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## Talk by Hon. Wavel Ramkalawan, Leader of Opposition of Seychelles 8 January, 2018.

Hon'ble Mr. Wavel Ramkalawan visited the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and delivered a talk on the topic, "Seychelles of My Dreams". The talk was chaired by Amb. Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA and attended by distinguished guests, diplomats, researchers and mediapersons. Amb. Surie welcomed Mr. Ramkalawan and said that though Seychelles is very close to our (Indian) heart, we do not know enough about it. Since the very beginning, India has had good relations with Seychelles. He introduced Mr. Ramkalawan as a prominent and very senior and experienced political leader of the Republic of Seychelles. He further said that the futures of the two countries are linked very closely.

Mr. Ramkalawan started with the story of the Indian connect in the history of Seychelles. He referred to the presence of five Indians among the 28 people who were part of the first attempt to settle in the Seychelles. He elaborated on the Seychelles of his dreams through the prism of his own experiences in the three important parliamentary committees that he is heading in his country – the Committee on

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Islands; the Truth, Reconciliation and National Unity Committee; and the Finance and Public Accounts Committee. He said that there is limited agricultural potential on the islands in Seychelles; therefore, the inclination of the nation was more towards looking at the tourism potential. He also told the audience that Seychelles feels a responsibility to contribute to the world environment conservation. He reflected on the challenges faced by the conservation programmes undertaken by Seychelles Government. There are local challenges as well to these environmental programmes; and Seychelles is trying to find a balanced solution.

He considered the lack of surveillance of the EEZ as a big challenge for his country. Appreciating the ongoing security cooperation between the two countries, he said that India could help Seychelles in that respect by setting up patrolling facilities and building a runway on Assumption Island. However, he indicated that a renegotiation of the agreement on the islands was required. Mr. Ramkalawan summed up his dreams in three points: preserving Seychelles as a paradise, uniting the country through reconciliation to move forward as one people, and accountability in public finance system. The dream is to have one Seychellois people, not different categories.

At the end, Mr. Ramkalawan said that his visit included an emotional point as well. He wanted to see the village that, in 1883, his great grandfather had left; who later died at the age of 48 in Mauritius and the family shifted to the Seychelles later.

## IAFS-III: Second ICWA India-Africa Annual Academic Conference on 'India's Interface with EAC and SADC Countries: Partnering for Security, Stability and Development', at Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 18-19 January, 2018

The Second ICWA India-Africa international Conference under the IAFS-III initiative was organized by ICWA and Indian High Commission, Tanzania on18-19 January 2018 at Dar es Salaam. The theme was "India's Interface with EAC and SADC Countries: Partnering for Security, Stability and Development".

The objective of the conference was to bring together Indian and the Eastern and Southern African academics, researchers, opinion and policy makers, analysts and consultants to share views and perspectives on issues relating to political, economic, social, development and security concerns between India and EAC and SADC countries in the wider context of growing Indo-Africa relations, with an aim to facilitate a understanding of the scope of cooperation.

The Conference Sessions were attended by scholars/experts from 12 countries of Eastern and Southern African region including Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Angola, South Africa, Namibia, Swaziland, DRC, Madagascar, Malawi and Mauritius.

The ICWA delegation was led by Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA. The other members who were part of the delegation include Ambassador Yogendra Singh (Former Ambassador to Namibia), Ambassador Rajinder Bhagat (Former Ambassador to Mozambique), Mr E.B. Rajesh (Director, Africa Desk, CII), Ms Ruchita Beri (Senior Research Associate, IDSA) and Dr Nivedita Ray (Director Research, ICWA). The High Commission was represented by the High Commissioner, Mr Sandeep Arya. Besides the experts, a large number of academics, policy makers, specialists from University and think tanks of Tanzania including University of Dar es Salaam, Centre for Foreign Relations (Dar es Salaam), Mzumbe University, Ardhi University and others contributed to the discussion and debate. Five prominent dignitaries from Tanzania Chaired the Sessions. The conference facilitated a wide ranging debate and discussions on the prospects and challenges of India's engagement with EAC and SADC countries in the wider context of growing Indo-Africa relations.

