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Second Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)-Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF) Roundtable 7 April 2017

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) hosted a day-long Second Roundtable Dialogue with the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF), at Sapru House, New Delhi, as per the provisions of MoU (signed between the two institutions in November 2015).

Mr. Hang Yuanxiang Executive Vice Chairman, CSCLF, led a nine-member delegation from China to participate in the Second ICWA-CSCLF Roundtable. Both the sides maintained that the Dialogue proved to be a productive experience in fostering mutual understanding. The Roundtable was successful in understanding the areas of convergence and divergence in the bilateral relationship between India and China. It discussed issues of governance, bilateral relations, security architecture in the Asia Pacific and the Indian Ocean region, economy and people to people contact. It is noteworthy that India's economic concerns, especially with regard to investment, trade and market access were forcefully put across and acknowledged by members of the Chinese delegation.

ICWA HIGHLIGHTS...

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Meeting with the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) Delegation

10 April 2017



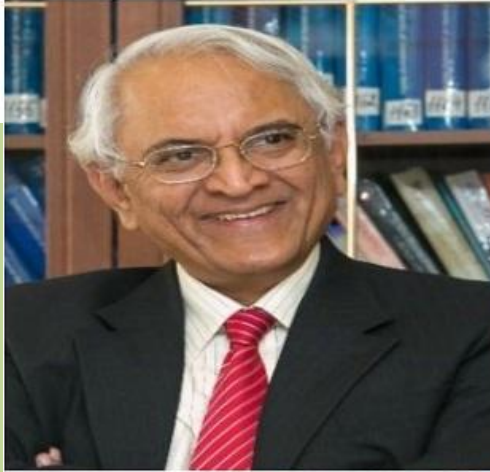
A nine member delegation from the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) led by Prof. Nguyen Quang Thuan, President of the VASS met a seven member delegation led by Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA. The Vietnamese delegation comprised of Dr. Vu Hung Cuong, Nguyen Thanh Ha, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trung, Dr. Le Hong Ly, Dr. Nguyen Quoc Tuan and Dr. Hoang The Anh. H.E. Mr. Ton Sinh Thanh, Ambassador of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to India also participated in the meeting.

The ICWA delegation comprised of Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA, Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA, Dr. Nivedita Ray, D(R) and research fellows Dr. Sanghamitra Sarma, Dr. Avinash Godbole and Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bhattacharjee. The discussions were on the forthcoming inaugural dialogue in between ICWA and VASS, India and Vietnam bilateral relations, regional and world politics.



Video Conference Roundtable on International and Bilateral Issues with Russia

April 19, 2017



ICWA in collaboration with Russia Beyond The Headlines (RBTH) organized the first key academic programme on "India-Russia Bilateral and International Issues" at the Sapru House, New Delhi, held in the format of a video conference. The programme is a part of the Action Plan of the Road Map to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Russia.

Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, Deputy Director General, ICWA, and Moderator of the event from Indian side, initiated the video conference from Sapru House. The speakers included Ambassador P.S. Raghavan, Convenor, National Security Advisory Board, and former Ambassador of India to Russia via video link from Bangalore, Ambassador Vyacheslav Trubnikov,

former Ambassador of Russia to India via video link from Moscow, Dr. Boris Volkhonsky, Deputy Head of the Centre for Asia and the Middle East at the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, Moscow via video link from Moscow, Mr. Ajaneesh Kumar, Deputy Director General, ICWA and Dr. Athar Zafar, Research Fellow, ICWA. The themes discussed covered: Terrorism and counter-terrorism as an essential part of Indian and Russian policy and Cooperation in Afghanistan; Security Architecture of Indo-Pacific Region; Cooperation in Central Asia. The programme was attended by Mr. Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA, Ms. Ksenia Zubacheva, Executive editor of Russia & India Report, Veronica Usacheva and Olga Dycheva, representatives from Russia & India Report and Research Fellows from ICWA, New Delhi.



Meeting with the delegation from the Centre for Policy Development and Analysis on Asia Pacific and African Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia

24 May 2017.

ICWA hosted bilateral dialogue with a delegation from the Centre for Policy Development and Analysis on Asia Pacific and African Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia on 24th May 2017. They discussed about the possibility of establishing an IORA- CEPA.

