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H.E. Mr. Christopher Cutajar, Permanent Secretary (Foreign Secretary), Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 3 October 2023 to discuss India-Malta bilateral relations and academic collaboration. H.E. Mr. Reuben Gauci, High Commissioner and Mr. David Mansfield, Director-External Relations, Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Malta accompanied the dignitary for the meeting.



45th Sapru House Lecture on “The Dominican Republic and India: Natural Partners” by H.E. Raquel Peña, Vice President, The Dominican Republic, 4 October 2023



The 45th Sapru House Lecture was delivered by the Hon’ble Vice-President of the Dominican Republic, H.E. Raquel Peña on 4 October 2023. The lecture was chaired by the Director General, ICWA, Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh who noted the growing relationship between India and the Dominican Republic and the various fields that encompass it. She emphasized that the common values of democracy shared by the two countries and noted the recent opening of the Indian diplomatic mission in the Dominican Republic and highlighted the key areas of cooperation such as Marine Science, Information Technology, Space and Higher Education.

H.E. Raquel Peña described ICWA as a beacon of knowledge and academics in the field of international relations. She noted the close and friendly relations between the two countries. She emphasized the similarities between the Constitution of India and the Dominican Republic and in the vision of both the countries that valued diversity, democracy and multilateralism. She said that it was important to work together for ensuring global peace and for promoting action on climate change and food security and for improving the quality of life of people in general. She said that the Dominican Republic's strategic position in the Caribbean may enable an economic gateway for India for increased commercial and technological exchanges. She noted that India was an example of a stable and responsible partner and a champion of advancing the interests of the Global South through multilateralism and the G20. She thanked India for its assistance in providing medical kits and vaccines during the pandemic and sought cooperation in the field of health and welfare.

ICWA Young Scholars Conference on 'India and the Reformed Multi-Polar World Order', Sapru House, 6 October 2023



The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organized the ICWA Young Scholars Conference on 'India and the Reformed Multi-Polar World Order' on 6 October 2023 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The Conference saw the participation of young research scholars from 19 universities across India, who came together to discuss how a rising India is impacting the shaping of a New World Order and the emerging trend towards an increasingly multi-polar world marked by reforms and a redistribution of power. The keynote address was delivered by Dr. C. Raja Mohan, Senior Fellow, Asia Society Policy Institute, New Delhi.

In her welcome remarks, Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA highlighted the mega trends that are visible today in global geopolitics, such as the consequences of the Ukraine crisis, the growing North-South divide, East-West polarisation, weaponization of financial systems, impact of climate change and rapid advancements in technology. Elaborating on India's responses to these trends, she stated that India has exercised strategic autonomy, solidarity with the Global South and acted as a bridge and consensus builder as was evident at the recent New Delhi G20 Summit. In his keynote address, Dr. C. Raja Mohan highlighted that an increasingly multipolar world had implications for power and power distribution. The distribution of power and its impact on international relations is a central question. We need to understand what options and challenges the current geopolitical fissures present to India. Changes in great power relations have long term consequences and India has to make the right choices. He highlighted three dangers to guard against as India continues to rise viz., avoiding triumphalism, balancing tensions between ideology and pragmatism; values vs. interests in its foreign policy and, lastly, balancing nationalism and internationalism.

The first technical session on India in a Multi-polar World Order was chaired by Dr. Archana Negi, Associate Professor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, had four speakers from Rashtriya Raksha University, Gandhinagar, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Central University of Jammu, Jammu and Panjab University, Chandigarh and four discussants from University of Mumbai, Mumbai, Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod, Gauhati University, Guwahati and Central University of Allahabad, Prayagraj. The speakers highlighted that India has always supported a rules-based international order and played a significant role in strengthening solidarity and partnership with the Global South and South - South Cooperation. India has repeatedly called for reform of the multilateral institutions to better reflect current geopolitical realities. In this context, the reform of the UN with the reform of the UN Security Council at its core is much needed. India is also partnering with like-minded countries to address challenges related to water, energy, transport, space, health, food security through new age coalitions such as the I2U2. The role of India's soft power was highlighted in the session as an important element that should be deployed to further enhance India's geopolitical influence and help strengthen universal values.



The second technical session on India's Solidarity with the Global South was chaired by Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi. The speakers in this session were from Manipal Academic of Higher Education, Manipal, South Asian University, Delhi, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar and IIT Guwahati, Guwahati. The discussants in the session were from Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University Sagar, Central University of South

Bihar, Gaya and Central University of Himachal Pradesh. The speakers of the session underscored the importance of maritime security especially in the Indo-Pacific region. Emphasis was laid on the need to strengthen the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) as an effective multilateral organisation to enhance cooperation in various areas such as Maritime Domain Awareness and to address non-traditional security threats. The session also highlighted how India can leverage its technological strengths to enhance its foreign policy goals through increased engagements with the Global South which views it as a long-standing, reliable partner. It was pointed out that as the Voice of the Global South, India has a number of advantages when compared to China such as its non-adversarial relations with the Global North and increased levels of trust and predictability in its foreign policy approaches.

