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Launch of an ICWA publication titled "India and EU: An Insider's View" at Sapru House, 9 October, 2018

A book launch was organised at Sapru House on October 9th, 2018. The welcome remarks was delivered by Amb. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). This was followed by the release of the book "India and EU: An Insider's View" authored by Amb. Bhaswati Mukherjee, an ICWA publication, by the Chief Guest, Amb. Hardeep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. The book release was followed by a panel discussion and the panelists for the session were: H.E. Mr. Tomasz Kozlowski, Ambassador of the European Union, H.E. Mr. Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France and Amb. Dinkar Khullar. The discussion was moderated by Amb. Rajiv Dogra.

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Lecture by H.E. Dr. Augustine P. Mahiga, Minister for Foreign Affairs, United Republic of Tanzania at Sapru House, 16 October, 2018.

On 16 October, 2018 at Sapru House, Indian Council of World Affairs organised a talk by H.E. Dr. Augustine Philip Mahiga, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Tanzania on the topic "India Africa Relations: the Tanzanian Perspective". Dr. Mahiga is known as recognised and renowned statesman both in the fields of diplomacy and politics who began his career as university lecturer in international relations. He also served in different capacities with the United Nations, including as UNHCR Resident Representative stationed in New Delhi in late 1990's.

H.E. Dr. Augustine Mahiga focussed his talk on India Africa Relations through context of historical prism, characterising these relations as a combination of compatibilities and complementaries of foreign policy of both India and countries of Africa in particular Tanzania. The Minister pointed out that the identity of Tanzania as an independent country and the path which Tanzania followed under the charismatic leadership of Julius Nyerere was very much defined, informed and shaped by the thinking of Mahatma Gandhi. Tanzania gained immense inspiration from India in the areas of national and international governance.

H.E. Dr. Mahiga highlighted Tanzania's constructive and pragmatic engagement with India. He discussed various ways to improve the trade between India and Tanzania. Dr Mahiga stressed on the important role played by Indian origin community in Tanzania, which according to him, often serves as t h e mentors for Tanzania's indigenous private sector. He hoped that m e a n i n g f u l partnership with experienced Indian investors would create a conducive environment in Tanzania for private investment. Apart from private investment, Dr. Mahiga discussed growing India Tanzania partnership in the tourism sector.

Referring to India Tanzania collaboration in enhancing the security in the Indian Ocean, the Minister suggested that both countries should collaborate in this area pertaining not only to safeguard the freedom of navigation but also to ensure equitable exploitation of maritime resources.

Interaction with Mr. Amrullah Saleh, Former head of Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS), at Sapru House, 17 October, 2018

An interaction with Mr. Amrulla Saleh, Former head of Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security (NDS) was organised at Sapru House on 17 October 2018. Welcome remarks were given by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, ICWA. The interaction was chaired by Ambassador Amar Sinha, former Ambassador to Afghanistan. Mr. Saleh spoke about the changing geopolitics that is making impact on the ongoing peace process in Afghanistan. He also emphasised the need for a larger presence of India in the peace process as well as the various developmental initiatives in Afghanistan. The talk was followed by a question answer session by Research Fellows of the Council.

Round Table Discussion titled "Bhutan's 2018 Parliamentary Elections", at Sapru House, 25 October, 2018.

A Roundtable Discussion was held on Bhutan's 2018 Parliamentary Elections at Sapru House on October 25th 2018. the Roundtable was chaired by Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA. Ambassador V.P. Haran spoke about the .political development in Bhutan stressing on the present elections . There were two discussants, Dr. Nihar R. Nayak, Research Fellow, IDSA and Dr. Rakesh Kumar Meena, Research Fellow, ICWA. Their presentation was followed by an interactive session.

Second Russia-India International Conference with Russia International Affairs Council (RIAC) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia 14-15 November, 2018

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) conducted the 2nd International Conference, "Strategic Visions of Russia-India Relations in a Changing World Order", at Sapru House, New Delhi on 14-15 November 2018. The 2nd Conference was a follow up of the 1st conference with the theme "Strategic Visions of Russia-India Relations and Changes in the World Order", which was held in Moscow on 12-13 October 2017.

