



**The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sapru House Lecture, H. E. Dr. Fayez Tarawneh, Chief of Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan**  
 Chaired by  
**Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA**  
**7 March 2017**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sapru House lecture titled "Global War on Terrorism and its Implications on Middle East Region and Beyond" was delivered by H. E. Dr. Fayez Tarawneh, Chief of Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. The session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs. While welcoming the guests and the speakers, the Chair introduced H.E. Dr. Fayez Tarawneh, and mentioned that the subject of the lecture itself is of great importance in present global scenario. H.E. Dr. Fayez Tarawneh in his remarks said that in today's world it has become more important for India and Middle East to closely work to achieve desired objectives. He remarked that India is one of the most interconnected civilizations in the world and it is also home to the second largest Muslim population in the world. He also viewed that India as a nation is not much-credited for its contribution to the world. He added that Arabs have always been amazed by the brilliance of Indians in the field

## ICWA HIGHLIGHTS...

- 23rd Sapru House Lecture, H. E. Dr. Fayez Tarawneh, Chief of Royal Court of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
- Third ICWA-Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) Dialogue
- Book Discussion on Shri Shivshankar Menon, "Choices; Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy"
- ICWA Delegation to New Zealand India Research Institute
- Lecture by H.E. Dr. Negeri Lencho, Minister of Communication Affairs of Ethiopia
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of maths and science and how one can forget the great translation works left by the Indians. Referring to India-Jordan ties, he said that what is needed at the moment is to see what can be archived collectively by both nations. On the issue of the Syrian crisis, he said that every fifth person in Jordan is a Syrian refugee. He also said that the region is at a critical juncture and winning and losing the war against the ISIS will determine the future of the world. He called for locating the root of terrorism and collective approach to fight it. His Excellency said that though the battle can be won but the war cannot be won without fighting ideologies and at the moment a war is needed to protect both the values and the faith of the religion of Islam.



## ICWA-ECFA Dialogue 5 January 2017

Under the aegis of the MoU signed between ICWA and Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) Cairo in 2012, ICWA hosted the third ICWA-ECFA dialogue on 5 January 2017 at ICWA. The last (2<sup>nd</sup>) ICWA-ECFA dialogue was held in Cairo in 2015.

The visiting ECFA delegation was headed by Ambassador Mohamed Mounir Zahran. The other members of the delegation included Ambassador Kheireldin Abdellatif, Ambassador Mohammed Hegazy and Ambassador Ezzat Saad. The ECFA delegation also met the Secretary (ER) MEA, Shri Amar Sinha.

The ICWA delegation for the third ICWA-ECFA Dialogue was led by Shri Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA, and included Ambassador Sheel Kant Sharma, Ambassador Kanwal Sibal, Professor Kumaraswamy from JNU, Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA and Dr. Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui, RF, ICWA. The main thrust of the dialogue was to explore ways and means for further strengthening the bilateral ties between the two traditional partners. The one day dialogue also dealt at length about regional issues (WANA, South Asia and South East Asia), the evolving world order and several multilateral issues like climate changes, terrorism, UNO reform etc.



## Book Discussion on “Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy” authored by Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, Former Foreign Secretary 30 January 2017

Indian Council of World Affairs hosted a discussion on the book 'Choices: Inside the Making of India's Foreign Policy' by Mr. Shiv Shankar Menon. The discussants on the panel were, Mr. Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary and Mr. Ronen Sen, former Ambassador of India to United States and other countries. The panelists were welcomed by Amb. Nalin Surie, DG ICWA.

In introducing his book, Mr. Menon stated that there is no true or false or right or wrong in foreign policy. Rather, foreign policy decisions are a matter of choices. For the purpose of this book he has taken five foreign policy choices that India has made. These are: a) The Agreement on the Maintenance of Peace and Tranquility along the Line of Actual Control between India and China (1993), a legal document that has helped maintain the status quo, b) The civil nuclear deal between India and the United States, c) The Mumbai terrorist attacks (2008), the reasons India did not exercise the military option, d) the actions of India in Sri Lanka, where India's domestic pressures, humanitarian views and strategic interests all pulled her in different directions, and e) The No First Use policy, to explain why India has weapons that it will not use first in a situation.

