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INDIAN COUNCIL OF WORLD AFFAIRS

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Annual Report for the Financial Year 2007-08**

**1. Introduction**

During the year, ICWA continued with its mandated activities under Section 13 of the ICWA Act, 2001.

**2. Constitution of the Council, including changes therein.**

Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice-President of India, was the President, *ex officio*, of the Council for the period from 01.04.2007 to 10.08.2007. Shri M. H. Ansari took over as Vice President of India on 11.08.2007 and became President of this Council from 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2007. Shri Talmiz Ahmad was the Director General and Member-Secretary of the Council for the period April-July, 07. Shri Ashok Kumar took over as Acting Director General of this Council from 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

The Following ex-officio members of the Council changed during the year:

<b>Outgoing Member</b>	<b>Incoming Member</b>
(i) Shri Shekhar Dutt, Defence Secretary	Shri Vijay Singh (w.e.f. 01.08.2007)
(ii) Dr. Sheela Bhide, SS(FA)	Shri N. Bala Baskar, AS(FA) (w.e.f. 20.09.2007)
(iii) Shri Badal K. Das, Secretary Ministry of Culture	Shri Abhijit Sengupta (w.e.f. 01.11.2007)
(iv) Shri Surendra Kumar, Dean, FSI	Shri Ajai Choudhry (w.e.f. 01.03.2008)

A list of the members of the Council is attached. **(Annexure – I)**

A list of the members of the Governing Body is attached. **(Annexure – II)**

**3. Meetings of the Council.**

NIL

**4. Constitution of Committee**

Research Committee: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Governing Body decided to constitute a Research Committee. The composition & the functions of the Committee will be finalized by the Governing Body in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting expected to be held shortly.

**5. Meetings of the Committees.**

### **Programmes Committee:-**

Second meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2007  
Third meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2007  
Fourth meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2008

### **Finance Committee:-**

First meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2007  
Second meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2007  
Third meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2008

### **Building Committee:-**

First meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2007

The membership of the various Committees mentioned above is at **Annex – III**.

**6. Grant-in-Aid by Ministry of External Affairs.** Rs. 340.00 Lakhs

### **7. Publications.**

During the year, the Indian Council of World Affairs published five issues of *India Quarterly* for the periods Oct. – Dec. 2006, January – March 2007, April – June, 2007, July – September, 2007, and October – December, 2007. With this the backlog in the publication of *India Quarterly* has been cleared. The issue for Jan-March 2008 will be printed in the first half of April 2008.

### **8. Library.**

Library has been the heart of ICWA complementing all the activities, rendering referral services to people from all walks of life and of office. 289 people signed up for library membership during the year. 349 books on key issues in International affairs and foreign policies pertaining to Africa, South Asia, Central, East and West Asia were added. About 70 research scholars from reputed Indian colleges and Universities subscribed to the library and referred to the books, periodicals and press clippings available in the library. Key Government Officials utilized and applauded the library services. The library will soon progress to an international level with modern technologies and extensive automation.

### **9. Conference/Lectures/Seminars**

During the period April 2007-March 2008, the Indian Council of World Affairs organized the following events:

i)	Lectures	-	12
ii)	Seminars	-	04
iii)	Bilateral strategic dialogue	-	10
iv)	Panel Discussions/Background briefings	-	04
v)	Other events (films, book launches)	-	<u>06</u>
	Total		<u>36</u>

A list of the events organized by the ICWA is attached.[**Annexure-IV**]

During the year, the ICWA signed one MoU for bilateral cooperation with Nigerian Institute for International Affairs (NIIA).

## **10. Awards**

NIL

## **11. Research and Analysis**

**Research/Publications:** The ICWA sponsored the following studies:

- (a) *“Prospects of India-Bangladesh Relations lessons from the Khaleda Zia Era” by Mr. Pranay Sharma;*
- (b) *“India and Kyrgyzstan Relations: Perspectives and Prospects” - a joint study between ICAF, ICWA and Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.*
- (c) *The Indo-Bangladesh Border: Perspectives on Cross Border Trade, Regional Economic Cooperation and Energy Issues – a study by Dr. Anuradha Kumar;*

## **12. Visit of Foreign Dignitaries to the Council**

The Council hosted the following foreign dignitaries during the year:

