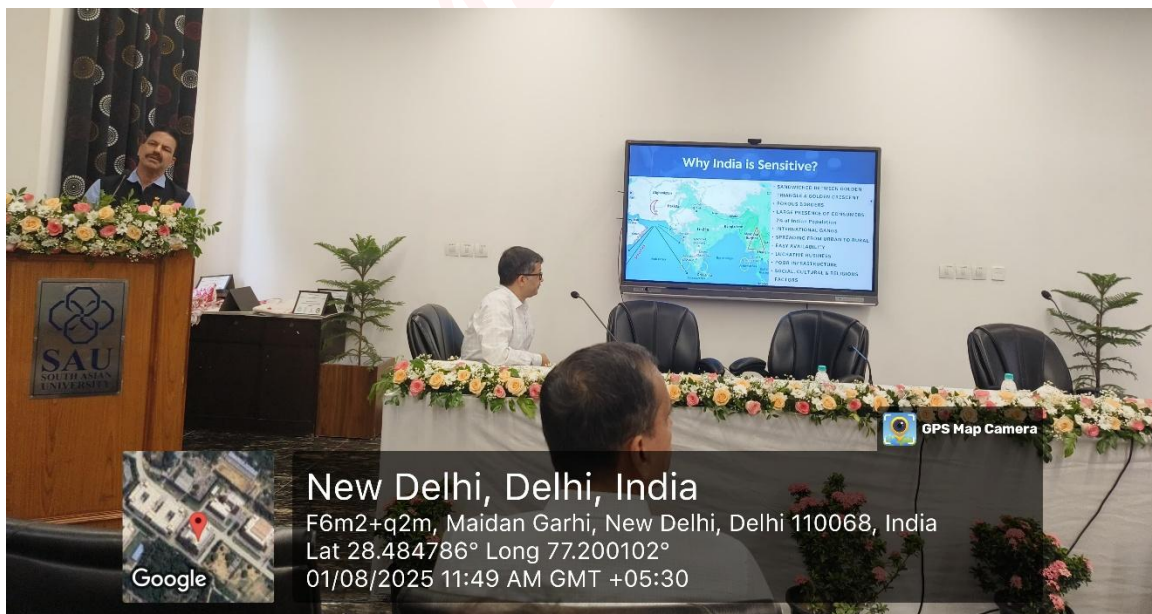
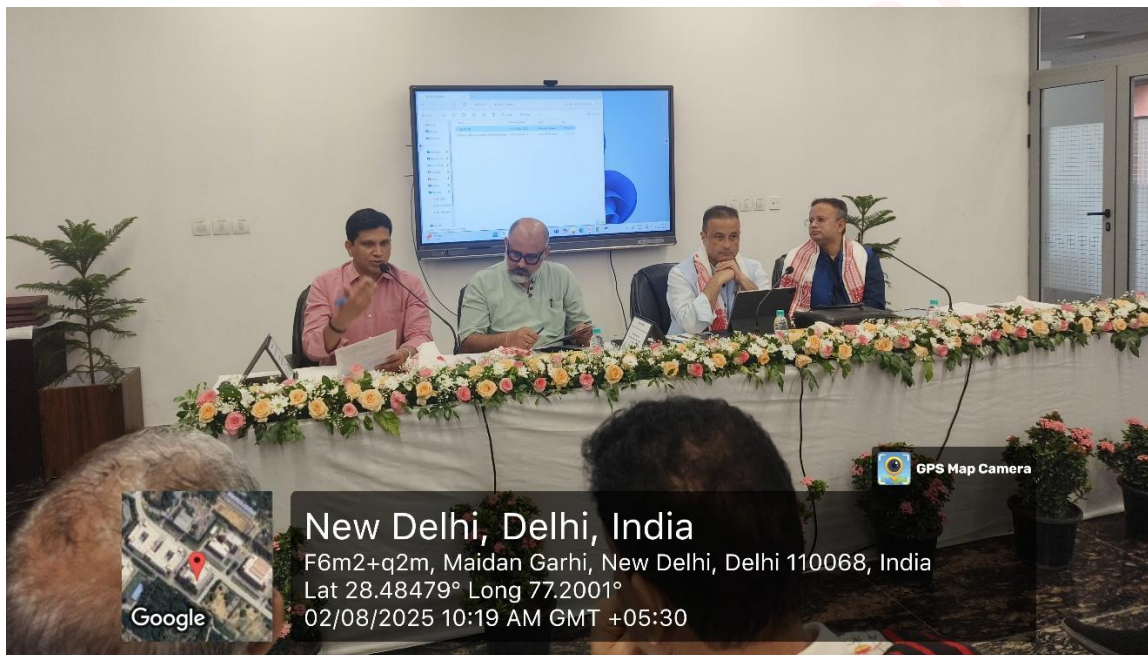
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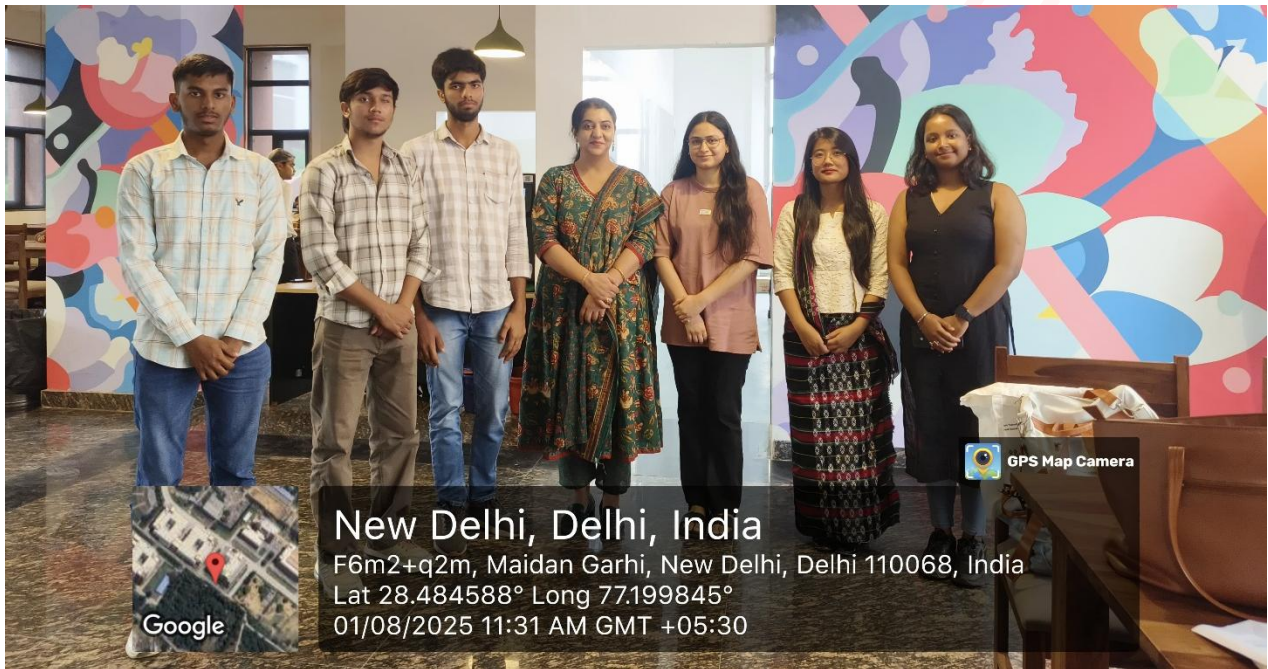
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National seminar on impact of drugs-narcotics trade organised



