



**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

**RANNEETI-2025**  
***(INTERNATIONAL DEFENCE & STRATEGIC CONCLAVE)***

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**AMITY UNIVERSITY UTTAR PRADESH**

**27 -28 March 2025**

**“SHIFTING PARADIGMS: NAVIGATING THE CHANGING  
GEOPOLITICS IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY”**

**DAY 1: THURSDAY, 27 MARCH 2025**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>
09.00 – 09.30 a.m.	Tea and Registration at Venue F2 Seminar Hall and F1 MDP Hall
<b>INAUGURAL SESSION</b>	
09.30 – 09.40	Lamp Lighting and Saraswati Vandana
09.40 – 09.50 a.m.	Welcome Address by Lt Gen (Dr) SK Gadeock, AVSM (Retd), DG AIDSS & ACDSA, VP ASTIE, Vice Chairman AIDT, Commandant AIET and former Commandant Defence Services Staff College
09.50 – 10.00 a.m.	Introduction to Theme of RANNEETI: 2025 by Brig (Dr) Anand Kumar Tewari (Retd), Professor and HoI, AIDSS
10.00 – 10.10 a.m.	Vice Chancellor's Address by Dr Balvinder Shukla Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Amity University Uttar Pradesh

10.10 – 10.30 a.m.	<b>Special Address by Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar, IFS (Retd)</b> , Principal Exe Officer of Nat Foundation for Communal Harmony and former Ambassador to Kazakhstan, Sweden & Latvia
10.30 – 10.50 a.m.	<b>Keynote Address by Lt Gen Raj Shukla, PVSM, YSM, SM (Retd)</b> , Member UPSC and former Army Commander, ARTRAC
10.50 – 11.05 a.m.	<b>Founder President's Address by Dr Ashok K. Chauhan</b> , Hon'ble Founder President, Amity Education Group and President of RBEF
11.05 – 11.15 a.m.	<b>Vote of Thanks and Felicitations by Brig (Dr) Anand Kumar Tewari (Retd)</b> , Professor and HoI, AIDSS
11.15 – 11.45 a.m.	<b>Tea</b>
<b>SESSION I (PROFESSIONAL): 11.45 – 01.15 P.M.</b> <b>THE GEOPOLITICAL TRANSFORMATION: MAJOR POWERS AND RESURGENCE OF THE GREAT GAME</b>	
11.45 – 12.00 Noon	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair, Prof (Retd.) Chintamani Mahapatra</b> , Founder and Honorary Chairman of Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies. Former Rector and Pro-VC, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
12.00 – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Energy Politics and Strategic Chokepoints: The Geopolitical Dynamics by Dr Stuti Banerjee</b> , Senior Research Fellow, Indian Council for World Affairs, (ICWA), Sapru House, New Delhi
12.15 – 12.30 p.m.	<b>Connected Sovereignty: The Balance between National Sovereignty and International Collaboration in an Interconnected World by Dr. Walter L. Christman</b> , Chairman and Founding Director, The Global Challenges Forum Foundation, California, USA
12.30 – 12.45 p.m.	<b>The Impact of US-China Rivalry on Global Geopolitics: Shaping a New World Order by Professor Arvind Kumar</b> , Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, School of International Studies
12.45 – 01.00 p.m.	<b>Changing Dynamics of Global Air Power Strategy by Air Vice Marshal Anil Golani (Retd)</b> , Director General, Centre for Airpower Studies (CAPS), New Delhi
01.10 – 01.30 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session, Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>
01.30 – 02.00 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b>

<b>SESSIONS II (PARALLEL): 02.00 P.M. – 03.30 P.M</b>		
<b>GEOPOLITICS OF CONFLICT ZONES: EURASIA AND WEST ASIA IN THE EMERGING WORLD ORDER</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Professional Session</b>	<b>Technical Session</b>
02.00 – 02.15 p.m.	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair by Group Captain (Dr) Ajey Lele (Retd)</b> , Deputy Director MP-IDSA	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair Col (Dr) Rajan Bakshi (Retd)</b> , Director, Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Analysis, Associate professor AIDSS and Deputy Commandant Amity Institute of Education and Training (AIET)
02.15 – 02.30 p.m.	<b>Emerging Nuclear Flashpoints in Contemporary Conflicts: Strategic Implications for Global Security and Stability</b> by <b>Dr. (Mrs.) Roshan Khanijo</b> , Assistant Director (Research), the United Service Institution of India (USI)	<b>Paper Presentation 1</b>
02.30 – 02.45 p.m.	<b>Russia's Pivot to Asia: Geopolitical Implications Post-Ukraine Conflict</b> by <b>Dr. Pramod Kumar</b> , Associate Professor, CRCAS, SIS, JNU	<b>Paper Presentation 2</b>
02.45 – 03.00 p.m.	<b>Eurasian Integration in a Multipolar World: Opportunities and Challenges for Regional Stability and Global Influence</b> by <b>Dr. J. Jegannathan</b> , Associate Professor, CES, SIS, JNU	<b>Paper Presentation 3</b>
03.00 – 03.15 p.m.	<b>Israel's Strategic Role in Shaping Geopolitics in West Asia and Beyond</b> by <b>Dr. Fouad Nohra</b> , Academic Director, CEDS, France	<b>Paper Presentation 4</b>
03.15 – 03.30 p.m.	<b>The New Great Game in West Asia: Balancing Russian, Chinese, and Western Influence</b> by <b>Dr Muddasir Quamar</b> , Associate Professor, CWAS, SIS, JNU	<b>Paper Presentation 5</b>
03.30 – 04.00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session, Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>	