The Conference also saw the participation of young scholars from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Delhi University, Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi.



H.E. Mr. Andrei Rzheussky, Ambassador of Belarus to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 6 October 2023

H.E. Mr. Andrei Rzheussky, Ambassador of Belarus to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 6 October 2023 at Sapru House to discuss India-Belarus bilateral relations and academic collaboration.



H.E. Dr. Ali ACHOUI, Ambassador of Algeria to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 10 October 2023

H.E. Dr. Ali ACHOUI, Ambassador of Algeria to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 10 October 2023 to discuss India-Algeria bilateral relations and academic collaboration.



4th ICWA-VASS (Vietnam) Dialogue, New Delhi, 12 October 2023



The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) held the fourth Dialogue with its MoU partner Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) on 12 October 2023 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The theme of the Dialogue was

“India-Vietnam Partnership: Building Collective Solutions for Emerging Challenges”. The Dialogue focused on the opportunities and challenges for bilateral ties in the backdrop of global geopolitical flux and saw the participation of scholars, academicians and diplomats.

In the inaugural session, remarks were made by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA; Mr. Nguyen Thanh Ha, Director General of International Cooperation Department, (VASS) and the Ambassador of Vietnam to India, Mr. Nguyen Thanh Hai. It was noted that India and Vietnam are long-standing partners with multifaceted bilateral ties. The foundation of bilateral ties is based on mutual trust, commitment and strong convergence of strategic interests. The traditional bilateral ties have been nurtured by the leaders of the two countries – Mahatma Gandhi and Ho Chi Minh. The historic Joint Vision for Peace, Prosperity and People adopted in December 2020 complements and guides the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership signed in 2016. Vietnam is one of India’s closest partners and an important pillar of its Act East Policy and the Indo-Pacific Vision.



The first session on Perspectives on the Current Geopolitics and Geo-Economics was chaired by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA. Dr. Uday Bhanu Singh, formerly with MP IDSA and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Thai Quoc, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Journal of World Economics and Politics, Institute of World Economics and Politics led the discussion with Dr. Pham Cao Cuong, Deputy Director- General in charge, Vietnam Institute for Indian and Southwest Asian Studies (VIISAS) and Dr. Tunchinmang Langel, Research Fellow, ICWA were the two discussants. It was observed that the world is in transition with the post WWII world order going through turbulence and the international environment oscillating between cooperation and competition. Challenges like Covid-19 Pandemic, the Ukrainian crisis, the conflict in the Caucasus, and the outbreak of hostilities in West Asia exposed vulnerabilities. The cartographic intrusion and aggressive posturing by China along its periphery including in the South China Sea has raised concerns for regional and global security. Besides, there are concerns over global supply chains, access to secure & affordable food, fuel and fertilizers. Conflicts in various parts of the world are having a profound impact on the global economy with the debt situation becoming particularly acute.

Session two was on India-Vietnam Partnership on Defence and Security. Mr. Nguyen Thanh Ha, DG, VASS was the Chair. The speakers were Dr. Pham Cao Cuong and Dr. Temjenmeren Ao, Associate Fellow, MP-IDSA. The discussants were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Thai Quoc, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Vietnam Journal of World Economics and Politics, Institute of World Economics and Politics (IWEP) and Dr. Sripathi Narayanan, Research Fellow, ICWA. The session highlighted the fact that the security landscape in the Indo-Pacific region is being shaped by an expansionist China, growing importance of the Indian Ocean region, India’s rise and the rivalry between China and the United States. There are concerns related to freedom of navigation and security of the sea lanes of communication and upholding rule of law. It was noted that the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and Viet Nam has diversified from political and trade & investment ties to defence partnership, maritime security, energy security, development cooperation and included cooperation in new and emerging fields such as space, civil nuclear, ICT and new technologies.



Session three was on India and Vietnam: Towards Building a New Economic Partnership. The session was chaired by Prof. Shankari Sundararaman. The speakers were Dr. Prabir De, Professor RIS and Dr. Dang Thai Binh, HoD of Economic and Development Studies, VIISAS. Dr. Udai Bhanu Singh, and Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pham Thai Quoc were the discussants. It was noted that there are barriers that have hindered the prospects of bilateral trade which may not achieve the target of US\$ 20 billion by 2025. At the same time, it was pointed out that national growth and progress in India and Vietnam was creating new opportunities for expanding bilateral cooperation in new areas such as green and sustainable development, healthcare, and digital economy. It was also noted that the export basket of the two countries is not competitive but is complementary in nature and, thus, the two sides can cooperate in accessing both regional and global markets.

