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Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

# DSA IS AS MUCH YOURS, AS IT IS OURS!



**B**efore the deadline of 31 August 2021, the United States of America completed the evacuation of its citizens and others it had committed to bring to safety from Taliban rule. Afghanistan reverts to a scenario more dangerous than what it was when *Operation Enduring Freedom* evicted the Taliban in 2001. More than two weeks have passed since fighters aligned with the Taliban entered Kabul, and yet there is no semblance of governance. There isn't even a clue as to where the Taliban leadership is. Rumours abound about the supreme leader being detained in Pakistan, but as with all such gossip, nothing is certain.

Owing to such uncertainty, India maintains a 'wait and watch' policy about the future in Afghanistan and its relationship with the Taliban. Now with the US' departure, India is left to itself in securing the return of hundreds of citizens who remain in Afghanistan. As of now there is no stated threat to them, but with

the kind of culture the Taliban spawns, anything is possible in that beleaguered country. There is no single voice that expresses what the Taliban espouses as policy, for there are many factions that make up this amorphous grouping. Not all same.

So, for India, to clutch at straws offered by the Doha based Sher Abbas Stanickzai, is a sure sign of desperation. He is amongst those who have been meeting various governments around the world over the years. As roving ambassadors of sorts. They are the public diplomatic face of the Taliban, an organisation long regarded by the international community as terrorist. And, for good reason too. Therefore, for India to be caught in a situation of such desperation is indeed a pity, and something that could have been averted long ago.

India has been Afghanistan's oldest cultural and reading partner, and despite the appearance of Pakistan as a barrier in between since 1947, that relationship persisted. It, in fact, grew to such degrees of

warmth that the first Bhutto government was compelled to form a special cell to train Afghan rebels in 1973. His daughter Benazir went a step further and mid-wifed the Taliban, and the rest as they say is history. The same forces got her in the end. Which is a lesson India would do well to keep in mind as it gives softening signals to the Taliban. For it is an entity residing in the medieval, and believing in hate.

For four years, India did not acknowledge or accept that 39 citizens had been slaughtered by Islamic State in Iraq. India's options in Afghanistan, therefore, must begin with the evacuations of its citizens and those Afghans who desire to seek refuge. As a signatory to international laws, India is duty-bound to give shelter to those Afghans who require it, unmindful of their faith. If India wants to be a stakeholder in Afghanistan, it must be seen to support all those who seek a peaceful government functioning under international norms. Medieval barbarism must not be condoned.

**Manvendra Singh**





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# TALIBANS IN AFGHANISTAN: NEW CHALLENGES FOR INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

The changed situation in Afghanistan is going to affect India's National Security directly. Till now, the US' forces were guarding the entire State but it is so unfortunate that the US leadership decided to withdraw their forces suddenly from Afghanistan without completing the task for what they were deployed by the previous US' governments. The entire world, military and diplomatic fraternity, are shocked to as what has been done by the US leadership and left the entire nation on the mercy of terrorist outfits.

I think it is a complete mishandling of the security affairs by President Biden who is leading the whole operation of US' forces in Afghanistan. It was also the fault of the Government of Afghanistan who could not assess the situation well in time and did not work hard on the training part of the Afghan forces at all to counter any terrorist attacks by the terrorist

groups within Afghanistan and terrorists from Pakistan too, and it was a blunder on the part of the Afghanistan government. The forces of Russia and United States were in Afghanistan for almost 20 years to safeguard the nation, but it is so unfortunate and if we say from the military point of view, the government and the military forces of Afghanistan have proved to be absolutely 'Screwed'. The President galloped from the country leaving its people in the hands of Taliban whose hands are full of the US' forces arms and ammunition which are on their disposal and we can imagine how these weapons could be used against the people of Afghanistan and its neighbours.

The atrocities of the Taliban have increased multifold after the sudden evacuation process of the US' forces. Taliban have captured the entire Afghanistan and they are going to form their government anytime. The news from Afghanistan is not pleasant at all and this is an





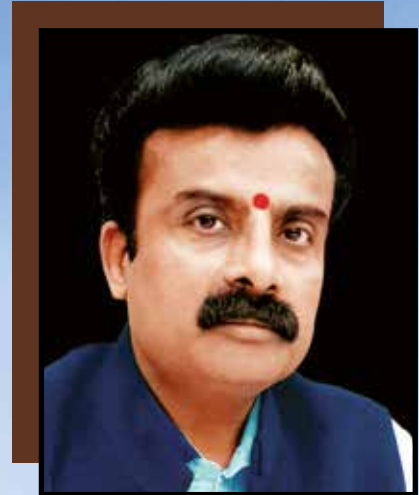
alarming situation for India. After the abolition of Article 370 and 35A from Jammu and Kashmir, the terrorist activities had come to almost nil but the Afghanistan situation might worsen the security concerns. The Government of India is just waiting and watching as how the things would emerge in Afghanistan after the Taliban form their government and if all nations recognize their government. Terrorist attacks on the innocent people at the Kabul airport are just the tip on the ice and much more is expected in the coming days and weeks.