In the Inaugural Session Ambassador Nalin Surie drawing attention to the theme said that security, stability and development are closely related issues that acquire particular significance in the context of today's very complicated and even dangerous world. The High Commissioner of India, Mr. Sandeep Arya highlighted India's growing relationship with the region especially in the areas of trade, cultural exchange and development co-operation and also the bilateral relations. Dr. Augustine Mahiga, Minister of Foreign Affairs & East African Cooperation of Tanzania explained the close links between peace, stability and developmental issues and emphasized their mutual reinforcing role backed by sound foundation and institutional framework for every country.

Dr. Salim Ahmed Salim, former Prime Minister of Tanzania & former Secretary General, OAU gave the keynote address.

The working sessions focused on five thematic areas: (1)Political Relations: Issues and Perspectives on Global Political Dialogue, Democracy and Good Governance; (2)Enhancing Economic and Development Cooperation (3) Supporting Regional Integration in Eastern and Southern Africa (4)Building Security and Stability in Eastern, Southern Africa and Indian Ocean Region; and (5)Enhancing People to People Linkages.

The valedictory Address was given by Prof. Joyce Ndalichako , Minister of Education, Science & Technology, Tanzania, in which she underlined the growing relationship between India and Tanzania in the field of education and human resource development and the scope for further expanding cooperation.

# Two day National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Globalisation and Regionalism" 7-8 February, 2018

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day National Seminar on "Emerging Trends in Globalisation and Regionalism" from 7-8 February, 2018, at Sapru House, New Delhi. Scholars and experts from various parts of the country participated and attended the two day national seminar. The presentations and discussions during the two – day seminar were divided into five technical sessions and structured along various sub-themes which catered to a general overview debating the global trends in globalisation and regionalism; experiences in regionalism, particularly focusing on the EU, AU and ASEAN; impact of global issues of climate change and migration on globalisation and regionalisation; impact of Fourth Industrial Revolution on regionalism and globalisation; and India and regionalism, focussing on SAARC, BIMSTEC, BBIN and MGC.

The Opening session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA. The other dignitaries attending the seminar were Prof. Abhijit Das, Head & Professor, Centre for WTO Studies, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT); Prof. Madhu Bhalla, Editor, India Quarterly, Indian Council of World Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi, India; Prof. Amita Batra, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Amb. Bhaswati Mukherjee; Former Ambassador to Netherlands; Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director (Research), ICWA; Ambassador Biren Nanda, Senior Fellow, Delhi Policy Group; Professor Sanjay Chaturvedi, Department of Political Science, Punjab University; Prof. Binod Khadria, Professor, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Dr. Balatchandirane Govindasamy, Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi; Dr. Prodipto Ghosh, Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI); Shri T. N. Ninan, Chairman, Business Standard; Ms. Anna Roy, Adviser (DM &A, Industry), NITI Aayog; Dr. Krishna Ravi Srinivas, Managing Editor, Asian Biotechnology & Development Review, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); and Mr. Shivendra Singh, Vice President & Head, Global Trade Development, NASSCOM.