In conclusion, he stated that the book does not look at morality and ethics of foreign policy, it is a practitioner's view of India's foreign policy.

The first discussant was Ronen Sen, who stated that it was an immensely readable book that looks at complex issues in a simplified manner while retaining the nuances. He felt that India has generally chosen the middle path. India has picked consensus-the least common denominator and not necessarily the optimum choice. We have the leadership to make bold choices but our implementation is slow. India is not fond of change as it causes uncertainty.

Shyam Saran pointed out that the author brings out the dilemmas faced by policymakers. He added that it is inevitable that in the future India will emerge as a great power.

The discussion was followed by question and answer session.



## Fourth ICWA Bilateral Dialogue with Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) 20 February 2017.

ICWA hosted a day-long bilateral dialogue with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) on 20 February 2017, at Sapru House, New Delhi. The two institutions are MoU partners since 2005, and this Dialogue was the fourth in the series.

Amb. Nalin Surie underlined that the focus of ICWA-CPIFA bilateral dialogue should remain on building areas of cooperation. He added that this does not mean that the differences are not important. They are being addressed by the two governments and must be resolved in the spirit of respecting each other's core interests, sensitivities and sovereignty.

The dialogue was divided into four sessions. The first session discussed the new US Administration's policies towards Asia-Pacific/Indo-Pacific, chaired by Amb. Nalin Surie. The second session dealt with India-China bilateral relations and cooperation chaired by Amb. Lu Shumin. The third session on India and China's respective strategic vision of the world was chaired by Amb. Nalin Surie. The last session was the concluding session. Both sides maintained that the fourth round of ICWA-CPIFA bilateral dialogue proved to be fruitful and reiterated the need to hold regular interactions between the two institutions. Overall, the discussions were open, intense and friendly and both sides expressed their interests in taking the relationship forward.



Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA along with Chinese delegates in ICWA, New Delhi

## IAFS-III: First ICWA Annual Academic Conference on "India-West Africa Partnership: Enhancing Security, Development and Growth", Ghana, 19-20 January 2017



The Conference entitled "India-West Africa Partnership: Enhancing Security, Development and Growth" organized by ICWA in collaboration with Indian High Commission, Ghana on January 19-20, 2017 at Accra, marked the first of the series of five 'India-Africa' Conferences that ICWA is mandated to organize under the third India-Africa Forum Summit( IAFS-III) initiative. The Conference sessions were attended by scholars/experts from ten West African countries: Ghana, Niger, Senegal, Nigeria, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mauritania, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast and Togo. Besides the experts, a large number of academics, policy makers, practitioners of diplomacy, agriculture and energy experts, members of the media and civil society contributed to the debate and discussions in the conference. The conference facilitated a wide ranging debate and discussions on issues relating to India-West Africa partnerships in the wider context of growing Indo-Africa relations. The thematic areas, discussed were: economic ties, trade and investment; development assistance and projects; knowledge transfer, agriculture, food security, energy security, non-traditional security challenges including terrorism and piracy.



Five prominent dignitaries from Ghana chaired the Technical sessions: Mr. Nana Dankwoso, President of Ghana National Chamber of Commerce; Dr. C.Mensah, Chairman of Inst. of Econ. Affairs; Dr. Victor Agyeman, DG, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research; Dr. Kwabena Donkor, Member of Parliament & former Minister of Power; Air Vice Marshal G.S.Evans, Commandant, Kofi Annan International Peace-keeping Training Centre, Accra. The ICWA delegation was represented by the following: Prof. A Dubey, JNU, New Delhi, Dr. S. Ayyappan, NABARD Chair, Bangalore, Mr. D.Palit, Asso. Director (Renewable Energy), TERI, Ms. Huma Siddiqui, Financial Express, Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA, Dr. Nivedita Ray, DR, ICWA and Ms. T. Mhatre, Asst. General Manager, EXIM Bank.