The fourth session was on Shared Cultural and Civilizational Heritage: The Path of Future Partnership. The chair for the session was Dr. Pham Cao Cuong with Dr. Ho Thi Thanh Nga, Researcher, Institute of Cultural Studies, VASS and Asst. Prof. Sonu Trivedi, Delhi University as the speakers. The discussants were Mr. Nguyen Thanh Ha and Dr. Prabir De. During this session, it was pointed out that the ties between India and Vietnam can be traced back to the 2nd Century AD. This is reflected in the number of Hindu religious structures that dot the Vietnamese landscape. One significant such structure is the My Son Sanctuary – Shaivite temples built by Cham civilization from 4-14th Century AD - and which was recognised in 1997 by UNESCO as a world heritage site. The script of the Cham Kingdom was influenced by the Brahmi script of India. Sanskrit inscriptions too have been found in Vietnam. India and Vietnam are partnering in conservation and restoration of temples at the My Son Sanctuary. The advent of Buddhism from India to Vietnam is yet another testimony to age-old linkages between the two countries.

During the valedictory session, Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA and Mr. Nguyen Thanh Ha, DG VASS emphasized the importance of further strengthening the India-Vietnam bilateral Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in the backdrop of a world in transition and in the context of promoting a stable, secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Interaction with Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and Signing of ICWA-ICMPD MoU, 19 October 2023

On 19 Oct 2023, ICWA hosted an interaction with Mr. Michael Spindelegger, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) at the Sapru House. It was chaired by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General, ICWA who delivered the Welcome Remarks which was followed by a talk by Mr. Spindelegger and a Question-and-Answer session moderated by the Chair.



Global trends in migration and developments in international and country-specific migration and mobility policy frameworks were discussed. It was emphasized that there is an unprecedented increase of movement of people across borders at the global level as a result of factors such as conflict, economic pressures, change in demographic patterns & climate change and that, today, migration has become an important issue both for policy makers & academics. Following the interaction, an MoU was signed between ICMPD & ICWA for collaboration.

Launch Event- Phase II of India-EU Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility, 20 October 2023



On 20 October 2023, the Launch of India -EU Common Agenda on Migration and Mobility (CAMM) – Phase II and a Panel Discussion on ‘How the EU-India relationship may develop further within the area of migration and mobility’ was held in a hybrid format at the Chanakya Hall, Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi. The Phase II project is implemented by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).

The three partners opened the event by detailing the outcome of EU-India cooperation in Phase I and the importance of Phase II in the current global migration and EU-India cooperation context. Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Additional Secretary, Indian Council of World Affairs gave the welcome and introductory remarks along with Mr. Satoshi Sasaki, Officer-in-Charge, Deputy Director, International Labour Organization, New Delhi & Ms. Sedef Dearing, Director, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). The introductory remarks were followed by a keynote address given by Mr. Johannes Luchner, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Migration & Home Affairs (DG HOME), European Commission & Ambassador Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary CPV/OIA, Ministry of External Affairs. CAMM Phase II was officially launched at the event.

Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and National Law University (NLU), Jodhpur, 24 October 2023

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), an institute of national importance under the ICWA Act, 2001, located at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi and National Law University (NLU), established by an Act enacted by State Legislature of Rajasthan, located in Jodhpur, have agreed to collaborate in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar recently visited NLU, Jodhpur on 27 September 2023 and had announced an MoU of ICWA with NLU, Jodhpur. Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is the President of ICWA.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 24th October 2023 between ICWA and NLU Jodhpur, which will be valid for a period of three years.

The objective of the MoU will be to organize studies and seminars on agreed topics on international affairs and Indian foreign policy and both parties have agreed to collaborate in the following manner:

- i. Organizing joint events;
 - ii. Undertaking joint studies through mutually agreed modalities on issues of common interest;
 - iii. If requested by NLU Jodhpur, ICWA will consider offering internships to students of NLU Jodhpur aimed at building their capacity / skills in international affairs and foreign policy.
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Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani), 26 October 2023

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), an institute of national importance under the ICWA Act, 2001, located at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi and Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani), an Institution

Deemed to be University, located at Pilani, Rajasthan, have agreed to collaborate in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar recently visited BITS Pilani on 27 September 2023 and had announced an MoU of ICWA with BITS Pilani. Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is the President of ICWA.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 26th October 2023 between ICWA and BITS Pilani, which will be valid for a period of three years.

