Programme

21 Nov 2023

9 - 9.30 AM  Registration

9.30 – 10.30  Opening Session

  0930 – 0935  Welcome Remarks  Maj Gen PK Goswami, DDG, USI

  0935 – 0945  Opening Address:  Maj Gen BK Sharma, DG USI

  0945 – 1005  Keynote Address  Lt Gen JP Mathew, UYSM, AVSM, VSM
                Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, HQ IDS, MoD

Special Address

1005 – 1020  Mr Prakash Gupta, JS (UNP), MEA, Govt of India

1020 – 1030  Mr Kedir Awol Omar, Head of Regional Delegation, ICRC

1030 – 1100  Tea/Coffee break
**Session 1**

11.00 – 12.30 PM  **International Humanitarian Laws and Law of Armed Conflict**

Chair – **Dr George Dvaladze**, Regional Legal Advisor for South Asia, ICRC, New Delhi

Speakers

Challenges and Opportunities in applying IHL in contemporary PKOs – Wg Cdr U C Jha (Retd)

IHL in UN peacekeeping – Force Commander’s View – Lt Gen S Tinaikar (Retd), Former Force Commander, South Sudan.

IHL in UN peacekeeping – Police Commander’s View – Mr Sudesh Kumar, IPS (Retd), Former Police Commissioner in MONUSCO.

IHL and PKOs – ICRC approach – Mr Tim Brown, FASCo, ICRC.

12.30 – 2 PM  **Lunch**

**Session 2**

2 – 3.30 PM  **Protection of Civilians and IHL**

Chair – **Maj Gen (Dr) AK Bardalai**, Former Deputy HoM and Deputy Force Commander, UNIFIL.

Speakers

POC in Intra State conflict and Civil War - Col (Dr) KK Sharma (Retd)

Challenges of POC in conflict environment - Force Commander’s View - Lt Gen S Mohan, Force Commander, South Sudan.

POC – Prospective from field – Mr Rajendra Joshi, IPS (Retd), Former Chief Security Advisor in the UN.

3.30 – 4 PM  **Wrap-up and Reflections** – Col (Dr) KK Sharma (Retd)

4 PM onward  **Tea/Coffee**
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0930 – 0935 Welcome Remarks  Maj Gen PK Goswami, DDG, USI

Opening Address

0935 – 0945 Lt Gen Rakesh Kapoor, VSM, DCOAS (IS & C)

0945 – 0955 Mr Shombi Sharp, UN Resident Coordinator in India.

Session 3

10.00 – 11.30 AM  Protecting the Protectors: Accountability of crime committed against Peacekeepers.

   Chair – Stephane Jean, OROLSI, DPO, UN, New York (incl Host Country Responsibility)

   Speakers

   Status and Protection of Peacekeepers under IHL – Ms Gunjan Chawla, Legal Advisor, ICRC, New Delhi

   Protecting the protectors: a field perspective – Brig S Basu, former Regional Cdr at Congo

   Training and Preparedness to mitigate risks faced by Peacekeepers – Lt Gen JS Lidder (Retd), Former Force Commander and subsequently Deputy SRSG, Sudan.

1130 – 1200 Tea/Coffee break

Session 4

12.00 – 1.30 PM  Women, Peace, and Security

   Chair – Ms Susan Ferguson, Head UN Women in India

   Speakers

   Role of Women in Peacekeeping – Ms Garima Bhatnagar, former Chief of Mission Management and Support Section, DPO, UN Police Division.

   Uniformed Women in Peacekeeping: a field perspective - Col Sophia Quereshi

   Peculiar Challenges to Women Peacekeepers – Col Vanessa Hanarahan.
1.30 to 2.30  Lunch

Session 5

2.30 – 4.00 PM  Leveraging Technology for Effective Peacekeeping

Chair – Lt Gen IS Singha, Former Force Commander and Head of Mission, UNDOF.

Speakers

Role of technology in Peacekeeping – Group Captain (Dr) Swaim Prakash Singh, CAPS

Drones and surveillance: Enhancing Situational awareness in Conflict Zones - Lt Gen Asit Mistry (Retd), Former Deputy Force Commander, South Sudan.

Intelligence and data analysis: Improving decision making – Brig Narender Singh, Former Regional Commander, South Sudan.

4 – 4.30 pm  Plenary: Discussing Key Takeaways with Experts (By Chairs of all sessions)

Maj Gen (Dr) AK Bardalai, Former Deputy HoM and Deputy Force Commander, UNIFIL.

Dr George Dvaladze, Regional Legal Advisor for South Asia, ICRC

Stephane Jean, OROLSI, DPO, UN

Ms Susan Ferguson, Head UN Women in India

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4.30 – 5 PM  Closing Session

Closing Address  Lt Gen MAJ Fernandez, AVSM, VSM

DG, Dte Gen of SD

Vote of Thanks  USI and ICRC

5 PM  Closing Reception