04.00 p.m. onwards	Tea and Dispersal
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## DAY 2: FRIDAY, 28 MARCH 2025

Time	Event	
09.00 – 09.30 a.m.	Tea and Registration at Venue F2 Seminar Hall and F1 MDP Hall	
<b>SESSIONS III (PARALLEL): 09.30 A.M. – 11.00 A.M.</b>  <b>THE IMPACT OF CONVERGENCE OF GEO ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY ON GLOBAL POWER STRUGGLES</b>		
Time	Professional Session	Technical Session
09.30 – 09.45 a.m.	<b>Opening Remarks</b> by Chair Prof (Dr) Harsh V Pant, Vice President – Studies and Foreign Policy, ORF	<b>Opening Remarks</b> by Chair Col (Dr) Rajan Bakshi (Retd), Director Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Analysis, Associate professor AIDSS and Deputy Commandant Amity Institute of Education and Training (AIET)
09.45 – 10.00 a.m.	<b>India’s Global Reckoning – A Rise of Techno – Economic Super Power</b> by Shri Kartik Umakant Desai, Chairman of the Board, Institute of Quantum Mechanics and Strategic Studies, Latvia	Paper Presentation 1
10:00 – 10.15 a.m.	<b>The Weaponization of Trade: Sanctions, Supply Chains, and Global Economic Warfare</b> by Brig Arun Sahgal (Retd), Director, Forum for Strategic Initiatives and Senior Fellow Delhi Policy Group, New Delhi	Paper Presentation 2
10.15 – 10.30 a.m.	<b>Space as a New Domain: Militarization and Security Implications</b> by Gp. Cpt. T. H. Anand Rao, Senior Fellow, CAPS	Paper Presentation 3

10.30 – 10.45 a.m.	<b>The Role of Technological Advancement in Contemporary Geopolitical Rivalry</b> by Prof (Dr) <b>Dinesh Kumar Pandey</b> , Senior Fellow, CAPS	Paper Presentation 4
10.45 – 11.00 a.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session, Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>	
11.00 – 11.30 a.m.	<b>Tea</b>	
<b>SESSIONS IV (PARALLEL): 11.30 A.M. – 01.00 P.M. EVOLVING POWER DYNAMICS AND STRATEGIC CONTESTATIONS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Professional Session</b>	<b>Technical Session</b>
11.30 – 11.45 p.m.	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair Dr. Srikanta Kondapalli</b> , Dean, SIS and Chairman, CEAS, SIS, JNU	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair Col (Dr) Subodh Kumar Shahi (Retd)</b> , Associate Professor AIDSS
11.45 – 12.00 p.m.	<b>Indo-Pacific Strategy and the IOR: Competing Visions from India, China, and the US</b> by <b>Dr Jagannath Panda</b> , Head Stockholm Centre for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs, ISDP, Professor, University of Warsaw	Paper Presentation 1
12.00 – 12.15 p.m.	<b>Maritime Security and Naval Diplomacy: Key Players in the Indian Ocean</b> by <b>Dr. Pooja Bhatt</b> , Associate Professor, JSIA, O. P. Jindal University, Sonipat	Paper Presentation 2
12.15 - 12.30 p.m.	<b>The Role of Small Island States in IOR Power Dynamics</b> by <b>Dr. Temjenmeren Ao</b> , Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA	Paper Presentation 3
12.30 -12.45 p.m.	<b>The Third Front: Growing Influence of China in Indian Ocean Region</b> by <b>Commodore Sujeet Samaddar. NM (Retd)</b> Founder and Secretary Society for Aerospace Maritime and Defence Studies (SAMDeS)	Paper Presentation 4

12.45 - 01.00 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A Session, Concluding Remarks by Chair</b>
<b>VALEDICTORY SESSION</b>	
01.00 - 01.15 p.m.	<b>Valedictory Remark by Lt Gen (Dr) SK Gadeock, AVSM (Retd), DG AIDSS &amp; ACDSA, VP ASTIF, Vice Chairman AIDT, Commandant AIET and former Commandant Defence Services Staff College</b>
01.15 - 01.30 p.m.	<b>Vote of Thanks and Session Closure by Brig (Dr) Anand Kumar Tewari (Retd), Professor and HoI, AIDSS</b>
01.30 p.m. onwards	<b>Lunch Post Lunch Paper Presentation to continue till 05.00 p.m.</b>