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Round Table Discussion on "11th Parliamentary Elections in Bangladesh", Sapru House, 15 January, 2019

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi organised a Roundtable discussion on 11th Parliamentary Elections in Bangladesh. The session was chaired by Amb. Pinak Ranjan Chakravarty, former Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh and there were four panelists namely Dr Sanjay Bhardwaj, Professor and Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, JNU, Dr Smruti Pattanaik, Research Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, Mr. Jayant Roy Chowdhury, Sr. Editor, The Telegraph, and Dr Ashish Shukla, Research Fellow, ICWA. Amb. Dr TCA Raghavan, DG ICWA, delivered the welcome remarks. Prof. Sanjay Bhardwaj was of the view that Sheikh Hasina's victory was good for the future of India-Bangladesh Relations. Dr Smruti Pattanaik underlined various shortcomings of the electoral process and raised questions about the fairness of the election itself.

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Mr Jayant Roy Chowdhury briefly touched upon the electoral history of Bangladesh and then underlined factors that contributed to Sheikh Hasina's victory. Dr Ashish Shukla provided a detailed account of pre-election tussle between Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party over the Non-Political election time Caretaker Government. The session was followed by interactive question and answer session

Talk by H.E. Dr. Hamdullah Mohib, National Security Advisor of Afghanistan at Villa Medici, The Taj Mahal Hotel, 4 January, 2019

A talk was delivered by H.E. Dr. Hamdullah Mohib, National Security Advisor of Afghanistan at the Villa Medici, The Taj Mahal Hotel on 4th January 2019. The talk was delivered following Chatham House rules.

Closed door Interactive Session with H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sapru House, 8 January, 2019

A closed door Interactive Session with H.E. Dr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Hon'ble Foreign Minister of the Islamic Republic of Iran, at Sapru House on 8th January, 2019. The theme of the interaction was 'Iran's Regional and Global Perspectives for 2019'. The interaction was organised following Chatham House rules.

Interaction with Vietnamese Study Group at ICWA, at Sapru House, 16 January, 2019

A Vietnamese Study Group visited Sapru House on January 19, 2019 to interact with Research Fellows of ICWA. The session was chaired by Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Joint Secretary, ICWA. The Vietnamese delegation was led by Prof. Dr. Do Thu Ha from the Vietnam National University. The delegation comprised of four lecturers from VNU and twenty three undergraduate and graduate students. The Vietnamese delegation was brought to the Council by Prof. Shankari Sundararaman, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. The discussion centered around the growing ties between India and Vietnam, stressing on the need to have more people to people interactions.

Interaction with Prof. Badrinarayanan at ICWA, Sapru House, 17 January, 2019

An interaction was organised between the Research Fellows and Prof. Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan, Research Economist and Manager, Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University, USA. The interaction was chaired by Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director Research, ICWA. Prof. Badrinarayanan spoke about the ongoing global trade wars and its impact on economies like India. He systematically analysed his argument by using economic models. The talk was followed by an interaction with the Research Fellows.

ICWA - Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT), Hungary Dialogue, Sapru House, 21-22 January, 2019

The first Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)-Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT) Dialogue on "India-Hungary Relations" was organised on 21-22 January 2019 at the Sapru House, New Delhi. Both the institutions are MoU partners. The IFAT sent a delegation for dialogue on mutually agreed issues of global and bilateral importance between India and Hungary. The discussion focused on the major global, regional and bilateral political and strategic developments, and India-Hungary relations. While taking history into account, main aspects of bilateral relations between India and Hungary were analysed. Policy makers, researchers, academics and former diplomats from both sides participated in the dialogue.

Interaction with Chinese delegation from Tsinghua University, China at Sapru House, 23 January, 2019

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) hosted an Interaction with 6-member Chinese delegation led by Prof. Wang Xiqin, Vice President, Tsinghua University on 23 January 2019 at Sapru House. Other member of Chinese delegation were: Prof. Wang Youqiang, Director, Tsinghua University Library, Dr. Zhang Chuanjie, Associate Dean, Office of International Cooperation and Exchange, Tsinghua University, Ms. Wang Yaqian, Administrator of Policy and Programs, Asian Universities Alliance Secretariat, Tsinghua University, Mr. Lei Dingkun and Mr Xie Chao working with O P Jindal University, Sonipat, India.

Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Joint Secretary, extended a warm welcome to the visiting delegation and chaired the interaction. She gave an introduction of ICWA's past and present activities. Brief Remarks on India-China think-tanks cooperation and India-China relations were made by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and Dr Puyam R. Singh, Research Fellows of ICWA. Prof. Wang Youqiang and other members of the delegation talked history and current activities of Tsinghua University including activities of Tsinghua University Library. Both sides favoured strengthening India-China bilateral relations and maintained that the interaction provided opportunity to know each other's institution better.

First IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture by H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, President of the Republic of South Africa, 25 January, 2019.

Indian Council of World Affairs organised the first IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture on January 25, 2019 at the Grand Ball Room, Leela Palace Hotel. It celebrated 150 years of Mahatma Gandhi's birth and Nelson Mandela's birth centenary. The lecture was delivered by H.E. Mr. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa, the President of the Republic of South Africa in the presence of Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. Welcome remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). The vote of thanks was given by H.E. Mr. Andre A. Correa do Lago, the Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil to India.

H.E. President Ramaphosa, in his speech, said that the close relationship between India and South Africa since 1994 further deepened with South Africa joining the BRICS group in 2010. He described Afro-Asian solidarity as the root of ideas reflected in the Red Fort Declaration that President Nelson Mandela signed while visiting India in 1997. Referring to Mandela's letter from prison in 1980, President Ramaphosa acknowledged and thanked the people of India for their encouragement, inspiration and practical assistance to the South African struggle for freedom.

He also referred to Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's sensitivity towards Africa while recalling Panditji's statement that 'the tragedy of Africa is greater than that of any other continent'. While quoting Nehru, President Ramaphosa described Asia and Africa as 'sister continents' bound by umbilical link of history. He notably dwelt upon the role of Indian diaspora in South Africa, likening their erstwhile indentured status to slavery and apartheid. President Ramaphosa acknowledged the rich contribution of vibrant culture, traditions and values of the South African Indian community to South Africa's multicultural society.

President Ramaphosa paid his tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji and Madiba (Nelson Mandela), two of the greatest leaders of their generation. President Ramaphosa also highlighted the Ten Guiding Principles announced during Prime Minister Modi's visit to Uganda, stressing on equal developmental partnership to the benefit of all. He said that South Africa looks forward to deepening relations with India through stronger commercial and people-to-people ties. The two countries also need to focus on growing trade and increasing investment in each other's economies. He said that India and South Africa would continue to work together on range of platforms like BRICS, IBSA, IORA, NAM, G20 and G77 plus China, in pursuit of a world free from poverty. The lecture was attended by an audience of about 300 including members of the diplomatic corps, think-tanks, academicians, students, media and government officials.

Second ICWA-NCWA Dialogue, Sapru House, 5 February, 2019

The Second ICWA-NCWA Dialogue on "India-Nepal Relations: Political, Economic and Cultural Cooperation" was held at Sapru House on 5th February 2019. Amb. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA highlighted the general trend towards strengthening of political institutions through electoral process in South Asia including in Nepal following a cycle of political instability which ended with the 2017 general elections. The Vice-President of Nepal Council of World Affairs (NCWA), Mr. Umesh Bahadur Malla, underscored the fact that Nepal's foreign policy should respond to domestic needs and priorities while taking into account other countries' interests.

In addition to the issues relating to trade deficit with India, economic and trade diversification, agriculture, tourism, development of export-oriented production, power generation and transport connectivity, he also proposed to upgrade the bilateral relationship into strategic partnership.

Prof. S.D. Muni emphasised the need for change in India-Nepal relationship as both India and Nepal have changed over the years. He also added that the India-Nepal region has changed due to shift of global centre of gravity to Asia with India as one of the fast growing economies in the world while an aspiring Nepal is looking for playing its role in the Indo-Pacific region. Prof. Mahendra P. Lama argued that incremental approach can be brought in anytime and anywhere while transformational matrices require a huge shift in the thinking process. For construction of transformational projects like highway, railway and inland waterway, he observes that it requires scientific, well-thought out policy of all four economic instruments namely, trade, aid, foreign economic assistance and investment. The discussion also covers the status of the Eminent Persons' Group (EPG) joint report to be submitted to the Prime Ministers of India and Nepal and potential areas of cooperation among the neighbouring South Asian countries under the framework of the BBIN in sectors such as transport and energy connectivity.

