

Strategic Gaming Exercise

The United Service Institution of India (USI) organized a Strategic Gaming Exercise (SGE) at Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 9th March 2021 as part of the training program for IFS officers' 2020 Batch. The objective of the SGE was to discuss the various response mechanisms to a military-diplomatic crisis situation in context of India's neighbours, particularly those on the western and northern borders. SGE also attempted to analyse the Escalation Domination control Matrix as well as the role of information in furthering national narrative.

The scope of the SGE was as follows:-

- Initial assessment of the emerging situation.
- Cost-benefit-risk analysis of the various available strategic options.
- Contemplating the exercise of escalation domination control.
- Role of various agencies viz. military, diplomacy and media.
- Diplomatic initiatives to shape international opinion and elicit support from the strategic partners.

The setting of the exercise provided the necessary background details of the existing geo-strategic environment, security environment in South Asia and the major developments in the regional powers, ie. India, China and Pakistan. The objective of the exercise was to enable the participants to comprehend the nuances of the military-diplomatic crisis situation.

Scenario of the exercise was based on two front collusive, hybrid threat posed by Pakistan and China in Ladakh and India's response to counter the threat in all its dimensions.

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Mentors



Syndicate Group- India



Syndicate Group- Pakistan



Syndicate Group- China



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