- (1) **His Excellency Mr. Syed Hamid Albar**, Foreign Minister of Malaysia  
**9-10<sup>th</sup> April, 2007**
- (2) **16 Member Parliamentary Delegation from Germany** led by H.E. Mr. Bernd Muetzelburg **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2007**
- (3) **His Excellency Mr. Sergei Stanishev**, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria  
**11 September, 2007**
- (4) **Hon’ble Mr. Massimo D’ Alema**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy  
**10 October, 2007**
- (5) **His Excellency Mr. Ilan Mizrahi**, Head of Israel’s National Security Council  
**24<sup>th</sup> October, 2007**
- (6) **Mrs. Benita Ferrero-Waldner**, European Commissioner for External Relations and Neighbourhood Policy  
**4 January, 2008**
- (7) **H.E. Mr. Ednan Karabaev**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic  
**4 February, 2008**

**13. Report on matters referred to the Council by the Central Government or Governing Body.** NIL.

**14. Council for Security and Co-operation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) - India activities :**

The ICWA is the designated Secretariat of CSCAP-India Committee, the composition of which is attached. **(Annexure - V).**

Following CSCAP-related events were organised during the year:-

- (1) CSCAP SGM Energy Security Meeting held in Beijing, China from 25-26 March, 2008;
- (2) CSCAP 6<sup>th</sup> General Conference held in Jakarta, Indonesia from Dec 5-8, 2007;
- (3) CSCAP 28<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting held in Jakarta, Indonesia from Dec 5-8, 2007;
- (4) CSCAP Study Group Meeting on CPWMD held in Jakarta, Indonesia from Dec 7-10, 2007;
- (5) CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Preventive Diplomacy held in Brunei from October 29-31, 2007;
- (6) CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Energy Security held in Goa from Sept 14-15, 2007;
- (7) CSCAP Study Group Meeting on Security on the Malacca and Singapore Straits held in Jakarta from September 8-9-, 2007;
- (8) 21<sup>st</sup> Asia Pacific Round Table Meeting held in Kuala Lumpur from June 3-4, 2007;
- (9) 27<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of CSCAP held in Kuala Lumpur from June 3-4, 2007;
- (10) 1<sup>st</sup> CSCAP SGM Energy Security held in Singapore from 23-24 April, 2007;
- (11) 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CSCAP SGM on Oceania held in Wellington, New Zealand from April 15-17, 2007.

(Ashok Kumar)  
Acting Director General  
Indian Council of World Affairs  
29<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

**Annexure - III**

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Committees  
(as on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008)

**Finance Committee**

1. Shri M.K. Rasgotra, Chairman
2. Shri N. Bala Baskar, Financial Advisor, MEA, ex-officio
3. Shri Ashok Kumar, Acting Director General, ICWA, ex-officio
4. Shri D. K. Jain, Additional Secretary (PP), MEA, ex-officio

**Programmes Committee**

1. Shri S.J.S. Chhatwal, Chairman
2. Prof. Mushirul Hasan, Vice-Chancellor, Jamia Milia Islamia
3. Shri N. Bala Baskar Financial Advisor, MEA, ex-officio
4. Shri Ashok Kumar, Acting Director General, ICWA, ex-officio
5. Shri D. K. Jain Additional Secretary (PP), MEA, ex-officio
6. Shri Pavan K. Varma, Director General, ICCR, ex-officio

**Building Committee**

1. Shri Jagmohan, Chairman
2. Shri N. Bala Baskar Financial Advisor, MEA
3. Shri Ashok Kumar, Acting Director General, ICWA
4. Shri D. K. Jain Additional Secretary (PP), MEA
5. Shri K. S. Bhardwaj, Joint Secretary (Projects), MEA
6. Shri H. S. Dogra, Director General Works, CPWD

**Research Committee**

Members to be selected by the Governing Body

- (c) approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the Selection Committee subject to the preparation of a panel of expert so that the Selection Committee has adequate experts in the area in which recruitment is envisaged;
- (d) directed that the nomination of Shri V. K. Grover against the casual vacancy of Shri M. H. Ansari nominated under section 7(2)(e) of the ICWA Act, be placed on the agenda of the Council at its next meeting;
- (e) approved the RE 2007-08 and BE 2008-09 and directed that RE & BE figures must be considered and approved by the Finance Committee before they are put up to the Governing Body for its consideration and approval;
- (f) directed that Programme Committee should look into the matter related to reduction of the number of lectures to an average of 24 per annum and focus more on research oriented activities, as recommended by Shri M. K. Rasgotra;
- (g) approved the ICWA Regulations;
- (h) decided that the ICWA Employees Service Regulations, 2007 be resubmitted to the next meeting of the Governing Body/Council after the matter has been re-examined by the MEA;
- (i) directed that the programmes be re-examined by the Programme Committee;
- (j) approved the proposal of exercise of administrative/financial powers of DG by ADG and delegation of powers;