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Dr. Sebastian Domzalski, Chargé d' Affaires, Embassy of Poland met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 30 October 2023 to discuss India-Poland bilateral relations & academic collaboration.



ICWA organized 'Shramdaan' as part of the 'Special Cleanliness Campaign 3.0', 31 October 2023



On 31 October 2023, ICWA held '**Shramdaan**' for cleaning the Council's premises as part of the 'Special Cleanliness Campaign 3.0' being undertaken during the period 02-31 October 2023 to achieve optimum targets of Swachhta. Council's Officers, Staff & Research Faculty took part in the 'Shramdaan'.

Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Nalanda University, 31 October 2023

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), an institute of national importance under the ICWA Act, 2001, located at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi and Nalanda University an Institution Deemed to be University, located at Rajgir, Nalanda District, 803116, Bihar, have agreed to collaborate in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar recently visited Nalanda University on 29th September and had announced an MoU of ICWA with Nalanda University. Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is the President of ICWA.

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Muzafar Shah Mustafa, Ambassador designate of Malaysia to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 31 October 2023

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46th Sapru House Lecture on “Empowerment of Women in Guatemala: An Approach to Equality and Development” by H.E. Karla Samayoa Recari, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala, 3 November 2023

H.E. Karla Samayoa Recari Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala delivered the 46th Sapru House Lecture on “Empowerment of Women in Guatemala: An Approach to Equality and Development” on 3 November 2023 at Sapru House.

In her lecture, H.E. Karla Samayoa Recari, Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala highlighted that Indian women have made a difference in the diplomatic world, particularly with regard to multilateral efforts and multilateral affairs. Like India, Guatemala too is giving great priority to women's development. Guatemala wants



to see more women in the UN and in the higher ranks of peacekeeping forces in particular. She noted that Guatemala has deployed female officers in different peacekeeping operations which have contributed to the transformation of countries affected by conflict and instability. She emphasized that women's participation in peace processes is essential for the betterment of humanity and for sustainable peace. She emphasized that at the current moment when the world is threatened by wars and conflict, it is important to continue working together for quality, for peace, and for defense of human rights and to give an increasing voice to women in decision-making processes.



Visit of The Honourable Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia to ICWA, 6 November 2023



Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia The Honourable Dato' Seri Diraja Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, visited Indian Council of World Affairs, Sapru House on 6 November 2023 to gain a better understanding into the working of the ICWA. He was welcomed by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General, ICWA. He also interacted with ICWA Research Faculty and visited the Sapru House Library.

9th ICWA-PISM (Poland) Strategic Dialogue, 8 November 2023

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Poland Institute of International Affairs (PISM) held their ninth Strategic Dialogue on 8 November 2023 in Warsaw. A four-member delegation led by Director General, ICWA Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh participated in the Dialogue. Other members of the delegation included Prof. Ummu Salma Bava-Professor, JNU; Dr. Stuti Banerjee- SRF, ICWA; Dr. Himani Pant-Research Fellow, ICWA. The Dialogue focused on security challenges for Europe, the evolving situation in the





Indo- Pacific as well as India-Poland bilateral relations in the backdrop of the ongoing global and regional geopolitical flux.

In the inaugural session, remarks were made by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA and Mr. Sławomir Dębski, Director, PISM. Ambassador Singh observed that the world today is fractured and divided. There are multiple flashpoints such as the Ukraine and Israel-Gaza crises due to which geopolitical fissures have deepened further. She reflected upon India's balanced approach to these crises which has been guided by strategic autonomy. She also shared an optimistic outlook for India-Poland relations in coming years. Mr. Dębski underlined the importance of ICWA-PISM Dialogue in enhancing the understanding of Indian and Polish perspectives on global and regional issues as well as in strengthening bilateral relations between the two countries. H.E. Wojciech Gerwel, Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland and H.E. Nagma Mohamed Mallick, Ambassador of India to Poland also participated in the inaugural session and made keynote remarks. H.E. Gerwel observed that India has an important role to play in a rapidly changing world. He appreciated India's steady economic growth and also pointed that Poland has been one of the fastest growing countries in Europe in the last 30 years. He opined that India and Poland could work together to nurture technical expertise. H.E Mallick gave an overview of India-Poland ties and highlighted that both countries are democracies with shared values. While appreciating Poland's steady growth in the last three decades, she pointed that India too has grown during this period and is recognized for its strengths in Fintech, IT, pharmaceuticals, among others. She highlighted that India is both a major investment destination as well as a source of Foreign Direct Investment.