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CHAMATA, Aug 7: The Guwahati-based Centre for Indo-ASEAN Strategic Studies (CIASS) organised a two-day national seminar on 'Drugs and narcotics trade and its impact on social stability and national security with special reference to North-East India' at the South Asian University (SAU), Delhi, on August 1 and 2. The event was organised in

collaboration with CISS, SAU, Hansraj College, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi.

The inaugural session was attended by Lt Gen (Retd) Rana Pratap Kalita who delivered the inaugural speech. The president of SAU, Prof KK Aggarwal, was the guest of honour for the session. The seminar examined the growing threat of the drugs and narcotics trade in Northeast India, in-

cluding regional and cross-border linkage, especially with Southeast Asia, and its impact on society and economy.

The first day of the session discussed the scale and socio-economic impact of the Indo-ASEAN narcotics trade and related security concerns. Some of the speakers of the session included former DGP of Meghalaya Dr LR Bishnoi, former special DG of SSB Jyotirmoy Chakravarty, IRS

Dr Anees Cherkunnath, and former chairman of APSC Pallab Bhattacharyya.

The second day focused on finding feasible solutions and multi-dimensional approaches, including legal frameworks, enforcement and community level strategies, to combat the drug menace. Speakers of the day were Supreme Court advocate Debojit Borkakati, advisor of Assam's Village Defence Organisation Dr Partha Pratim Das, and Police Commissioner of Guwahati Dr Partha Sarathi Mahanta.