Book discussion on "LEGITIMACY OF POWER: The Permanence of Five in the Security Council"; [An ICWA publication, authored by Ambassador Dilip Sinha], Sapru House, 7 February, 2019.

A book discussion on "Legitimacy of Power: The Permanence of Five in the Security Council" by Ambassador Dilip Sinha [An ICWA publication]" was organised at Sapru House on 7 February 2019. The event began with the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs. This was followed by a brief introduction of the book, "Legitimacy of Power: The Permanence of Five in the Security Council", an ICWA publication by author Amb. Dilip Sinha. This was followed by a panel discussion and the panellists for the session were: Amb. Kamalesh Sharma, Former Secretary General of the Commonwealth of Nations and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations; Prof. S.D. Muni, Professor Emeritus, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Prof. C. Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore; and Amb. Dilip Sinha, author of the book. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Jyoti Malhota, Editor, National and Strategic Affairs, The Print.

Book discussion on "How India Manages its National Security" [Authored by Mr. Arvind Gupta], Sapru House, 25 February 2019.

ICWA hosted a Book Discussion on "How India Manages its National Security" by Dr. Arvind Gupta, Director, Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) and former Deputy National Security Adviser at Sapru House on 25 February 2019. In his opening remarks, Shri N.N. Vohra, President, Indian International Centre & former Governor, Jammu and Kashmir highlighted that national security

embraces every aspect of security and recommended a holistic view of national security in actual and practical terms.

Dr. Arvind Gupta, Director, VIF opined that there is a disconnect between national security and various academic disciplines in India. He emphasised the need for greater synergy between national security and various academic disciplines. He noted that Pulwama is a result of intensification of the proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir. Lt. General (Retd.) S.L. Narasimhan argued that investment in Research & Development should be driven by the government. He cited China as a good example in this regard. Shri Nitin A. Gokhale stressed that need to discuss national security with universities and think tanks -in tier II, III cities across India. Further he highlighted the need to translate the book by Dr Arvind Gupta in various Indian languages.

Meeting with the visiting Indonesian Delegation, Sapru House, 1 March, 2019

ICWA held an interaction with a visiting Indonesian delegation led by led by Ms Ernawati, Deputy Director of South and Central Asia Division, Policy Planning and Research Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia. The interaction was chaired by Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, JS, ICWA, at the Conference Room, Sapru House, New Delhi. The Indonesian Delegation consisted of Ms Ernawati, Deputy Director of South and Central Asia Division, Policy Planning and Research Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Ms. Ida Humaida, Assistant Deputy Director and Mr Novrizal, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Indonesia, New Delhi. ICWA was represented by Dr Stuti Banerjee, RF, ICWA, Dr Pragya Pandey, RF, ICWA and Dr Temjenmeren Ao, RF, ICWA.

Lecture by H. E. Ambassador Monica K. Juma, DPhil, CBS, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya, Sapru House, 5 March, 2019

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised a talk by Dr. Monica Juma, D.Phil., Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Kenya on March 5, 2019. She was on a two day official visit to India. Dr. Juma spoke on "How Africa-India Relations Fit in a Shifting World Order". Dr. TCA Raghavan, Director General, ICWA, welcomed the distinguished speaker at the Council and the event was chaired by Amb. Rajiv K. Bhatia, Former High Commissioner of India in Kenya. She also highlighted that Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA) in Africa may be a sphere of India-Africa cooperation to digitally manage the Area. Underlining many other sectors of India-Africa cooperation, Dr. Juma said that the fundamental idea behind the cooperation is to reduce risk and vulnerability for growth.

Lecture by H. E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Gambians Abroad of the Republic of The Gambia Sapru House, 7 March, 2019

Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised a lecture by the H.E. Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation, and Gambians Abroad of the Republic of The Gambia on the topic "Multilateralism and its Role in Building and Sustaining Peace in Africa and Asia" at the Sapru House on 7 March 2019. The welcome remark was delivered by Amb. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG ICWA. The lecture was chaired by Ambassador H.H.S Viswanathan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF).

Dr. Mamadou Tangara focused his talk on multilateralism in context of conflicts in Africa. He commenced his talk by appreciating the efforts of United Nations (UN) in conflict prevention through preventive action rather than investing in costly peace building operations.

The Minister highlighted a renewed apatite among UN member states to move towards preventive action, realising economic considerations in peace building and peace keeping operations.