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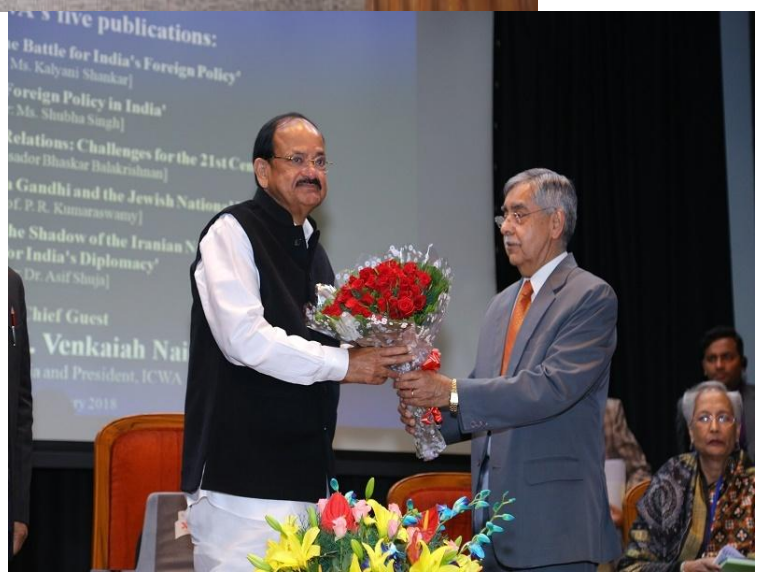
# President, ICWA: Book Release Event
## 15 February, 2018

A book release program was organised at Sapru House on February 15, 2018. Five ICWA publications was released by Hon'ble Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India and President, ICWA, who was also the Chief Guest of the event. Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG, ICWA gave the welcome remarks. The five scholars provided a brief introduction of their respective works. The scholars and their books were Ms. Kalyani Shankar's book titled *Regional Satraps and the Battle for India's Foreign Policy*, Ms. Shubha Singh's book titled *Media and Foreign Policy in India*, Amb. Bhaskar Balakrishnan's book titled *Technology and International Relations: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Prof. P. R. Kumaraswamy's book titled *Squaring the Circle: Mahatma Gandhi and the Jewish National Home* and Dr. Asif Shuja's book titled *India-Iran Relations: Under the Shadow of the Iranian Nuclear Issue Challenges for India's Diplomacy*.



In his speech, Hon'ble Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India and President, I C W A mentioned about the nature of Indian foreign policy, India's neighbourhood policy, menaces of terrorism and other challenges, and the various methods of countering them. Deputy Director General of ICWA Shri Ajaneesh Kumar proposed a vote of thanks.

# 28th Sapru House Lecture by H. E. Dr. Danilo Türk, Former President of the Republic of Slovenia
# 20 February, 2018.

The 28th Sapru House lecture titled "Water and Peace: A Challenge and an Opportunity in Asia" was delivered by H.E. Dr. Danilo Türk, former president of the Republic of Slovenia. The session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General (DG), Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). Dr. Türk is the chairman of Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace which was launched in 2015 with the initiatives of 15 member states of the United Nations (UN) in Geneva and submitted its report in 2017. At the Council, he had chosen to speak on challenges and opportunities in water that disposes in Asia.

While discussing many facets of water and peace that have been important for Asia, Dr. Türk stated that water issues have been a subject of great importance in Asia as well as for the whole international community. In the context of Asian issues, he said that the Global High Level Panel on Water and Peace had members from different regions of the world, including Asia.

He highlighted that the UNSC is increasingly concerned about questions of water in various situations, especially in armed conflicts where water is an important aspect of the conflict. Further elaborating his point, he said that water resources and installations have become objects of attack and water resources are used as weapon of war. Such developments may not be universal but it sufficiently generates concern in the UNSC. He emphasised on the need to develop a Security Council policy on water and building peace cooperation in the context of global climate change which has led to scarcity of water. In order to address this concern, he urged to find effective models of governance that could positively impact water resources dramatically.

He pointed out the diversity in Asian region and successful examples of water cooperation.

For instance, he said that the Indus treaty river arrangement, which was established in 1960, continues to be important and effective because it was based on clear division of water resources between two countries. The Indus treaty, he said, includes effective commissions, capacity and the mechanism for dispute settlement.

