

Farewell message

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I complete my three year tenure today as Director General of the Indian Council of World Affairs, India's oldest and most prestigious foreign policy think tank. It has been a very satisfying experience; an honor to have been given this responsibility and a pleasure to work with our Research faculty whose output on international relations has been extensive and in-depth not only in geographical terms but also in terms of issues and the diversity of subjects addressed. Efforts have also been made to propagate and encourage the study of Indian foreign policy in its varied dimensions.

The objective has been to fulfill, to the extent feasible, all aspects of ICWA's mandate which includes outreach activity especially to those parts of India which are not fully incorporated into India's foreign policy narrative. We have also worked at Sapru House, very closely with India's other reputed foreign policy think tanks and chambers of commerce and industry. Our collaborative efforts have been both meaningful and productive.

I have had the benefit during the last three years, of the full support and encouragement of the successive Presidents of the ICWA, the External Affairs Minister, the members of the Governing Council and Governing Body, officers of the Ministry of External Affairs as also other Ministries and Departments of the Government. The most important aspect of this interaction has been that ICWA has been given full independence in its functioning.

We at Sapru House have also had the benefit of the invaluable support and guidance of the heads and members of the Finance, Programme, Research and Website Committees of the Council.

ICWA's support team led by DDG Shri Ajaneesh Kumar has been invaluable in helping ensure that we fulfilled the mandate and responsibilities outlined in the Act of Parliament of 2001.

I have greatly enjoyed the last three years and I am confident that my successor, Ambassador T.C.A. Raghavan, will help the Council scale greater heights. I wish him all the best for his innings over the next three years.

