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Two ICWA Books

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) has come out with two recent publications. The first one titled 'India and the Oceania: Exploring Vistas for Cooperation' by Dr Pankaj Jha, Director Research and; the second is on 'India and Southern Africa: Forging Ahead through Partnership' edited by Ambassador Paramjit Singh Sahai.

Dr Jha's book talks about how Indian foreign policy, over the decades, has changed its course in Oceania region. He writes "the relatively less expertise about the region as well as limited data related to the economic development and emerging challenges of these nations have created constraints in studying the region". He further mentions that Australia and New Zealand have remained, and will remain the major powers in the region, but more recently, the initiatives undertaken by Fiji to galvanize the island nations under the rubric of Pacific Island Development Forum shows that these nations want to carve out a separate identity. Overall this book addresses the emerging challenges and the historical backdrop of the Oceania and its importance to India.

Ambassador Sahai's book is a joint effort of the ICWA and Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh. It is a collection of papers presented at a conference organised by CRRID in collaboration with the ICWA in February 2014. It has nineteen papers which cover a wide range of issues ranging from fundamental as well as contemporary issues. The papers are not couched in generalities, but have a practical relevance, presenting meaningful suggestions for future cooperation, as India and Africa move forward. The relevance of the book has multiplied further because of India's growing interests in the continent, which was visible during India Africa Summit held in New Delhi from 26 to 29 October 2015.