## Track II Dialogue between Indian Council of World Affairs, New Zealand Indian Research Institute and Asia New Zealand Foundation 27-28 February 2017, Wellington, New Zealand

Two day Track II Dialogue between ICWA, New Zealand Indian Research Institute and Asia New Zealand Foundation was held in Wellington, 27-28 February 2017.

In welcoming the delegation Professor Sekhar Bandyopadhyay stated that, Track II dialogues between India and New Zealand contribute to mutual understanding between the two countries. Asia New Zealand Foundation specialises in Track II dialogues and New Zealand Indian Research Institute specialises on studies related to India. He stated that the New Zealand Indian Research Institute delegation was in India in 2014 for the first Track II dialogue and current dialogue is a continuation of the engagement between the three institutions to strengthening India-New Zealand relations. Ambassador Dinkar Khullar, Head of Delegation, ICWA in his welcome remarks thanked the host institutions for their warm hospitality. He stated that the agenda has been thoughtfully made to stress on the importance of the bilateral relationship, while looking at other regional and international issues. He said that, as India moves

strongly with her Act East Policy, the Indo-Pacific is gaining importance and this is projected in the trade figures, as well as, in the high level visits between the two nations. He further stressed that Track II Dialogues are important as they are far removed from the publicity that follows Track I dialogues. The former can concentrate on moving the relationship forward looking at both areas of convergences and divergences. The two day dialogue had sessions that covered issues dealing with connectivity, major power relations in a new era and its implications for the Indo-Pacific, issues associated with energy security and challenges and prospects for Asia Pacific regional economic architecture. Speakers in these sessions were Ambassador Dinkar Khullar, Prof. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, Graeme Waters (Former NZ High Commissioner to India), Ajaneesh Kumar (DDG, ICWA), Prof Roberto Rabel (Professorial Fellow, Centre for Strategic Studies), Dr. Stuti Banerjee (RF, ICWA), Dr. Adrian Macey (Senior Associate, Victoria University of Wellington), Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi (Panjab University) and Charles Finny (Director, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise).



Amb. Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA, along with H.E. Dr. Negeri Lencho, Minister of Communication Affairs, Ethiopia.

Lecture by  
H.E. Dr. Negeri Lencho,  
Minister of Communication  
Affairs of Ethiopia,  
20 March 2017

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised a Lecture on "India-Ethiopia Relations – The Journey so Far and the Way Forward" by H.E. Dr. Negeri Lencho on 20 March 2017 at Sapru House. In his welcome remarks, Director General, ICWA, Ambassador Nalin Surie said that India has very productive and developed relations with Ethiopia. He mentioned that H.E. Lencho is an eminent speaker and it would be pertinent to listen from him about India-Ethiopia relations and the challenges Ethiopia faces in the region.

Dr. Lencho talked about the India-Ethiopia relations and said that India and Ethiopia have long-standing economic and commercial relations. As of 2015-16, the number of Indian investors in Ethiopia was 546 with licenced investment of over 4 billion USD. He said that Indian goods are the third most important source for Ethiopia, after China and Saudi Arabia. He said that bilateral trade in 2016 stood at 1.37 billion USD, in which India's export to Ethiopia were 1.3 billion USD. Indian assistance including line of credit is more than 1 billion USD. India's contribution to Ethiopia is immense especially in the capacity building sector. He mentioned in detail about the India's engagement in Ethiopia in education sector both primary and secondary.

He also talked about the academic collaboration between the two countries in higher learning institutions through video conferencing. Dr. Lencho stated that India would continue to play significant role in the political and economic realm of the world. It has actually been viewed by many as a role model for agriculture, rural development, education, information technology, health care and small industries. With a bright future ahead, India will continue to be Ethiopia's development partner. He expressed his belief that the historic and mutually beneficial relationship sustained between the two friendly countries will ever more strengthen in all dimensions.



