



Seminar

on

**NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT –
TIME LINE CHALLENGES**

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Casuarina Hall, Convention Centre,
India Habitat Centre

DPG Project – PATHWAYS TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

Today, nuclear weapons have moved from being guarantors of security to becoming the source of unpredictable and catastrophic threats to states. Relying on the severely strained nuclear non-proliferation regime no longer seems possible in the wake of a deteriorating nuclear order. This has led to strident calls for global nuclear disarmament and there is now credence to the notion that the only permanent solution to nuclear dangers is the elimination of all nuclear weapons. The cumulative impact of these disarmament ideas, proposals and exhortations has been to throw up fresh the question on the relevance of nuclear deterrence and utility of nuclear weapons. Thus, the central issue in the disarmament discourse is related on how to lower or arrive at zero arsenal levels by nuclear weapons states and the speed with which such lower levels can be attained. The *Delhi Policy Group* through its project ***Pathways to Nuclear Disarmament*** aims to examine positions taken by governments and international non-government groups to find viable paths to disarmament.

THE SPEAKERS:

Mr. Sverre Lodgaard is currently Senior Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs. He was formerly, Director of NUPI 1997–2007. He is engaged in the projects *Non-Proliferation and Doables in the Field of Nuclear Disarmament* of the Institute. His recent book “Nuclear Disarmament and Non-Proliferation: Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world?” published in 2011 has received much critical acclaim.

Dr. G. Balachandran is a Consulting Fellow at the IDSA. He is associated with the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. Dr. Balachandran has conducted studies and published widely on the *India-United States Next Steps in Strategic Partnership* as well as on *India-US Civil Nuclear Co-operation Agreement*.

Ambassador T.P. Sreenivasan was formerly Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, Vienna and Governor for India of IAEA, Vienna. He is presently member, National Security Advisory Board of the Government of India and Director General, Kerala International Centre.

PROGRAMME

- 10:00 a.m. Tea & Registration
- 10:30 a.m. **Opening Remarks**
Ambassador K.S. Bajpai,
Chairman, Delhi Policy Group
- 10:40 a.m. **Introduction**
Lt. Gen. (Retd.) V.R. Raghavan,
Director, Delhi Policy Group
- 10:45 a.m. **Keynote Address,**
Mr. Sverre Lodgaard,
Norwegian Institute of International Affairs
- Through the Techno-Political Maze,***
Dr. G. Balachandran,
Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses
- Nuclear Base Camp-The Numbers Conundrum,***
Ambassador T.P. Sreenivasan,
Member, National Security Advisory Board
- 12:30 p.m. Coffee Break
- 12:45 p.m. Discussion
- 1:30 p.m.: Lunch