The visiting delegation was headed by Dr. Arifi Saiman, Head of Centre for Policy Development and Analysis on Asia Pacific and African Region, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indonesia, and included Dr. Mohamad Zakaria Al-Anshori, Head of Division for East Asia and Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Sigit Aris Prasetyo, Head of Sub Division for African and Sub Sahara, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Noviandri Wibowo, Third Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia, New Delhi. The ICWA delegation was led by Shri Piyush Srivastava, Joint Secretary, ICWA, and included Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director (Research), and ICWA Research Fellows Dr. Amit Kumar, Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bhattacharjee and Dr. Smita Tiwary.



Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA with RFs, ICWA along with Indonesian delegates in ICWA, New Delhi



The Kolkata Dialogue 10 April 2017.



Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA at Kolkata Dialogue

Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), in collaboration with MEA, organised the 'Kolkata Dialogue 2017' on "Act East: India's ASEAN Journey" at Kolkata on 30 May 2017. Shri Anurag Bhushan, JS (ASEAN-ML), MEA was the Chief Guest and Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA was the Guest of Honour at the Inaugural Session. H.E. Lt Gen (Retd) Nirbhay Sharma, Governor of Mizoram was the Chief Guest at Closing Session. The Seminar was also attended by Dr. Surat Horachaikul from India Study Centre, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok. Senior government officers, academicians, think tanks and industry representatives participated in the Dialogue. JS, ICWA, in his address, said that India's "Act East Policy" is, inter-alia, a reflection of the importance we attach to our strategic partnership with ASEAN. It focuses on closer cooperation in combating terrorism and collaborating for peace, prosperity and stability in the region and promoting maritime economy and security based on international norms and laws. The North Eastern region of India has been priority in our Look/ Act East Policy. On specific initiatives, development of hydropower including small and mini-hydel projects in North Eastern Region was stressed (according to CEA, the region has 60,000 MW hydropower potential). Other suggested areas of c o o p e r a t i o n between India and

ASEAN include aggressive promotion of historical and cultural sites showcasing our ancient Hindu and Buddhist linkages, air and ports connectivity, education and academic and youth exchanges, study centres and language learning and training. Maritime economy and security, space cooperation, nuclear energy, defence production and technology, cyber security, HADR and remote sensing are priority areas for future cooperation, in most of which we have developed proven expertise and can share with ASEAN countries.



**First BRICS Think Tanks Forum on Pragmatic Cooperation,
Centre for BRICS Studies, Fudan University, China,
25-26 May 2017**



Dr. Avinash Godbole, Research Fellow, ICWA, participated in the 1st BRICS Think-Tank Forum on Pragmatic Cooperation hosted by the Centre for BRICS Studies, Fudan University and Shanghai Community for BRICS Studies. This forum was held in Fudan University On 25-26 May 2017 and nearly 50 scholars from academia and think tanks, and retired diplomats attended the forum. Speakers highlighted significance of BRICS especially now given the trends of deglobalisation, anti-globalisation and protectionism seen in the first world. It was noted that BRICS denotes rise of an alternative for the developing countries from being rule-takers (WTO, Climate Change) and rule implementers (UN Peacekeeping), to rule shapers (NDB, AIIB). This change was highlighted as the beginning of a new plural-lateral global order.

Discussions took place on the need of a permanent physical secretariat, a BRICS Credit Rating Agency, easier research networking, BRICS Network University and various other aspects. Some participants also referred to the FOCAC summit and its utility in expanding China's cooperation in Africa.





**2017 BRICS Think-Tanks Forum:
“The Coordination Between
BRICS Development Strategies:
The Way to the Common
Prosperity”, organised by NIGS,
CASS and UIR
8-9 June 2017, Beijing, China**



National Institute for Global Strategy (NIGS) along with Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and Guangming Think Tank University of International Relations (UIR) organized the “2017 BRIC National Think Tank Forum: BRICS development strategies: towards the common prosperity of the path” international seminar in Beijing on June 8-9, 2017. Ambassador Nalin Surie presented the Key Note Address. The seminar was attended by Roberto Abdenur (CEBRI, Brazil), Vasily Mikheev (Russian Academy of Sciences), Moeletsi Goduka Mbeki (South African Institute for International Affairs, South Africa) Huang Renwei (Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Vinod Kumar Anand (VIF, New Delhi) and many other scholars from China and the BRICS nations. The forum discussed on BRICS development strategies, experiences and practices of BRIC national development strategy as well as sessions which dealt with policy suggestions.