The two-day conference "Strategic Visions of Russia-India Relations in a Changing World Order" identified three axes of discussion—the strategic nature of India-Russia relations, the on-going changes in international circumstances and environment, and the vision the two countries develop of the future. The themes of the conference were Current Trends of World Order Changes: What Do They Mean for Russia and India? Regional International Orders: Compatibility or Competition? (Indo-Pacific, Greater Eurasia), External Factors of India-Russia Cooperation in the Defence Sector and beyond (sanctions, trade wars, etc.), New Technologies and Their Impact on India-Russia Future Cooperation (Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, 4.0 Industrial Revolution, digital economy, crypto currency), Priority Areas of India-Russia Future Bilateral Cooperation (energy, trade, joint scientific projects, educational exchanges, culture and people-to-people contacts) and Brainstorming on priority pending issues and developing recommendations.

The strength of India-Russia can be seen in the growing defence partnership as well as in the economic sector where despite the CAATSA, the two countries are still carrying forward with it.

Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, 4.0 Industrial Revolution, digital economy, crypto currency can be the future areas of collaboration between India and Russia which will help in achieving the target trade volume of $30 billion by 2025. The people-to-people ties which were low in the early 2000's have again picked up. Student exchange programmes, cultural exchanges and Track 2 dialogues are taking place in an increasing manner helping the two countries come closer. In the Brainstorming session, many suggestions such as collaborating in blue economy, tackling of global climate change and Sustainable Development Goals were suggested.

Launch of Book on India-Peru Diplomatic Relations at Sapru House, 16 November, 2018.

The book was unveiled by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General ICWA, H.E. Jorge Castaneda, Ambassador of Peru to India, Shri G V Srinivas JS (LAC) and Shri Deepak Bhojwani (Vice President India-Peru Friendship Association). During the discussions, it was stated that the aim of the book was to celebrate fifty five years of India-Peru relations and to promote them further. The book outlines various landmarks in the special relationship shared by the two countries which can form the basis for further building bilateral ties.

Delegation from South Korea led by Mr Kim Minseok, Director, Institute for Democracy at Sapru House
22 November, 2018.

On November 22, 2018, ICWA organized an interaction with a delegation from Institute for Democracy, South Korea. The meeting was chaired by Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA. Korean delegation included Mr Kim Minseok, Director, Institute for Democracy, Ms Kim Eunok, Senior Researcher and Mr Jung Sanghee, Research Fellow. South Korean Ambassador to India Dr. Shin Bong-kil also attended the meeting. ICWA was represented by Research Faculty. Two sides exchanged views on developments in the Korean Peninsula and India-Korea relations.

International Symposium in collaboration with the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES), Rabat, Morocco, at Rabat, Morocco 28 November, 2018.

Under the ICWA's External Partners Strategy, ICWA had signed a MoU with the Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (IRES), Rabat, Morocco in 2017. Under the MoU, IRES had hosted first IRES-ICWA Symposium on "Morocco-India Relations: What Levers for the Establishment of a Strategic Partnership "on 28 November, 2018.

The ICWA delegation consisted of five members and was headed by Ambassador G S Iyer. The other members of the delegation included, Mr. Soumen Bagchi, DDG, ICWA; Professor Grijesh Pant, Dr. Jamal Moosa, Dr. Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui, RF, ICWA and Dr Saurabh Mishra, RF, ICWA. The ICWA delegation, apart from holding a joint dialogue with its counterpart institute in Rabat, held comprehensive interactions with ambassador Keya Bhattacharya, India's ambassador to Morocco, on wide ranging issues.

The thrust of the dialogue was to explore the prospects for reinvigorating and further strengthening the relationship between Morocco and India.

This one-day dialogue examined the new emerging political and social order in the Arab world and its implication for both the region and the world.
The opening session of the dialogue began with the speeches of Mr. Mohammed Tawfik MOULINE, Director General of IRES. Other members who spoke in the session included Dr. Kheya Bhattacharya, Ambassador of India to Morocco. Mr. G.S. Iyer, Leader of the ICWA delegation & former Ambassador of India to Morocco and Mr. Fathallah Oualalou, Former Minister of Economy, Finance and Tourism, Morocco.