## Fifth Saudi-Indian Workshop, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia 28 February – 1 March 2017

ICWA and Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies (PSAIDS) conducted fifth India-Saudi Arabia Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> February-1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This was the first institutionalized Track II dialogue between PSAIDS and ICWA. On the eve of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia in April 2016, the two institutions signed the Agreement of Cooperation and agreed to formalize the annual Track II dialogue, which will be held alternatively in the two countries.

The five-member Indian delegation was led by Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG ICWA. Other members of the delegation were Amb. M. Ganapathi, former Secy., MEA, Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS ICWA, Prof Bansidhar Pradhan, Centre for West Asian Studies (CWAS), JNU, and Dr. Zakir Hussain, RF, ICWA. Prof. Abdulkarim H.Al-Dekhayel, Director General of PSAIDS, was the leader of the Saudi delegation.

During the one and half-day discussion, the two sides deliberated upon four broad themes. The first session had a presentation on the Overview of Saudi-Indian Bilateral Relations. The second session was devoted to Regional Issues and Challenges, Gulf Security, Middle East, South Asia including Afghanistan, and South East Asia. The third session was on economic cooperation, including oil, trade and investment. The last session discussed the future of Saudi-India relations followed by the concluding remarks by the heads of the two organisations, Amb Nalin Surie of ICWA and Prof. Abdulkarim H.Al-Dekhayel of PSIDSA.

The fifth workshop between India and Saudi Arabia proved an important step towards improving the relations between the two countries. The speakers of the two sides not only put their concerns but also underlined the possible areas and opportunities each side offers to the other.







International Scientific Conference  
 “Vietnam – India: 45 years of  
 Diplomatic relations and 10 years  
 of Strategic Partnership”  
 Ho Chi Minh National Academy  
 of Politics  
 21 March 2017  
 Hanoi, Vietnam

The Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Hanoi, held the annual India - Vietnam dialogue with the theme “Vietnam – India: 45 years of Diplomatic Relations and 10 years of Strategic Partnership” on 21 March 2017.

The Indian delegation of ICWA was led by Ambassador N. Ravi [Former Amb. to Vietnam and former Secy (East), MEA] and included Shri Piyush Srivastava [JS, ICWA] and Dr. Avinash Anil Godbole [RF, ICWA]. Other Indian dignitaries who participated in the Seminar included Dr. Arniban Ganguly [Head of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation], Amb. Gautam Mukhopadhaya [India Foundation], Brig. Vinod Anand [VIF] and Abhay Kumar Singh [IDSA]. Amb. P. Harish, Indian Ambassador to Vietnam also spoke in the Inaugural Session.

The Vietnamese participants included Mme. Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao [Vice President of Vietnam], Nguyen Xuan Thang [President, HCMA], Le Van Tuan [Director, CIS, HCMA] Mach Quang Thang [HCMA] and Le Van Cuong [Vietnam Ministry of Public Security].

The discussions covered issues dealing with Vietnam-India relations, the potential and scope for a civilisational partnership, opportunities and challenges in economic cooperation, the 10th anniversary of strategic partnership, the achievements of India - Vietnam defence & security cooperation and the strategic relevance of South China Sea, SLOCs & its regional implications.



## Book Discussion on Shri Tilak Devasher's book: on "Pakistan: Courting the Abyss", ICWA, New Delhi 24 March 2017



A discussion on the book titled "Pakistan: Courting the Abyss" authored by Shri Tilak Devasher was organised at the Indian Council of World Affairs on March 24, 2017. The discussion was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA. Ambassador Rajiv Dogra and senior Diplomatic Editor, The Times of India, Indrani Bagchi participated as discussants. The discussion was attended by retired and serving diplomats, scholars, researchers and students. The discussion was followed by question and answer session.

### International Conference

Organized by Kolkata Society For Asian Studies, Kolkata,  
12-13 January 2017

Outreach  
Programmes  
of  
ICWA

The Kolkata Society for Asian Studies in collaboration with the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, and the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, organised an international conference on "The BCIM Initiative and India's 'Act East Policy': A Reality Check" at Kolkata on January 12-13, 2017.

ICWA was represented by its Deputy Director General, Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, and Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Research Fellow, who presented a paper in the seminar.