**BRICS Think Tank Forum
organised by International
Development, Central Committee
of Communist Party of China
Fuzhou, China
11-14 June 2017**

Representatives of BRICS political parties, think tanks and non-governmental organizations met in Fuzhou, China. ICWA was represented by Deputy Director General Shri Ajaneesh Kumar. Discussions centered on ways to cement cooperation and share governance experience, and suggestions were offered for the Ninth BRICS Summit, which is scheduled for September in Xiamen, China. Participants agreed to increase BRICS cooperation and enhance dialogue with other developing countries. They also agreed to intensify policy communication, expand cooperation, and work more with other emerging markets and developing countries.



Roundtable on Indo – Russian Relations Russian Diplomatic Academy Moscow 15 June 2017

Amb. Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA, and Dr. Indrani Talukdar, RF, ICWA along with Indian and Russian delegation in Russian Diplomatic Academy, Moscow



In collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), the Diplomatic Academy of Russia, Moscow held a Round Table on “India-Russia Bilateral Relations” on 15 June in Moscow. The aim of the event was to have a better understanding of the bilateral and global issues between India and Russia.

A seven member delegation from five think-tanks, namely Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), New Delhi, Delhi Policy Group (DPG), New Delhi, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and ICWA, New Delhi was led by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA to Moscow.

In addition to the Round Table, the Indian delegations had interactions with Mr. Pavel Dorokhin, Chairman, and other members of the India-Russia Parliamentary Friendship Group in State Duma; the members from the think-tank, Russia International Affairs Council (RIAC) and experts from the International Affairs Department at the Higher School of Economics (HSE) & representatives of the Valdai Club. Dr. Indrani Talukdar, RF, ICWA also presented a paper in the Diplomatic Academy of Russia.





**Book Discussion
“Whither Indian
Ocean Maritime
Order?”
By
Ambassador
Yogendra Kumar
19 June 2017**

A discussion on the book titled “Whither Indian Ocean Maritime Order?” edited by Amb. Yogendra Kumar was organised at the Indian Council of World Affairs on June 19, 2017. The discussion was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA. Ambassador Shyam Saran and Dr. Manoj Joshi were discussants. Discussion highlighted the existing Indian Ocean maritime order and the key aspects of India’s Indian Ocean strategy.

Second India-China Think-Tanks Forum

22-27 June 2017

Beijing, Guangzhou and Shenzhen



Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) led a 17- member delegation from India to participate in the Second India-China Think-Tanks Forum from 22 to 27 June 2017. The delegation consisted of distinguished experts from 11 think-tanks and institutions in India.

The Second India-China Think-Tanks Forum was organized by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and ICWA in Beijing on 24-25 June 2017. Following the Forum in Beijing, the delegation proceeded to Guangzhou and Shenzhen for further academic exchanges with think-tanks and institutions of China.

The Forum, established by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, is a bilateral dialogue mechanism to facilitate exchanges between think-tanks of the two countries. The MoU was concluded during the state visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to China in May 2015. The First India-China Think-Tanks Forum was held in New Delhi on 9-10 December 2016.

The Second Forum was organized at the Convention Centre, Beijing International Hotel, Beijing on 24-25 June 2017. A total of 32 presentations were made from experts of both sides on the theme "China-India Strategic Cooperation and Developmental Partnership". There were separate Inaugural and Concluding sessions attended by dignitaries.



Outreach Programmes of ICWA



ICWA-University outreach programme

Interaction cum Workshop on India Foreign Policy at Central University of Karnataka (CUB), 17, April 2017

An Outreach programme supported by ICWA was organised in the Central University of Karnataka (CUB) under the Department of Social Work, CUB, Karnataka. ICWA Representatives Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, RF, and Dr. Smita Tiwary, RF, participated in the one day workshop, which was attended by undergraduate, post graduate students as well as M.Phil and PhD scholars and faculties of the University.

Two-day International Seminar entitled,

“Internal Changes in South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities.”