There were three sessions in the day-long dialogue and each session was devoted to different set of themes like: Seeking a New Paradigm for Relations Between Morocco and India: Conceptual Aspects, What Levers to Construct a Strategic Partnership: Operational Aspects and What strategic horizons: Prospective Aspects. The speakers from both sides presented their views on the particular theme and one common thread of each session =was how to strengthen bilateral ties between the two countries.

Function to commemorate the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People", Sapru House, 29 November, 2018.

Indian Council of World Affairs commemorated the "International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People" on 29 November 2018 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The programme was Chaired by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, ICWA. Ambassador Sanjay Singh, Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, delivered the Keynote Address. The distinguished speakers were: H.E. Mrs. Alyaa Ghannam, Ambassador of the League of Arab States Mission, H.E. Mr. Adnan Abu Alhaijaa, Ambassador of the State of Palestine, and Mr. Yuri Afanasiev, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India.

Lecture by H.E. Jose Condugua Antonio Pacheco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Mozambique, Sapru House, 30 November, 2018.

H.E. Jose Condugua Antonio Pacheco, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mozambique delivered a talk on Prospects of Mozambique India Cooperation on 30 November 2018. The Minister began his talk with a brief history of India Mozambique bilateral relation which started centuries ago via Indian Ocean prior to the colonial administration of the Portuguese. The relationship deepened during Mozambique's freedom struggle when Indian political forces provided full support to Mozambican freedom fighters.

H.E. Jose Condugua Antonio Pacheco pointed out similarities, opportunities and expressed political will of both India and Mozambique to move towards a privileged partnership. The high level visits of Heads of the States of both countries i.e. state visit of Mozambique's President Filipe Nyusi to India in 2015 and official visit of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Mozambique in 2016 contributed increased political confidence towards a privileged partnership. The government of Mozambique has identified India as a priority partner in Asia with whom it intends to establish a dynamic relationship as a part of the pursuit of national development agenda. Both India and Mozambique are committed to consolidate and expand relations. Collaboration in sectors such as agriculture, food and security, science and technology education, finance, water supply, mineral resources, energy, health, infrastructure, industry and investment, maritime safety are the pillars of relationship between India and Mozambique.

Further, he explained that historical relations and cultural bonds among people of India and Mozambique deepened and diversified development cooperation between the countries. Indian Community living in Mozambique deeply integrated into Mozambican society which also compelled the two countries to fortify a solid interaction. The Foreign Minister also highlighted that energy being one of the crucial requirements of Indian economy, Mozambique emerged as a major energy partner particularly in the gas sector. The Minister underscored the growing significance of Mozambique, as an Indian Ocean Rim country, located in the eastern coast of Africa, has been reaching out to India in the defence and security sector. He suggested capacity building as an area with huge potential for cooperation between India and Mozambique.

First ICWA-RIGSS Conference to mark the Golden Jubilee year of the bilateral relationship, Sapru House, New Delhi, 3-4 December, 2018.

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised the conference titled "India-Bhutan Relations – The Road Ahead" in collaboration with the Royal Institute of Governance and Strategic Studies, Bhutan on 3-4 December 2018 at Sapru House, New Delhi, to celebrate the culmination of the Golden Jubilee of India- Bhutan diplomatic relations.

The two day conference started with an inaugural session and a special address on Gross National Happiness. It was followed by four technical sessions, which covered the wider spectrum of India-Bhutan relations, the economic and development cooperation, the P2P linkages, and areas of regional and global challenges. The conference concluded with the Valedictory Address delivered by Mr. Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary, Government of India.

The eleven member Bhutanese delegation that took part in the conference was led by Mr. Chewang Rinzin, Director, RIGSS.

Interaction with a delegation from Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS), South Korea, Sapru House, 5 December, 2018

On December 5, 2018, an interaction between ICWA and Institute for National Security Strategy (INSS), South Korea was organized. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA chaired the meeting. The visiting Korean delegation was represented by Dr. Lee Gee Dong, Vice President, INSS, Dr. Choi Young Hwan, Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Kim Young Joon, Senior Research Fellow and Mr. Park Soung Il, Deputy General Manager. Two sides exchanged views on political security situation in the Northeast Asia, South Asia and India-Korea relations.