With regard to Africa, Dr. Mamadou Tangara spoke about UN cooperation with regional and sub-regional arrangement such as African Union, ECOWAS, SADC in preventing different conflict situations. He underscored that the country with the support of UN, regional bodies and neighbouring countries such as Senegal, Chad and Equatorial Guinea avoided a major conflict during Gambian election in 2017. The sheer vision and hard work of Gambian people restored democratic values after twenty two years of dictatorial rule.

With regard to India Africa relations, the Foreign Minister added that there is a sizable presence of Indian Diaspora in Gambia. He appreciated the positive contribution of Indians in Gambia to the Gambian economy and society. He observed that Indians were well integrated.

First ICWA- Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) Dialogue, Tehran, 12-13 March, 2019

The inaugural dialogue between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and Institute for Political and International Studies (IPIS) was held at Tehran on March 12-13, 2019. The dialogue saw exchange of views on world politics and global trends, South and Central Asia Developments and India-Iran bilateral relations.

The ICWA delegation was led by Amb Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA and included Amb. Gautam Mukhopadhyay, Dr. Mahtab Alam Rizvi, Associate Professor, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi, Shri Nandan Unnikrishnan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation and Dr. Deepika Saraswat, Research Fellow, ICWA. They were joined by Amb. Gaddam Dharmendra, Indian Ambassador to Iran, Shri Devesh Uttam, DCM, Indian Embassy, Tehran and other members from the Indian Embassy.

The IPIS delegation led by Dr. Seyed Kazem Sajjadpour, President IPIS, and included Amb. Mir Mohmmad Mousavi, former ambassador to India, Alireza Bikdeli, Senior Fellow, IPIS, Mohammad Sheibani, Senior Fellow, IPIS, Dr. Mandana Tisheyar, Assistant Professor at Allameh Tabataba'i University and Mjaidreza Momeni, Associate Professor, Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran and numerous other members of IPIS.

Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan spoke in the session on world politics and global trends. Noting various historical milestones between the year 1919 and 2019 which had lasting influence on India's relations with the world, Dr. Raghavan spoke about 1919 as the year of four major revolutions in the then colonized world. The Amritsar massacre gave intensity to the anti-colonial struggle and the May Movement in China, Korea and Egypt were important in terms of how the relations between the East and West started to change. This year also marks the century of India's engagement in multilateralism and democratization of the system, when India joined the League of Nations in 1919.

Dr. Seyed Kazem Sajjadpour, President IPIS gave a conceptual account of how one can see the global politics in terms of ascendance and descendence, American dilemma and Asian dilemma. On the impact of changing situation on India-Iran relations, he argued that understanding the world as it is, is of strategic importance. Objective analysis is a strategic commodity. While the policy should be normative, analysis should be objective. India, he argued is a special case of both regional and global player.

Indian Ambassador to Iran Gaddam Dharmendra observed that the dynamic relation between the two countries underlined by the number of exchange of visits and how the relations are expanding including at the think tank level. He noted the importance of institutional engagement for better appreciation of each other's positions beyond the Western narrative and need for expanding the relations at track 2 and track 1.5 levels.

One day Seminar on "Recent Developments in Pakistan Occupied Jammu & Kashmir", at Sapru House, 19 March 2019

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised a one-day seminar on Recent Developments in POJK on March 19, 2019. There were two sessions and a keynote address on Gilgit in 1947-48 by Shri Raghvendra Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

The seminar started with Amb. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG ICWA, welcome remarks during which he set the tone of the seminar.

The first technical session was chaired by Amb. S.K. Lambah, former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan. There were three panellists, Dr Ashok Behuria, Mr. Senge H. Sering, and Dr Ashish Shukla.

The second session was chaired by Amb. G. Parthasarathi, former Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan. There were three panellists, Prof. K. Warikoo, Mr. Daalat Ali, and Dr Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee.

The keynote address was delivered by Shri Raghavendra Singh who, based on various classified and de-classified sources, made an attempt to assess the ground situation in Gilgit during 1947-48. Shri Singh successfully established the fact that Gilgit-Baltistan was legally part of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir and with the termination of the lease with the British in July 1947 the territory rightfully belonged to the Maharja of Jammu & Kashmir.