Dr. Türk concluded by stressing on the importance of water cooperation which he placed in historical context. Calling for further cooperation, he said that among various options towards such cooperation, regional cooperation is most suitable in terms of policy making. However, he said that there are political sensitivities that come with regional cooperation. In this context, he said that it is important to think about permanent joint mechanism which can help in managing and governing water resources on a permanent basis and also to resolve disputes whenever they arise.

# Talk by Her Excellency Dr. Assia BenSalah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large of his Majesty Mohamed VI, the King of Morocco , 28 February, 2018

Her Excellency Dr. Assia BenSalah Alaoui, the Ambassador at Large of his Majesty Mohamed VI, the King of Morocco delivered a talk on the subject of 'Morocco's Security Strategy: Preventing Terrorism Countering Extremism' at Sapru House on February 28, 2018. The talk was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, DG ICWA. In context of Morocco's successful stability and the domestic challenges that the country faces, Dr. Asma discussed the various dimensions of preemptive strategy to combat terror, which is holistic multidimensional and Comprehensive. As a constantly evolving strategy, she said that it is based on interrelated principles of values and national interests, including Morocco's ambition to fight terrorism within the rule of law and the implementation of democratic state, Defense and Promotion of Moderate Islam, increasing International South-South Cooperation and dynamic approach of the leaderships that gives enough room to be pragmatic and adapt to evolving threats and contexts.

She said that the Sahara question is very central to our strategy in politics, where regionalization has given birth to autonomy plan that was hailed by Security Council Resolution 1754 (2007) as serious credible efforts to progress towards this settlement. Talking about the counter-terrorism measures taken by the government, Dr. Alaoui said that since September 11, almost 200 cells have been dismantled, leading to the arrest of 3,000 people and averting 350 attempts of planned terrorist actions. "The threat of terrorism has been present since establishment of Daesh in Libya and the active operations of the terrorist groups," she said.

While Dr. Alaoui started the discussion on the operational aspects of facing immediate threats and meeting a long term solution, she further articulated the importance of human security and said that we need to give to the local population real stakes in their own societies. This makes security more sustainable and valuable, complementing the larger counterterrorism measures. In her concluding remarks she highlighted Morocco's contribution in international security cooperation.

# Second ICWA-Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies (TASAM) [ICWA's MoU partner]; First Dialogue with Centre for Asia Strategic Research (SAM) [ICWA's MoU partner]; and Meeting with Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA), at Ankara/Istanbul
## 6-7 March, 2018

An ICWA Delegation led by DDG ICWA Shri Ajaneesh Kumar along with Prof. AK Ramakrishnan, Dr. Omair Anas, Research Fellow ICWA, Manish Mohan, Director, South Asia and Central Asia at CII, visited Turkey to hold dialogues with its MoU Partners in Turkey, TASAM in Istanbul and SAM in Ankara. On 6th March, the dialogue started with welcoming remarks of TASAM Dy. Chief Aydin Nurhan read out the message of Chairman Suleyman Soylu in which he gave a detailed perspective of how India-Turkey relations have new relevance in a new world defined by technological advancement, global forces and transnational conflicts. DDG ICWA Shri Ajaneesh Kumar gave the background of the dialogue, recalled the deep rooted and shared historical cultural and civilizational heritage in which both countries have learned tolerance and co-existence. The detailed dialogue covered all aspects of India-Turkey bilateral relations.

Participants agreed that there is a huge scope of cooperation in areas of education, technology, investment and trade. On 7th March, the delegation arrived in Ankara to continue the dialogue with Centre for Strategic Research (SAM), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. Both sides exchanged their perspectives on their regional and global politics and security scenario. The two sides agreed that there are many shared interests in West Asia, Asia, Central Asia and Europe where both