Book discussion on "India and Pakistan: Neighbours at Odds", by Avtar Singh Bhasin, Sapru House, New Delhi, 11 December, 2018.

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi organised a book discussion on India and Pakistan: Neighbours at Odds. Besides the author of the book, Shri Avtar Singh Bhasin, there were three distinguished panellists—Amb. Shyam Saran, Amb. Shivshankar Menon, and Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Indrani Bagchi.

Amb. Dr TCA Raghavan delivered the welcome remarks. Amb. Shyam Saran argued that the value of the book was in the new materials accessed by the author. Amb. Shivshankar Menon praised the deep and extensive scholarship of Shri Avtar Singh Bhasin and described it as remarkable. Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain referred to the work as the history of diplomacy and argued that it could have included references to relevant military developments.

Third Meeting of Heads of Think-Tanks (HoTT) 2018 of India and Russia, Moscow
13-14 December, 2018

The second event for the Russian division of ICWA was the 3rd Heads of Think-Tank (HoTT) meet which took place in Moscow on 13-14 December at Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). This was an annual Track 1.5 dialogue in a joint collaboration between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO).

The delegations from the Indian side were Dr. T.C.A Raghavan, DG, ICWA, Shri S Ramakrishnan, Vikram Sarabhai Distinguished Professor, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Air Marshal M Matheswaran, Founder, Chairman and President, Peninsula Foundation, Air Marshal KK Nohwar PVSM VM (Retd), Director General, Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), Lt Gen PK Singh, PVSM, AVSM, (Retd) – Director, United Services Institute of India (USI), Prof. Suba Chandran, Professor, International Strategic & Security Studies, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Group Captain (Retd). Ajay Lele, Senior Fellow, Institute of Defence Studies & Analyses (IDSA), Prof. Irudaya Rajan, Chair Professor, Centre for Developmental Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, Mr. Amit Bhandari, Research Fellow, Mr. Nitin Pai, Director, Takshashila Foundation (TF), Dr. Chandra Rekha, Research Fellow, ICWA and Dr. Indrani Talukdar Research Fellow, ICWA.

The discussions during the Indian and Russian participants ranged from Russia-Indian cooperation at the Present Stage: Financial and Economic Dimension to Cooperation in the field of Space Cooperation. They also deliberated on Collaboration (cooperation) in Energy sphere to Investments and Prospects for Labour migration. There was a general discussion on prospects for economic, scientific and technical cooperation. The conclusions were drawn from these discussions were that that India-Russia can strengthen their trade volume through various avenues such as in space, labour migration and scientific and technical sectors. These two sectors help in diversifying the traditional trade basket of defence and energy.

Lecture by Prof. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nigeria & UNSG Special Envoy for Myanmar, Sapru House, 17 December, 2018.

Professor Ibrahim Agboola Gambari, Former Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nigeria & UNSG Special Envoy for Myanmar, delivered a lecture at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) on December 17, 2018. The topic of his lecture was "Africa and Changing Global Geopolitics with Special Reference to Nigeria." Ambassador Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India chaired the session. Ambassador TCA Raghavan, Director General (DG), ICWA and Ambassador CR Gharekhan, former Permanent Representative of India in the UN, later Under Secretary General in the intergovernmental body were also present during the lecture.

Third India-China Think Tanks Forum-2018, Sapru House

20-21 December 2018

The Third India-China Think-Tanks Forum was held at Sapru House in New Delhi on 20-21 December 2018. The Forum was hosted by the Indian Council of World Affairs(ICWA), with participation by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences(CASS). The Forum coincided with the visit to New Delhi by the Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. The Forum is a bilateral platform established by a Memorandum of Understanding during the visit of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to China in May 2015. The previous edition of the Forum was hosted by CASS in Beijing in June 2017.