Centre for International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand, Brambe,
Ranchi

20-21 April, 2017



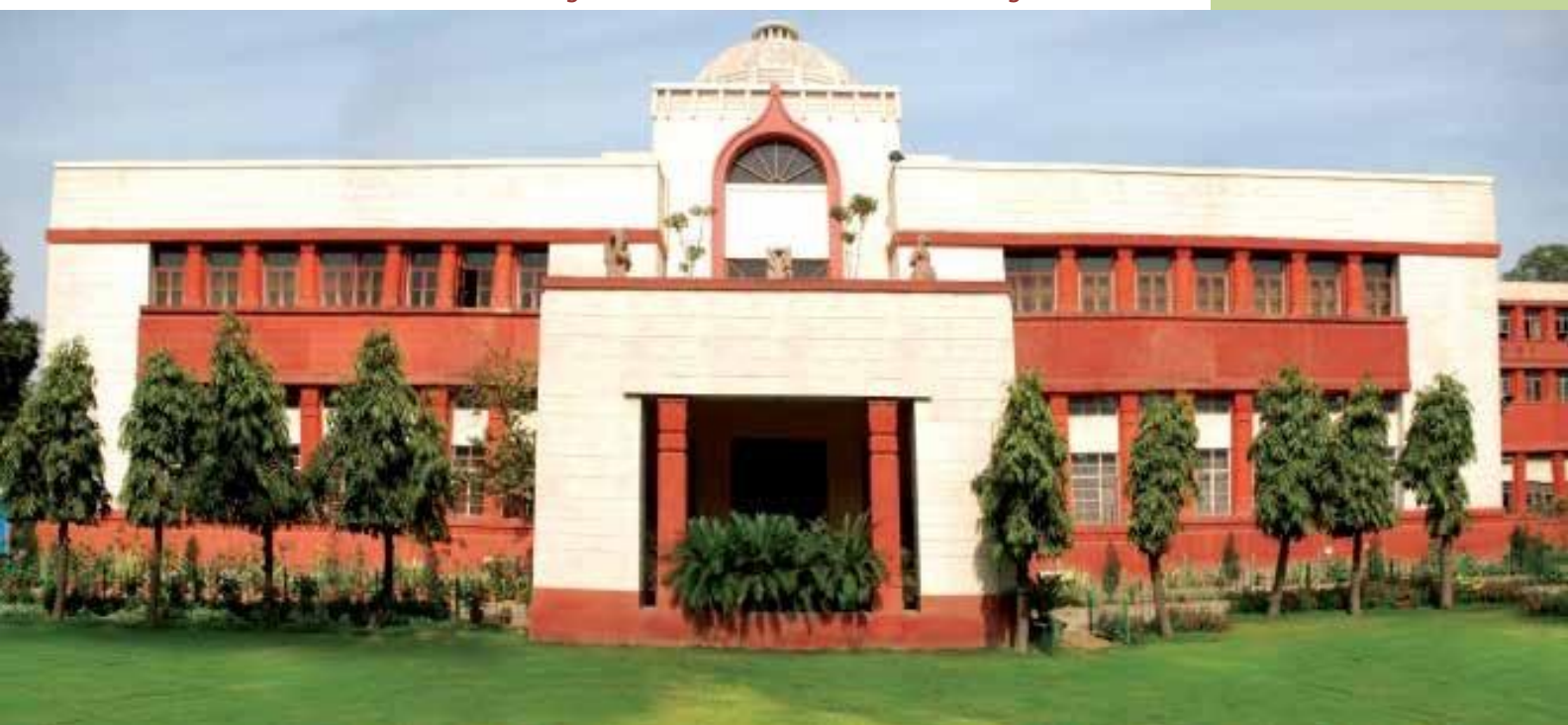
A two day international seminar on 'Internal Changes in South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities' was organised by Centre for International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand, Brambe, Ranchi. Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, sponsored this seminar. The Seminar had Inaugural and Valedictory sessions, and six technical sessions which focused on the various political, strategic and economic dimensions of the nations in South Asia. ICWA was represented by Dr. Nihar Das, Research Fellow, who also presented a paper.



About ICWA

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) is India's oldest foreign policy Think Tank, specializing in foreign and security policy issues. It was established before the independence of India in 1943 by a group of eminent intellectuals under the inspiration of Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister. The Indian Council of World Affairs has been declared an "institution of national importance" by an Act of Parliament in 2001.

The Council conducts policy research through its in-house faculty as well as external experts. It regularly organizes an array of intellectual activities including conferences, seminars, round table discussions, lectures and publication. It maintains a landmark and well established library, website and a journal named 'India Quarterly'. It is engaged in raising public awareness about India's role in international affairs and offers to the Government and civil society policy models and strategies, and serves as a platform for multi track dialogues and interaction with other foreign Think Tanks.



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