countries can cooperate. India's interests will be best served if the West Asian region is more stable and peaceful and conflicts are resolved through dialogue. The dialogue included a detailed discussion on the current Syrian crisis and how the Astana Process and Turkey's rapprochement with Russia has helped the establishment of de-escalation zones in Syria. The ICWA delegation was also invited to visit Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA) an important think tank focusing on Turkey's foreign policy. During the interaction, the SETA officials gave the detail about Turkey's Operation Olive Branch in Northern Syria's Afrin. They told that Turkey has overcome the cultural and economic problems with regard to its Kurdish population by introducing several reforms, which include, the opening up of Kurdish language TV and newspapers and schools, however, the political problem remains unresolved. The militant groups led by internationally recognized terror group PKK have misused political dialogues, in secret and open formats but these opportunities were misused. The PKK has transferred its resources in Syria and Iraq and is trying to create a corridor with its Syrian affiliate, PYD. It was shared that India, as a prime victim of terrorism, has been sharing its vision on counter terrorism, as India has long ago proposed the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism. Both sides agreed that the international community needs a common understanding on counter terrorism efforts.

# 6th India-Saudi Arabia Workshop

## 14-15 March 2018

On 14-15 March 2018, ICWA, New Delhi and Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies (PSAFIDS), Riyadh conducted the 6th India-Saudi Arabia Workshop at Sapru House, New Delhi. The Saudi delegation, comprising four participants was led by Director General H.E. Abdullah Al Salamah of PSAIDS. DG, ICWA, Ambassador Nalin Surie led the Indian side. The Saudi Ambassador to India H.E. Saud Al Sati was also present in the workshop.

The two-day workshop focused on four prospective areas, including current state of bilateral relations of India and Saudi Arabia; economic cooperation, especially in the fields of oil, trade and investment; future prospects of India-Saudi Arabia relations; and last, political developments in South Asia and Middle East. Nine papers were presented by the scholars and experts of both sides. Each session was followed by Q&A session.

For two-days, the scholars of the two sides were engaged in intense brainstorming. A whole gamut of issues, including energy, migration, trade, investment, technology transfer, defence, security such as cyber security, maritime security and combating terrorism, extremism and radicalisation, were discussed and possibilities of deepening cooperation was explored.

During the workshop, the two sides explored new areas of cooperation, especially when both countries are reforming their economies, promoting knowledge-based economies and adopting technology-driven systems. For instance, Saudi Arabia has introduced Vision 2030, while India is also pursuing 'Make in India' programme to convert India into a low cost manufacturing hub. Priorities of both countries are to promote manufacturing, attract FDI and create jobs but their resource capabilities are different and offer complementary rather than competing opportunities for each other.

The participants on both countries agreed that such Track II dialogues are essential to strengthen people-to-people relations, exchange of expertise, scholars, students and improving perception of each other's countries. The two think tanks institutionalized the annual workshop by signing an Agreement of Cooperation, when PM Modi visited Saudi Arabia in April 2016. Riyadh will host the 7th Saudi-India Workshop next year.

**Talk by Professor Takako Hikotani, Sapru House, 16 March 2018**

The talk was jointly organised with ICWA and Delhi Policy Group (DPG). Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA welcomed the guest. In his welcome remarks he stated that the topic is of interest to all and has gained pertinence with the release of the US National Security Strategy (NSS) document and the National Defence Strategy (NDS) document. Professor Takako Hikotani in her talk said, the US' idea of the Indo-Pacific is with a focus on India. She also pointed that one can gauge the importance of the region for the US from the way the name India and the term Indo-Pacific is mentioned in the NSS and NDS as opposed to China. On the US' NSS, she said that it is a statutory document presented by the administration to the US Congress and the American people. It projects to the US public as well as its allies and partners the strategy of the US under the administration. The document is an outcome of the discussions between the various departments of the administration.