Prof. Gao Peiyong, Vice President, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences led a 20-member delegation to participate in the Forum. ICWA received representation/participation from 20 Think-Tanks, universities and institutions from different parts of India, a recognition of the national character of the think-tanks Forum and of the growing role of China studies in India.

At the Inaugural session messages from the External Affairs Minister of India and the Chinese Foreign Minister were read out.Under the theme "Civilization Connect towards an Asian Century", the Forum carried out in-depth discussion on bilateral, regional and global issues of mutual interest including: strategic communication and strategic reality; state of global economy and positioning of India and China, social development and challenges facing both countries, and linking people through culture and literature. Discussions were held in a spirit of cordiality, openness and contributed to enhancing mutual trust and understanding between the two sides. The Forum witnessed participation from prominent strategic thinkers, diplomats, economists, academics, and social scientists from both countries.

Experts from both sides opined that the Forum has been successful in promoting mutual understanding and strengthening friendship and cooperation between the two countries in a short span of time. They highlighted the important role of think-tanks in India-China relations in terms of enhancing people-to-people exchanges and conducting meaningful dialogue. The Fourth India-China Think-Tanks Forum will be held in China in 2019.

Two Day National Seminar at K.S. Saket Post Graduate College, Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, 13-14 October 2018

K.S. Saket P.G. College in Ayodhya organised a National Seminar on "India's Security Challenges and Options: From Internal to Global" on 13-14 October 2018. This seminar was sponsored by Indian Council of World Affairs. The seminar deliberated on the gradual but distinct transition towards a multipolar world order and a shift of power from West to East. Past experiences has shown that major shifts in power equations create volatility in the international order. Dr. Indrani Talukdar, Research Fellow, represented ICWA in the seminar. She was the Guest of Honour in the Concluding Session of the two-day seminar.

Two Day National Seminar at UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Kumaun University, Nainital, Uttarakhand 23-24 October 2018

On 23-24 October 2018, a two-day National Seminar was jointly organised by ICWA, New Delhi and UGC-Human Resource Development Centre Kumaun University, Nainital. The theme of the seminar was "Current Developments and their Impact on World Politics: With Reference to BRICS, SCO and the Indo-Pacific". The two day event covered myriad of topics including The Role of BRICS in the World Economy and International Development, BRICS and India's Foreign Policy, Terrorism, BRICS and its utility, India- Brazil relations. cross border terrorism, etc. Dr. Chandra Rekha, Research Fellow, ICWA delivered the keynote address on 23 October and the Valedictory speech on 24 October 2018.

Two day National Seminar at Society for Social Empowerment, Delhi at Trivandrum, Kerala, 13-14 November 2018

A National Conference on India-ASEAN Relations: The Historical and Cultural Pedigree to Act East Policy, was organized by Society for Social Empowerment, New Delhi in association with V.K. Krishna Menon Study Centre for International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, in Trivandrum Kerala, on 13-14 November 2018. It was sponsored by ICWA, New Delhi. The two day conference had speakers from different universities all across the country. Dr. Pragya Pandey, Research Fellow ICWA presented a paper in the Seminar.

Two Day National Seminar at Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh 15 – 16 November

A national conference on 'Act East through India's North-East: India's way to a New Era of Diplomacy' was jointly organised by Dera Nathung Government College, Itanagar and the Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR) on 15th and 16th November, 2018. The conference was supported by the Indian Council of World Affairs under the framework of outreach program, while JAIR received a grant from Policy Planning and Research Division, Ministry of External Affairs. The two days were distributed among special and parallel sessions, covering various issues associated with Act East Policy and Northeast India. Dr. Deepika Saraswat, Research Fellow, ICWA, gave a special lecture on the first day and chaired a session on the second day.

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The Council today conducts policy research through an in-house faculty as well as through external experts. It regularly organizes an array of intellectual activities including conferences, seminars, roundtable discussions, lectures and brings out a range of publications. It has a well stocked library, an active website, and publishes the journal 'India Quarterly'.

ICWA has over 50 MOUs with international think tanks and research institutions to promote better understanding on international issues and develop areas of mutual cooperation. The Council also has partnerships with leading research institutions, think tanks and universities in India..

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