The first session of the Dialogue focused on "Security Challenges for Europe: Perspectives from India and Poland". The panel was chaired by Dr. Łukasz Kulesa, Deputy Head of Research Office, PISM. Speakers in the session included Dr. Wojciech Lorenz, Head of Security Programme, PISM and Prof. Ummu Salma Bava, Professor at the Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. It was noted that the crisis in Ukraine has raised major questions for the European security architecture. At the same time, the crisis has also led to global implications by impacting supply chain networks. The need to follow dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the crisis was emphasized.

The second session focused on the "Evolving Security Situation in the Indo-Pacific". It was chaired by Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA. Speakers included Mr. Marcin Terlikowski, Deputy Head of Research Office, PISM and Dr. Stuti Banerjee, Senior Research Fellow, ICWA. Participants highlighted India's inclusive vision of the Indo-Pacific region and a rules based maritime order. The tensions in the region on account of maritime disputes and US-China contestations were discussed in this session.

The third session focused on "India-Poland Bilateral Relations". It was chaired by Damian Wnukowski, Head of Asia-Pacific Programme, PISM. Speakers in the session included Mr. Patryk Kugiel, Senior Analyst, PISM and Dr. Himani Pant-Research Fellow, ICWA. It was observed that in the India-Poland bilateral relations, there is untapped potential between the two growing economies which needs to be nurtured, including through strengthening defence ties and cooperation on migration and mobility issues.

5th Meeting of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation, 9 November 2023

On 9 November 2023, the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) 5th Meeting of the Study Group on Northeast Asia Peace and Cooperation was held online. Dr Tunchinmang Langel, Research Fellow, ICWA attended the meeting as a representative of ICWA, CSCAP-India Committee. The theme of the meeting was 'Ideas for Peace and Cooperation Measures in the Northeast Asia'. Representatives of CSCAP chapters of Japan, Republic of Korea, Singapore, China, Australia, Singapore, Laos, Philippines, USA, and New Zealand also participated.



High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam H.E. Dato Alaihuddin Mohamad Taha met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 14 November 2023

High Commissioner of Brunei Darussalam H.E. Dato Alaihuddin Mohamad Taha met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 14 November 2023 to discuss India-Brunei bilateral relations & academic collaboration.



59th Steering Committee Meeting of the CSCAP, Bangkok, Thailand, 21-22 November 2023

The 59th Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia Pacific (CSCAP) Steering Committee Meeting (SCM) was held on 22 November 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA and Chairperson, CSCAP-India Committee Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, ICWA and Coordinator, CSCAP-India Committee, attended CSCAP Planning Committee Meeting and the Steering Committee Meeting. Both the meetings were co-chaired by Prof. Dr. Mohd Faiz Abdullah (ASEAN Chair) and Dr. Charles Labrecque, (Non-ASEAN

Chair). During the Planning Committee Meeting, issues related to budget and plan for the Financial Year 2024 was discussed by the Member Committees. The Steering Committee meeting discussed ongoing and new Study Groups on various topics of global and regional importance as well as financial and administrative matters. Mr. Sihasak Phuangketkeow, Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand delivered a talk at the meeting.



Mr. Javier Parrondo, DG, Casa Asia and Mr. Emilio de Miguel, Ambassador-at-Large for the Indo-Pacific and Director of Casa Asia Center, Madrid met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 24 November 2023

Mr. Javier Parrondo, Director General, Casa Asia and Mr. Emilio de Miguel, Ambassador-at-Large for the Indo-Pacific and Director of Casa Asia Center, Madrid met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General, ICWA on 24 November 2023. Discussions were held on topics of mutual interest and academic collaboration. Casa Asia is ICWA's MoU Partner.



Prof. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Former Minister of External Affairs of Nigeria met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 24 November 2023

Prof. Ibrahim A. Gambari, Former Minister of External Affairs of Nigeria met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 24 November 2023 to discuss global, regional and India-Nigeria bilateral issues of mutual interest.



H.E. Mr. Reuben Gauci, High Commissioner of Malta to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 28 November 2023

H.E. Mr. Reuben Gauci, High Commissioner of Malta to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 28 November 2023 to discuss India-Malta bilateral relations and academic collaboration.



H.E. Mrs. Hayet Talbi EP Bilel, Ambassador of Tunisia to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 29 November 2023

H.E. Mrs. Hayet Talbi EP Bilel, Ambassador of Tunisia to India met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 29 November 2023 to discuss global and regional issues of mutual interest as also India-Tunisia bilateral relations.



Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and IIT Bombay, 30 November 2023

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), an institute of national importance under the ICWA Act, 2001, located at Barakhamba Road, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB), an institution of national importance, established by The Institute of Technology Act 1961, located at Powai, Mumbai 400076, Maharashtra, have agreed to collaborate in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar recently visited IIT Bombay on 6th November 2023 and had announced an MoU of ICWA with IIT Bombay. Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is the President of ICWA.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 30th November 2023 between ICWA and IIT Bombay, which will be valid for a period of three years.