The two-day seminar concluded with an open discussion and valedictory session, where chairperson of the Haryana State Higher Education Council, Prof Kailash Ch Sharma, was the chief guest. Member-secretary of ICSSR Prof Dhananjay Singh and principal of Hansraj College Prof Rama Sharma were guests of honour for the event.

The seminar highlighted the role of community support and collective responsibility in addressing the drugs-related crisis.



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अशाक सराफ आर अरुण शमा जा, जा प्रबन्धन

दक्षिण एशियाई विश्वविद्यालय में दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी आयोजित

गुवाहाटी, 6 अगस्त (ख.सं.)। गुवाहाटी स्थित इंडो-आसियान सामरिक अध्ययन केंद्र (सीआईएसएस) द्वारा दक्षिण एशियाई विश्वविद्यालय में 1 और 2 अगस्त को दो दिवसीय राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया। विषय था ड्रग्स एवं नशीले पदार्थों का व्यापार और सामाजिक स्थिरता तथा राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा पर उसका प्रभाव, विशेषतः पूर्वोत्तर के संदर्भ में। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन दक्षिण एशियाई विश्वविद्यालय, हंसराज कॉलेज और भारतीय सामाजिक विज्ञान अनुसंधान परिषद, नयी दिल्ली के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में हुआ। संगोष्ठी में पूर्वोत्तर में बढ़ते ड्रग्स एवं नशीले पदार्थों के खतरे, उसके सामाजिक, आर्थिक और सुरक्षा पर प्रभाव तथा दक्षिण-पूर्व एशिया के साथ इसके क्षेत्रीय और अंतर्राष्ट्रीय संबंधों पर विस्तार से चर्चा हुई। प्रारंभिक सत्र में लेफ्टिनेंट जनरल (सेवानिवृत्त) राणा प्रताप कलिता ने उद्घाटन भाषण दिया। प्रो. केके अग्रवाल (अध्यक्ष, एसएयू) मुख्य अतिथि रहे। पहले दिन के सत्रों में इंडो-आसियान क्षेत्र में नशीले पदार्थों के व्यापार की व्यापकता, आर्थिक प्रभाव और सुरक्षा संबंधी चिंताओं को उजागर किया गया। प्रमुख वक्ताओं में शामिल थे डॉ. एलआर बिश्नोई (पूर्व डीजीपी, मेघालय), ज्योतिर्मय चक्रवर्ती (पूर्व विशेष डीजी, एसएसबी), डॉ. अनीस चेरकुन्नथ (अधिकारी), संजय हजारीका (जामिया मिलिया इस्लामिया), पल्लव भट्टाचार्य (पूर्व अध्यक्ष एपीएससी)। दूसरे दिन समाधान आधारित चर्चा पर जोर दिया गया, जिसमें विधिक ढांचा, प्रवर्तन और सामुदायिक रणनीतियों पर विचार किया गया। प्रमुख वक्ता थे देबजीत बरकाकती (वरिष्ठ अधिवक्ता, सुप्रीम कोर्ट) डॉ. पार्थ प्रतिम दास (सलाहकार, ग्राम रक्षा संगठन, असम) डॉ. पार्थ सारथी महंता (पुलिस आयुक्त, गुवाहाटी)। अंतिम दिन खुली सत्र हुई। चर्चा और समापन समारोह आयोजित हुआ, जिसमें प्रो. कैलाश चंद्र शर्मा (अध्यक्ष, हरियाणा राज्य उच्च शिक्षा परिषद) मुख्य अतिथि थे। प्रो. धनंजय सिंह और प्रो. रामा (प्राचार्य, हंसराज कॉलेज) विशिष्ट अतिथि रहे। आयोजन सचिव थे डॉ. ऋतु गौड़ (एसएयू) डॉ. पूजा झा मैती (हंसराज कॉलेज) डॉ. समीरन फुकन, डॉ. संजीव निंगोम्बम (सीआईएसएस)। इस संगोष्ठी ने यह स्पष्ट किया कि इस गंभीर समस्या से निपटने के लिए सामुदायिक भागीदारी और साझा जिम्मेदारी अत्यंत आवश्यक है। छात्रों और शोधकर्ताओं की सक्रिय भागीदारी ने इस पहल को एक सकारात्मक शुरुआत बना दिया है।



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