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## Roundtable Discussion

# Maritime Security: Building Cooperative Capacity and Capabilities

10:00 AM | Friday, 22 May 2026

G. Parthasarathi Hall, New Delhi (Hybrid)

## Agenda

**10.00 - 10.30 hrs. Registration**

**10.30 – 11.00 hrs. Inaugural Session**

- **Welcome Remarks: Dr. Pankaj Vashisht**, Associate Professor and Coordinator, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC) at RIS, New Delhi
- **Opening Remarks: Prof. Sachin Kumar Sharma**, Director General, RIS, New Delhi
- **Special Remarks: Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta** (Retd.), National Maritime Security Coordinator

**11.00 – 13.00 hrs. Roundtable Discussion**

**Chair: Captain Sarabjeet S Parmar** (Retd.), Visiting Fellow, RIS, New Delhi

**Discussants:**

- **Ambassador Gurjit Singh**, Former Ambassador to Germany, Indonesia, Ethiopia, ASEAN and the African Union
- **Mr. Evan Laksmna**, Shangri-La Dialogue Senior Fellow for Southeast Asian Security and Defence, and Editor, Asia-Pacific Regional Security Assessment, The International Institute for Strategic Studies, Singapore (**Online**)
- **Mr. Jesse M Pascasio**, Director, Department of National Defence, Philippines (**Online**)
- **Mr. Kiran Govind**, Scientist F Group Director (Project Planning and Coordination, Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory, Kerala (**Online**))
- **Mr. Avinash Upadhye**, Head, International Business Development, Larsen & Toubro Limited, Mumbai (**Online**)
- **Mr. Ameet Shah**, Chief Executive Officer, Jirra Enterprise Space, South Australia (**Online**)
- **Cdr. Milind Kulshreshtra** (Retd.), Founder and Chief Executive Officer, AiKairos Pvt Ltd, Gurugram
- **Cmde. Arun Golaya** (Retd.), Former OiC Technology Development Acceleration Cell, Indian Navy

### **Q&A**

**13.00 - 13.10 hrs.** **Vote of Thanks:** Dr. Sayantan Ghosal, Consultant, AIC at RIS

**13.10 hrs.** **Lunch**