The objective of the MoU will be to organize studies and seminars on agreed topics on international affairs and Indian foreign policy and both parties have agreed to collaborate in the following manner:

- i. Organizing joint events;
- ii. Undertaking joint studies through mutually agreed modalities on issues of common interest;
- iii. If requested by IIT Bombay, ICWA will consider offering internships to students of IIT Bombay aimed at building their capacity / skills in international affairs and foreign policy.

Director General, ICWA Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh called on Hon'ble Vice President of India and President, ICWA Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, 2 December 2023



Director General, ICWA Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh called on Hon'ble Vice-President of India and President, ICWA Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar on 2 December 2023. Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh apprised Hon'ble Vice President about the ongoing research, publications, programmes and outreach activities of ICWA and sought his kind guidance on the same. Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh was accompanied by Deputy Director General, ICWA Shri Soumen Bagchi.

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Bin Mazyad Al-Tuwaijri, Advisor at the Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA, 5 December 2023

H.E. Mr. Mohammad Bin Mazyad Al-Tuwaijri, Advisor at the Royal Court of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia met Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, DG, ICWA on 5 December 2023 to discuss global, regional and bilateral issues of mutual interest and academic collaboration.



Conclusion of Memorandum of Understanding between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Xavier School of Management (XLRI), Jamshedpur, 14 December 2023

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), an institute of national importance under the ICWA Act, 2001, located at Barakhamba Road, New Delhi and Xavier School of Management (XLRI), a not-for-profit business school run by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) and registered under the Societies Registration Act, Government of Jharkhand, located in Jamshedpur Jharkhand, have agreed to collaborate in pursuit of their goal of expanding awareness and knowledge on international affairs and Indian foreign policy.

Hon'ble Vice-President of India Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar recently visited XLRI Jamshedpur on 10th December 2023 and had announced an MoU of ICWA with XLRI Jamshedpur. Hon'ble Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is the President of ICWA.

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 14th December 2023 between ICWA and XLRI Jamshedpur, which will be valid for a period of three years.

The objective of the MoU will be to organize studies and seminars on agreed topics on international affairs and Indian foreign policy and both parties have agreed to collaborate in the following manner:

- i. Organizing joint events;
- ii. Undertaking joint studies through mutually agreed modalities on issues of common interest;
- iii. If requested by XLRI, Jamshedpur, ICWA will consider offering internships to students of XLRI, Jamshedpur aimed at building their capacity / skills in international affairs and foreign policy.

Interaction with Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”, 15 December 2023



ICWA hosted an interaction with the Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism," a leading Ukrainian think tank covering issues of foreign and security policy on 15 December 2023. The Opening Remarks were delivered by Ambassador Vijay Thakur Singh, Director General, ICWA. It was followed by remarks by experts from Ukrainian Prism. Dr. Hanna Shelest (Director for Security Studies and Global Outreach Programmes) led the Ukrainian delegation. Mr. Mykhailo Samus (Director, New Geopolitics Research Network), Ms. Olha Vorozhbyt (Affiliated expert with Ukrainian Prism; Deputy Editor-in-chief of “Ukrayinskyi Tyzhden”), Ms. Nataliya Butyrskya (Journalist, East Asia Expert) participated in the discussion. Dr Oleksandr Polishchuk, Ambassador of Ukraine to India also took part in the interaction.

India’s consistent position calling for dialogue and diplomacy to resolve the conflict was highlighted during the discussion. It was noted that India supports any initiative that leads to resumption of talks between Ukraine and Russia. Experts from Ukrainian Prism acknowledged India's humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and highlighted the potential role of India in their country's post war reconstruction. They briefed about Ukraine’s position on the war and the Ukrainian ten-point peace formula.

Launch Event - Project PRAYAS (Promoting Regular & Assisted Migration for Youth and Skilled Professionals), 21 December 2023

On 21 December 2023, the launch of Project PRAYAS (Promoting Regular and Assisted Migration for Youth and Skilled Professionals) was held in a hybrid format at the Hyatt Regency in New Delhi. The Project is a joint collaboration between the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) India and the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs.

Mr. Sanjay Awasthi, Head of Office, IOM India delivered the welcome remarks. Commemorating the International Migrants Day (celebrated on 18 December), Secretary (CPV &OIA), Ministry of External



Affairs, Shri Muktesh Pardeshi launched Project PRAYAS and gave the keynote address. His address was followed by special remarks given by, Ms. Archana Nair, Joint Secretary, EP &W, Mr. Brahma Kumar, JS & PGE, and Mr. Hitesh J. Rajpal, Director, Indian Council of World Affairs. Post their illuminating remarks on the wider landscape of migration governance policies in India, these esteemed dignitaries then officially launched the Project PRAYAS.