**Joint Seminar on “India’s China Policy: Managing a Challenging Relationship”,  
ICWA – Asia Centre, Bangalore,  
Organised by Asia Centre, Bangalore, 28  
January 2017**

One day national seminar on ‘India’s China Policy: Managing a Challenging Relationship’ was organised by ICWA and Asia Centre, Bangalore on the basis of a MoU. The Seminar saw ambassadors, researchers and various luminaries in its audience. ICWA was represented by Dr. Avinash Godbole, Research Fellow, who also presented a paper.

**Two Day National Seminar on 'India's Maritime Infrastructure: Challenges and Prospects’  
Organised by UGC Center for Maritime Studies, Univ. of Pondicherry , 23 - 24  
February 2017**

Two day national seminar on ‘India’s Maritime Infrastructure: Challenges and Prospects’ was organised by UGC Center for Maritime Studies, Univ. of Pondicherry in collaboration with ICWA. The Seminar was attended by professionals, researchers and academics. ICWA was represented by Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA, who delivered the Keynote Address and Dr. Amit Kumar, RF, who also presented paper in the seminar.

**Two Days Young Scholar’s Forum 2017  
Organised by Asian Confluence Center, Shillong, Meghalaya, 9- 10 March 2017**

Two days Young Scholar’s Forum on “India’s North Eastern States and Eastern Neighbours: Borderlands, People and Connectivity” was organised by Asian Confluence Center, Shillong and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). The Forum was attended by government functionaries, defence personnel, bureaucrats, academicians, researchers and students. ICWA was represented by Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA, and Dr. Dhruvajyoti Bhattacharjee, RF, who also presented a paper in the seminar. The Conference was inaugurated by Dr. R.C. Laloo, Deputy Chief Minister of Meghalaya



**Three Day International Conference on “Democratic Upsurge in West Asia and North Africa: Global Concerns and Implications for India”, orgn. by Centre for West Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, 16 – 18 March 2017**

The Centre for West Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, New Delhi, organized a three-day national seminar on 16-18 March 2017, co-sponsored by MEA, ICWA, ICSSR and GAIL India Ltd. Shri Piyush Srivastava, JS, ICWA addressed the Plenary session of the conference on 17 March 2017.

The three day conference was attended by various professors, scholars and students from India. ICWA was represented by Dr. Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Dr. Omair Anas and Dr. Md. Abdul Ghaffar, who all participated and presented papers.



## National Seminar on 'India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges'

Organised by GDC College, Bhiwani, Haryana, 25- 26 March 2017

Two day national seminar on 'India's Foreign Policy: Emerging Challenges' was organised by GDC Memorial College, Bhiwani, Haryana. Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, sponsored this seminar. The Seminar had Inaugural and Valedictory sessions, and two technical sessions focused on the objectives of India's foreign policy. ICWA was represented by Dr. Smita Tiwari, Research Fellow, who also presented a paper.



**Two day National Seminar "Post-Cold War Geopolitics, Geo-Economics and Geo-Culture in Central Asia" organized by the MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27 – 28 March 2017.**

The MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, organized a two-day national seminar on 27-28 March 2017, co-sponsored by the ICWA, New Delhi. Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA, was invited as Chief Guest in the Inaugural Session. Professor Ajay Patnaik, JNU, made the Keynote Address, while Ambassador of Kazakhstan to India, Mr. Bulat Sarsenbayev delivered his Remarks in the session. Dr. Athar Zafar, RF, presented a paper in the seminar.

**Two day International Conference “India's Foreign Policy Transformation: Issues and Challenges” organised at School of Management Studies, Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode, Tamil Nadu, 30-31 March 2017**

School of Management Studies, Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode, Tamil Nadu, organized a two-day international conference on 30-31 March 2017, co-sponsored by the ICWA, New Delhi. Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA, delivered the Key Note address at the Inaugural Session. Speakers came from Bangladesh, Singapore and all throughout India. Dr. Samatha Mallempati, RF, ICWA, presented a paper in the conference.





## 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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