India has been investing huge amounts so as to bring peace in the region. But it looks that after the Taliban have captured the entire Afghanistan in their clutches, they would not like any involvement of

India and could even damage all the ongoing projects being raised and funded by India.

After what has happened in Afghanistan, China has suddenly started taking immense interest in the state and as we all know the strategy of China, it will not let the situation improve in Afghanistan for its vested interests. Russia, which was in Afghanistan for a couple of years, still has interest in Afghanistan. The US dropped its interest after the change of Guard at White House and that's the reason that it initiated the withdrawal of its forces from Afghanistan. The withdrawal of forces was never a big issue but leaving the arms and ammunition in Afghanistan has caused a serious issue as this entire lot is in the hands of Taliban now which might be well used by the their fighters and that will generate more terror among the people of Afghanistan.

Another big question is Israel's silence or any reaction of Israel on Afghanistan is yet to be heard and I think that it is quite a big factor if we consider it geopolitically. Time has come when all the nations should unite to counter any sort of terrorism with collective efforts. There is one more aspect which is of serious concern to the entire world. After the Taliban have taken over Afghanistan, the entire Opium business has also come in their hands and as we know that the Opium plays a huge role in funding



for the terrorist outfits. How can this be controlled by anyone who does not know about it. The syndicate of Drug Cartels and the Terror Outfits are well known and they operate hand-in-hand and this will create more problem for the world peace. Since they have lots of weapons, no government control and no control on the Opium, collectively this situation becomes very horrific now.

This edition will give you the insights of the problems in Afghanistan and challenges for India. Also, team DSA wishes a very peaceful life for the Afghanistan nationals and looks forward to a safe evacuation of other people.

Jai Hind!

**Pawan Agrawal**  
Chief Executive Officer



# SHRI SANJAY ARORA, IPS TAKES CHARGE AS DG ITBP


Shri Sanjay Arora, IPS took charge as Director-General of the elite mountain-trained Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP) on 31 August 2021.

**T**he 1988-batch IPS officer, took charge as 31st Chief of the ITBP from S.S. Deswal. Deswal handed over the customary baton to Arora at the force headquarters.

Sh Sanjay Arora, who was Special Director General CRPF, had the privilege of serving the ITBP as Commandant from 1997 to 2002. In 1991, Sh Arora had a pivotal role in forming the Special Security Group (SSG) to provide security to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.

As an instructor, he also made remarkable contributions in the field of training, serving as commandant (training) at the ITBP Academy, Mussoorie, Uttarakhand from 2000 to 2002.

He will lead the ITBP, which was raised in 1962 and primarily deployed to guard the Indo-China borders, up to 31 July 2025, the date for his superannuation or till further orders.

**Team DSA welcomes Shri Sanjay Arora and congratulates him for a successful tenure. **



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# SHRI PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH, IPS TAKES OVER THE CHARGE OF DG BSF

Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, IPS took over the charge of Director General of BSF on 31 August 2021. He is the 29th Director General of Border Security Force, which is the largest Border Guarding Force of the world having strength of more than 2,65,000 brave and dedicated men and women, protecting the International Borders with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

**S**hri Pankaj Kumar Singh is an officer from 1988 batch of the Indian Police Service of Rajasthan Cadre. His educational qualifications include BSc (Hons) Physics, LL.B, M.Phil, and PG Diploma in

Business Administration from IIM, Ahmedabad.

He has served in various capacities in his cadre including IG (Law and order), IG (Personnel), IG Jaipur Range, ADG Crime Branch & ADG Traffic. He has also served in



the United Nations International Police Task Force in Bosnia. He also served in Central Bureau of Investigation at the ranks of Superintendent of Police and Dy Inspector General. He had a successful stint in CRPF at the rank of IG (Ops) West Bengal, Chhattisgarh and New Delhi. In BSF, he has served as ADG BSF, Eastern Command and SDG (HR).

He is a decorated officer with UN Peace Medal (Bar), President Police Medal for Distinguished Service and Police Medal for Meritorious Service. He has also been awarded with several DG's Discs and commendations.

**Team DSA welcomes Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh and congratulates him for a successful tenure. DSA**



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