

# Darshan Gajjar

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## ABOUT ME

**Qualified UGC NET – Politics, IR and Area Studies**, December 2023. Currently Researching in the areas concerning Political Science, International Relations and National Security with special focus on emerging forms of warfare and Disruptive Military Technologies.

## EXPERIENCE

### **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR THE CVM UNIVERSITY (JUNE 2024- PRESENT)**

Teaching Politics and International Relations at the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences (ILSASS) at the CVM University, V V Nagar.

### **DIRECTOR (RESEARCH) – THE GEOSTRATA**

Conducted extensive research on a range of topics in the fields of geopolitics, international relations, national security, and China studies, in addition to writing detailed articles and pieces.

In the capacity of BRICS Taskforce Lead of the Geostrata, I worked as a communications partner of the BRICS YEA. Also attended the **5th BRICS Youth Energy Summit in Johannesburg** between August 2 and 5, 2023.

### **GLOBAL STRATEGIC AND DEFENCE NEWS RESEARCH ANALYST – (SEPT 2023- JULY 2024)**

Demonstrated expertise doing extensive research in the field of security and IR.

## ACADEMICS/FELLOWSHIPS

### **MA – POLITICAL SCIENCE SEPT - 2023**

MA in **Political Science** from IGNOU with first division.

### **BE – MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AUGUST 2020**

Completed **Bachelor of Engineering** from the Gujarat Technological University with the grade of First Class with Distinction.

### **THE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, USA MAY – JULY 2023**

Completed 10-week long academy **fellowship** for American think tank the Heritage Foundation for the summer class of 2023.

### **INTERNSHIP AT ANAND MILK UNION LTD. (AMUL) DEC 2018-JAN 2019**

Completed an Internship at AMUL, ANAND where I have learned about various safety protocols to ensure a safe and efficient production environment. Further I was also acquainted supply chain protocols and SOPs.

### **QUALIFIED COMPETITIVE EXAMS**

AFCAT (**Air Force Common Admission Test**)- 5 TIMES

SPIA ENTRANCE EXAM for UPSC 2022  
WITH ALL GUJARAT RANK 459

# SKILLS

- Public Speaking
- MS Office/Google Docs
- Research and Writing
- Leadership
- Critical thinking
- Social Media Management

## Interview/Podcast

Hosted **Lt Gen PR Shankar**, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC (Retd), **former Director General of Artillery**, Indian Army, for an interview for the Geostrata. In a perceptive session, we've talked about topics ranging from the Russia-Ukraine conflict to emerging threats from China, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.

Link: [Emerging Threats & Changing Warfare](https://bit.ly/44aUEWF) - <https://bit.ly/44aUEWF>

Hosted **Brigadier General Robert Spalding**, (Retd.) **US Air Force**, former China strategist for the Joint Chiefs of Staff and key architect of the US's National Security Strategy, 2017, for a podcast where we talked about China's unrestricted warfare in addition to analyzing the present threat landscape in the Indo-Pacific.

Link: <https://youtu.be/oKGVwC3VEwU>

Hosted **Lt. Col. Amos Fox (Retd.) US Army** for the interview, where we have talked about Land Warfare and Changing nature of firepower and Air Power amid various technological Advancements.

Link: [https://youtu.be/Kjadh\\_j4eLg](https://youtu.be/Kjadh_j4eLg)

Had the honor of hosting honorable Ms. Jennifer Larson, the US Consul General in Hyderabad. The conversation was focused primarily on the role of the US Consulate General in Hyderabad in fostering greater cooperation between India and the USA.

Link: <https://youtu.be/-lbBMI4hKkg>

## Courses

The following courses have been completed with certification by me from various Universities through Coursera

1. [Diplomacy in the Modern World](#) from University of London
2. [Terrorism and Counterterrorism: Comparing Theory and Practice](#) from Leiden University, Netherlands
3. [Stalin and Stalinism in Russian History](#) from Higher School of Economics, Moscow
4. [Game Theory](#) from Stanford University

## Published Articles/Research Pieces:

1. <https://gsdn.live/artificial-intelligence-war-between-usa-and-china/>
2. <https://gsdn.live/irregular-warfare-and-evolving-role-of-non-state-actors-in-wars/>



3. <https://gsdn.live/role-of-deception-in-warfare-a-theoretical-case-study/>
4. <https://gsdn.live/why-asean-matters-to-india-prime-minister-narendra-modis-visit-to-indonesia/>
5. <https://gsdn.live/polands-new-government-geopolitical-implications/>
6. <https://gsdn.live/book-review-how-states-think-the-rationality-of-foreign-policy/>
7. <https://www.thegeostrata.com/post/strategic-choices-ethical-dilemmas-stories-from-the-mahabharat>
8. [IAF and India's Air Power \(thegeostrata.com\)](https://www.thegeostrata.com/post/iaf-and-indias-air-power)
9. [Chandrayaan 3: Dawn of New India \(thegeostrata.com\)](https://www.thegeostrata.com/post/chandrayaan-3-dawn-of-new-india)
10. [Why Bharat Matters - Redefining of International Relations \(thegeostrata.com\)](https://www.thegeostrata.com/post/why-bharat-matters-redefining-international-relations)
11. <https://foreignanalysis.com/rise-of-china-and-security-dilemmas-in-the-indo-pacific/>
12. <https://gsdn.live/propaganda-operations-and-proliferation/>
13. [Cognitive Warfare - bit.ly/40SR1Ds](https://bit.ly/40SR1Ds)
14. [What Ukraine can learn From Melos - bit.ly/40N0oES](https://bit.ly/40N0oES)
15. [S. Jaishankar and Indian Foreign Policy - bit.ly/45fq1AN](https://bit.ly/45fq1AN)
16. [What The Ramayana Teaches Us About Geopolitics - bit.ly/3K32Vny](https://bit.ly/3K32Vny)
17. [Maritime Ambitions of PLA Navy - https://bit.ly/3YYfHea](https://bit.ly/3YYfHea)
18. <https://www.thegeostrata.com/post/political-economy-of-the-redistribution-of-wealth>
19. <https://gsdn.live/75-years-of-nato-relevance-and-future/>
20. <https://gsdn.live/amca-and-augmentation-of-indias-aerospace-power/>
21. <https://gsdn.live/book-review-the-devils-will-get-no-rest/>
22. <https://gsdn.live/iran-pakistan-skirmishes-and-persisting-turmoil-in-the-middle-east/>
23. <https://gsdn.live/results-of-taiwan-elections-2024-taiwans-journey-ahead/>