The concept of Indo-Pacific has been part of the Pacific Command in the military sphere. The US today is looking at the Indo-Pacific as more than a concept. It views the Indo-Pacific as a strategy for free and open passage and trade. Nonetheless, the NDS document also does not explain the Indo-Pacific in much detail. The current administration has been using the term Indo-Pacific more frequency when compared to precious US administrations. The timing of its use, according to the speaker is important to note. For India and Japan, the Indo-Pacific is a geographical space which is free and open. It is free for trade, transportation of ideas of democracy and human rights etc. It has military and economical aspects too. It is also inclusive in nature which is a counter to the OBOR. In conclusion the speaker stated that the concept of free and open Indo-Pacific needs to be coherent as the ideas of Japan are different from how the US views the region. The talk was followed by an open discussion.

# International Seminar "Young Scholars Forum 2018 (The Age of Multilateralism and Connecting India's North East: Opportunities and Challenges), 19-20 March

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a two day International Seminar on "Young Scholars Forum 2018 (The Age of Multilateralism and Connecting India's North East: Opportunities and Challenges)" from 19-20 March, 2018, at Sapru House, New Delhi. It was jointly organised with Ministry of DONER and Asian Confluence (A Unit of Divya Jeevan Foundation), Shillong, Meghalaya. Diplomats, stakeholders, scholars, experts and young scholars from Delhi, the states in Northeast India, Bangladesh and Bhutan participated and attended the two day international seminar. The presentations and discussions during the two – day international seminar were divided into six sessions respectively. The first day had presentations by ambassadors, stakeholders and key players, which were divided into three sessions along with the inaugural session. The second day had two sessions and a moderated round table discussion followed by a valedictory session. The various sub-themes which catered to a general overview debating the multilateral efforts of connecting India's Northeast were the issues of connectivity and the major drivers and challenges, BIMSTEC (and BBIN ): Prospects & Challenges, Stakeholder's Perspectives and Development – Internal & External Actors, Borders and People Movements: Opportunities and Challenges and Trans-Boundary Ecological Contiguity and Sustainable Development.

The Inaugural session was chaired by Ambassador Nalin Surie, Director General, ICWA, and the keynote address was delivered by Hon'ble Shri. Jitendra Singh, MoS, DONER, Government of India.

The other dignitaries chairing and making presentations in the seminar were Shri M.P. Bezbaruah, Former Secretary, Tourism, GoI, Amb. Rajeet Mitter, Amb. Ranjit Rae, Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Shri P. P. Shrivastav, Former IAS, Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan, Joint Secretary(BM), MEA, H.E. Chutintorn Gongsakdi, Amb., Royal Thai Embassy, H.E. Moe Kyaw Aung, Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Dr. Prabir De, RIS, H.E. Major General Vetsop Namgyel, Amb., Royal Bhutanese Embassy, H.E. Syed Muazzem Ali, High Commissioner, Bangladesh High Commission, Dr. M. Samatha, RF, ICWA, Dr. Ashish Shulka, RF, ICWA, Shri Jitendra Kumar, Adviser (NRE), NITI Aayog, Mr. Hideki Asari, Minister (Political Affairs), Embassy of Japan, Ms. Mamta Shankar, Adviser, DoNER, Dr. Sreeradha Datta, Distinguished Fellow, AsCon, Shri Sazzad Alam, ACS, Deputy Secretary, Act East Policy Affairs, Government of Assam, Dr. Rakhee Bhattacharya, Asoc. Prof. North East Studies Program, JNU, Dr. Joseph K. Lalfakzuala, OKDISCD, Guwahati, Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, RF, ICWA, Dr. Pahi Saikia, IIT Guwahati, Dr. Binayak Dutta, Department of History, NEHU, Mirza Rehman, IIT Guwahati, Dr. Temjenmeren Ao, RF, ICWA, Dr. Dorji Penjore, Centre for Bhutan Studies& Gross National Happiness, Thimpu, Dr. Ms. Lamya Mostaque, BISS, Dhaka, Dr. K. Yhome, ORF and 1. Dr. Stuti Banerjee, RF, ICWA.

The valedictory address was given by Shri Naveen Verma, Secretary, Ministry of DONER.