Project PRAYAS was introduced by Suraksha Chandrasekhar, Senior Project Assistant IOM India who informed the audience about the aims and objectives of Project PRAYAS and key deliverables and challenges. Ambi, Research Associate, ICWA spoke during the expert sessions on facilitating safe, orderly and regular international migration and mobility pathways. Key academic experts on migration in India also joined the event including Prof S. Irudaya Rajan, Prof S. Sasikumar and Dr Basant Kumar. Other key offices that joined the event were – Niti Aayog, Goethe Institute, British High Commission and ICMPD. The event also saw participation from several other UN offices including – WHO India, UNHCR India, UNICEF India.

Conference on 'Vietnam-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Confluence and Opportunities', 22 December 2023

Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director Research, ICWA participated in the conference on 'Vietnam-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Confluence and Opportunities' jointly organized by Embassy of India, Hanoi & Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics (HCMNAP) on 22 December 2023. She shared her views on Developmental and Educational Cooperation avenues between India and



Vietnam. Ambassador of India to Vietnam H.E. Mr. Sandeep Arya, Deputy Foreign Minister H.E. Mr. Do Hung Viet, Former Foreign Minister Nguyen Dy Nien, Vice President of HCMNAP, Indian and Vietnamese scholars & experts shared their valuable insights on further strengthening India Vietnam Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

OUTREACH EVENTS

A Two-day International Korean Studies Conference for Next Generation on 'India Recalling 50 Years of Diplomatic Ties with South Korea', 17-18 November 2023

A Two-day International Korean Studies Conference for Next Generation on 'India Recalling 50 Years of Diplomatic Ties with South Korea' was organized by the Department of Foreign Languages, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi on 17-18 November, 2023. Ms. Avni Sablok, Research Associate, ICWA, presented a paper titled "India and South Korea's Economic Cooperation and the New World Order" at the conference.



Two-day International Conference on "India and International Security, Peace and Media", 11-12 December 2023



ICWA's MoU partner the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, Karnataka organised a two-day International Conference on "India and International Security, Peace and Media" on 11-12 December in Manipal, Karnataka. On behalf of the ICWA, Dr. Stuti Banerjee, SRF, ICWA participated in the conference. Ambassador P S Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board & Former Ambassador to Russia, Czech Republic and Ireland gave the keynote address in the inaugural session. In the technical

sessions of the conference various aspects of India & its role in international peace and security were discussed. The conference also discussed the role of media & its contribution to peace & security in the current era.

One day National Conference on "India's G-20 Year -2023", 15 December 2023

One day National Conference on "India's G-20 Year -2023" was organized by Asia Centre, Bangalore on 15 December 2023. Shri Soumen Bagchi, Deputy Director General, ICWA attended the event as ICWA Representative. Shri Soumen Bagchi spoke about how the G20 Delhi Summit has brought in a human centric orientation, transforming an "Elite Club" to an "Inclusive Global Body". Asia Centre, Bangalore is ICWA's MoU Partner.



Two-Day International Conference on “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Post-COVID-19 World: Regional Challenges, Opportunities, and Policy Options”, 21-22 December 2023

Ms. Avni Sablok, Research Associate, ICWA, represented the Council at the Two-Day International Conference on “Achieving Sustainable Development Goals in Post-COVID-19 World: Regional Challenges, Opportunities, and Policy Options” in Jammu on 21-22 December, 2023. The Conference was organised by the Department of Economics, University of Jammu in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, and the Indian Council of Social Science Research, North Western Regional Centre, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Ms. Avni Sablok also presented a paper titled “Digital Public Infrastructure: India's Model of Inclusive Digital Governance” in which she explained the foundational elements of India’s DPI, explored its success story, and the growing demand for research on the Indian model of digital public infrastructure (DPI) and deployed across the world.



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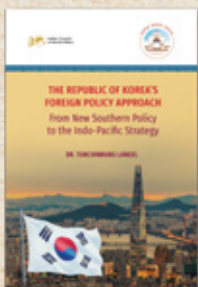
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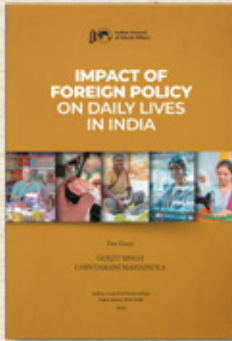