## Award Ceremony of 'ICWA Essay Competition 2017', at Sapru House, 15 February, 2018.

## Interaction with Dr. Dan Schueftan, Director of the National Security Studies Centre, University of Haifa, Isreal, 15 January, 2017

## Two day national conference at Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women , Tiruchengode ,Tamil Nadu , 24-25 January, 2018

Vivekananda College of Arts and Sciences for Women, Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu, organised a two day conference on "Indian Foreign Policy with Neighbourhood Countries" on 24-25 January, 2018. Mr. Thiru M Ganapthy, IFS (Retd.), Dr. Y. Chinna Rao, Professor, Centre for Study of Decimation and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Dr. Amit Kumar, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi were among the key speakers. The seminar was financially co-sponsored by ICWA.

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## 2-3 फरवरी, 2018

A two-day national Seminar on "India Nepal Relations in 21st Century: Challenges and Options" was organised by the Department of Defence and Strategic Studies, Bapu P.G. College, Gorakhpur on February 2-3rd, 2018. The seminar was sponsored by the Indian Council of World Affairs. The seminar focused on the various facets of India Nepal relations, including economic and cultural issues. Geopolitical issues like Nepal's growing closeness with China was also discussed. In this conference, fifty participants presented their papers, including faculties and research scholars. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Meena, Council's Research Fellow, also presented a paper.

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## Two-day International Conference
## Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 15-16 February

An ICWA supported international conference on "India and Africa: An Afro-Asian Perspective" was organised in Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi on February 15-16, 2018. The other collaborators in organising the conference were the Academy of International Studies, JMI; African Studies Association (ASA), India; and the Centre for African Studies (CAS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Along with renowned Indian scholars on Africa, the Conference was attended by scholars from Africa, US, UK, Korea, and Russia. Dr. Saurabh Mishra, RF, ICWA presented a paper on behalf of ICWA.

## वन बेल्ट वन रोड - चीन की चुनौती एवं भारत का कूटनीतिक प्रत्युत्तर, मथुरा, 17-18 February, 2018

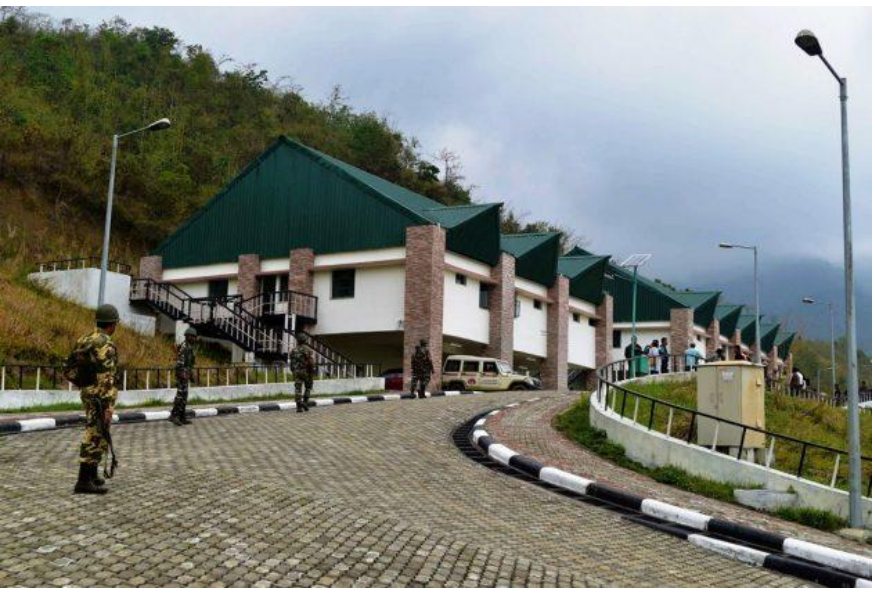
The RCA (PG) Girls Collage, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh, organized a national seminar on "Chinese One Belt One Road Initiative and India's Diplomatic Response" on 17–18 February 2018. The seminar was sponsored by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi. Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, (Chairperson, Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, New Delhi) was the Chief Guest. The valedictory address was delivered by Ambassador Meera Shankar (IFS retd.). Twenty three presentations were made during the two technical sessions. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Research Fellow, ICWA represented the Council by chairing a session and presenting a paper.

# Outreach Programmes of ICWA

## Two days International Conference
## Pondicherry University , Puducherry,
## 22-23 February 2018

A two-day international conference on "India's Foreign Policy and It's Impact on Trade Relations with Emerging Economies" was organised by the Department of International Business, School of Management, Pondicherry University on 22-23 February 2018. Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, sponsored this conference, which focused on the various aspects of foreign and trade policy of India, including discussions on multilateral and regional institutions such as BRICS, ASEAN and SAARC. Dr. Arundhati Sharma, Council's Research Fellow, delivered a special lecture in the conference.

## Two-day National Conference
## Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Regional Campus, Makhan, Kangpokpi, Manipur,
## 9-10 March 2018



The Department of Political Science and Human Rights, Indian Gandhi Tribal University – Regional Campus, Manipur, in collaboration with African Studies Studies Association of India and ICWA organized a two-day national conference on "India's Foreign Policy in Contemporary World". The conference took place on 9th and 10th March 2018. Large number of participants, including students, resource persons from Mumbai, New Delhi and Manipur participated in the conference. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Research Fellow represented the ICWA.

# Outreach Programmes of ICWA

## Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues Sustainable Development, Bodh Gaya, 9-12 March 2018

The Deshkal Society in association with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, Indira Gandhi National Centre of Arts (IGNCA), Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Indian Council of World Affairs, Bodhaya Temple Management committee and Daulat Ram College, Delhi University, on the occasion of Bodh Gaya Global Dialogues on Sustainable Development, Heritage and Enlightenment at the World Heritage Site organised a dialogue from March 9th to 12th, 2018 in Bodh Gaya. Delegates in the dialogue consisted of scholars and practitioners of Buddhist philosophy, policy makers, and experts on art, architectures, history, and heritage of Bodh Gaya region, including young researchers and students. The dialogue was attended by Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA, who also chaired a session. Dr Temjenmeren Ao, RF, ICWA, presented a paper in the dialogue.

## Three day International Conference Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 12-14 March, 2018

A three day International Conference on "Shifting sands in West Asia: Culture, Economy and Polity" was organised by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, at Mumbai on March 12-14, 2018. The conference was partially financed by ICWA. The three days covered a wide array of issues that have embroiled the region in multiple conflicts. Dr. Fazzur Rehman Siddiqui represented the Council and presented a paper.

# Outreach Programmes of ICWA

## Two Day Interational Seminar, Department of Political Science & Human Rights, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, 20-21 March 2018

A two - day international conference on "India and New World Order in Contemporary Global Politics" was organised by Department of Political Science and Human Rights, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh. The conference was partially financed by ICWA. The conference focused on analysing key drivers and different dimensions of contemporary world order, challenges and opportunities that it presents to Indian foreign policy. Dr. Jojin V. John, Council's Research Fellow, also presented a paper.

## Two Day National Seminar, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 27-28 March, 2018

The UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University in association with Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi organised a two-day National Seminar on "India's Blue Economy: Emerging Trends". Shri Ajaneesh Kumar, DDG, ICWA gave the Valedictory Address. The deliberations were on the blue economy, sustainable development and India's approach to it. Presenters pointed out that people below the poverty line living in the coastal areas will be badly affected if global climate change and ocean's health is not taken care. Case studies on Tamil Nadu and Andaman & Nicobar showed the risks of blue economy. Dr. Indrani Talukdar, Research Fellow, ICWA, participated and presented a paper.

## ICWA Analyses (January – March 2018

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