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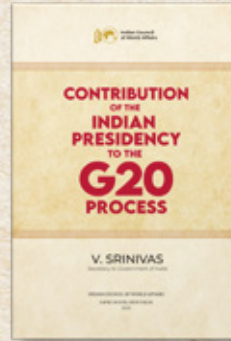
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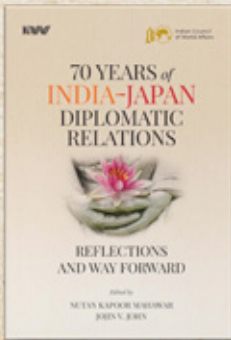
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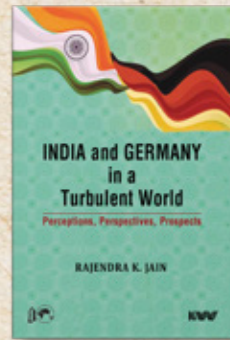
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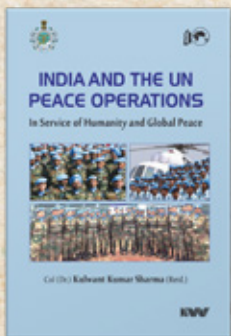
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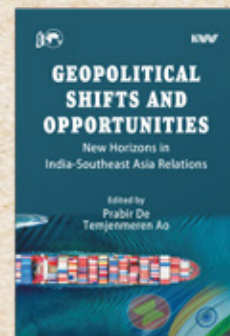
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Special Issue: India's G20 Presidency: Agendas, Directions and Dialogues

Editorial

The buildup to G20 Summit under India's presidency this year has highlighted some of the most important issues confronting the world. Most have been in the making for some time but lingering crises have added a sense of urgency, evident in the preparatory meetings by the various working groups, the engagement groups and other allied activities leading up to the final G20 Summit meeting in early September. Geopolitical rifts seem only to have widened in the last year, the global economy remains disrupted, and nations are still sifting through the rubble of the Covid-19 pandemic and the effects of global warming.

As nations come together to seek solutions, issues of leadership, agendas and agency, for long on the margins of discussions in multinational institutions, have reemerged. In the G20, three continuous presidencies held by developing nations have the potential for privileging their concerns. Indeed, the Global South has been resurrected by India as a site of leadership and one where economic growth can be reoriented to "human centric development". For New Delhi, claims to leadership of the Global South sit comfortably with its claim to global leadership given its lineage as a post-colonial state, a developing economy and now an emerging power, although sustaining these may require some balancing in existing institutions such as the BRICS and the UN.

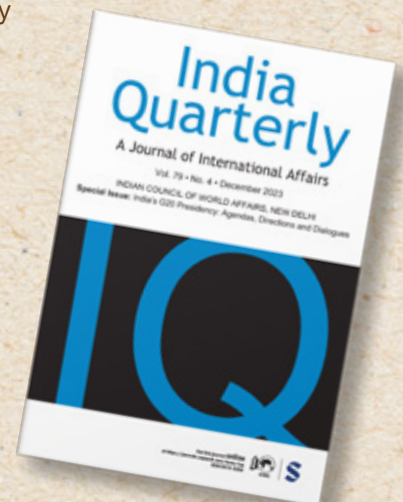
But claims to leadership come with great responsibility, primarily that of stitching together a consensus on critical issues. Here, the G20 summit comes up against greatly hardened positions on dominant issues: the war in Ukraine, climate finance, vaccine and pharma nationalism, hindering a global health architecture, transfers of technology, the reorientation of trade policies and the creation of new global value chains to name a few. Even as the G20 views these as global issues which require cooperative solutions, differences threaten common agreements.

As the dust of the G20 meetings and summit settles, we will likely draw conclusions on what it contributed to India's role as spokesman of the Global South, as a bridge between the North and the South, the diplomatic gains of holding the G20 at this juncture and the positive outcome of the G20 summit for the issues which need our attention.

To set the stage for this assessment, this issue of the India Quarterly invited leading experts and practitioners on Indian foreign policy, multilateralism, health, climate change and trade to weigh in with their views on this year's G20 meetings and the likely outcomes. Along with their discussions we included articles which propose possible G20 solutions to gender disparity in food security, green energy transitions, structural reforms in the trade environment, India's leadership claims in the Global South as viewed from Latin America, where the next G20 meetings will be held, as well as in institutions like the BRICS where other contenders like China make the claims competitive. The discussions reveal both the increasing complexity of the tasks before the G20, which started off with a limited financial agenda, and the disruptions in global environment which make solutions difficult. Yet, this may be an opportunity to push for a much-needed restructuring of global agendas.

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The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) was established in 1943 by a group of eminent intellectuals led by Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru and Dr. H.N. Kunzru. Its principal objective was to create an Indian perspective on international relations and act as a repository of knowledge and thinking on foreign policy issues. 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, round table 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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