7th India-Saudi Arabia Workshop, ICWA- PSAIDS, Saudi Arab Dialogue, Riyadh, 26-27 March, 2019

The 7th India-Saudi Dialogue was held under the purview of Cooperation of Programme signed by Indian Council of World Affairs and Prince Al Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies (PSAIDS) on the eve of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia 0n 03 April 2016. The Four Rounds of earlier Track II Dialogues between the two sides were held prior to signing of the MoU at Riyadh on 3 April 2016. The Dialogue aimed to promote and support activities that contribute to better understanding and relations between India and Saudi Arabia.

The Seventh India-Saudi Arabia Workshop was hosted by PSAIDS at Riyadh on 26 March 2019. The themes of the Dialogue largely focused on the fast changing India-Saudi engagement from transactional to strategic, new possibilities in energy cooperation, investment ties as a driver for emerging cooperation, exploring new realms in security and defence cooperation, opportunities for India through Saudi Vision 2030, economic cooperation in oil, trade, the future of Saudi-India relations and assessment of challenges to core national interests in regional geopolitics including in the Gulf region and South Asia.

The speakers representing the two reputed Think Tanks spoke on India-Saudi relations that have demonstrated an increased enthusiasm and willingness to cooperate and strengthen the bilateral relations with a new vision and approach. Saudi Arabia has long been an important Indian trade partner and remains a vital source of energy for India. Enhanced security cooperation has added a new dimension in the bilateral ties between New Delhi and Riyadh. Today, both the countries are committed to reinforce mutual interests that include security issues, counterterrorism, and engage them economically and strategically.

International Conference on 'Afghanistan', Sapru House, 29 March, 2019

India Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised an international Round Table on 'India-Afghanistan Relations: The Road Ahead' on 29 March 2019. The Round Table was held at Sapru House and Hotel Leela Palace, New Delhi. The programme was under Chatham House rules. It consisted of two segments, one segment with two academic sessions was held at Sapru House and the second segment consisting of a keynote address during a sit-in Dinner was organised at Hotel Leela Palace.

The Round Table was organised to understand various standpoints in Afghanistan towards the ongoing multiple peace processes and intra-Afghan reconciliation talks. Afghanistan participants represented different regions, ethnicities and political outlooks.

IAFS-III: Third ICWA India-Africa Annual Academic Conference, Venue: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 29-30 March, 2019

The Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) organised the Third India-Africa Conference under India-Africa Forum Summit III in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 29-30 March 2019. The theme of the Conference was "India's Engagement with North Africa and Horn of Africa: Issues, Initiatives and Prospects". The ICWA, dignitaries and all other participants also took this opportunity to pay homage to the deceased in the Ethiopian Airlines crash in March 2019, by keeping a minute of silence before the beginning of the Conference. The Conference saw a high level participation from Africa. H.E. Amb. Markos Tekle (PhD), State Minister of Foreign Affairs, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia addressed the inaugural session; and H.E. Mr. Teka Gebreyesus,

State Minister of Trade and Industry, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia delivered the valedictory address at the closing of the Conference.

Delegates from ten countries of North Africa and Horn of Africa (Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Libya, Morocco, Somalia, Sudan and South Sudan) and experts, scholars and officials from Ethiopia and African Union (AU) participated during the two day deliberations and discussions. The Conference had four technical sessions covering issues related to global political dialogue and diplomacy; security and strategy; trade, economic and development partnership; and people to people relations between India and North & Horn of Africa.

Outreach Programmes of ICWA

Two Day National Conference, organized by M S Ramaiah Institute of Technology, M S Ramaiah Nagar, MSRIT Post, Bangalore, Karnataka, 4-5 January, 2019

On 4-5 January 2019, ICWA and Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore jointly conducted a two day national conference in Bangalore at the Department of Management Studies, Ramaiah Institute of Technology, Bangalore, on "New directions in Foreign Policy: People, Politics, Places and Economic Power". The Conference deliberated on Indian foreign policy lessons from the past and issues for coming years, diaspora and foreign policy, economic relations and the influence of dominant cultural values on India's foreign policy. Dr. Samatha Mallempati, Research fellow, ICWA spoke on India's Neighbourhood Policy.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Khallikote University, Berhampur, Odisha , 23-24 January, 2019

The two day national conference titled, "National Conference on Resource Efficiency, Sustainability and Globalization: Exploring India-European Union Cooperation" was held at Khallikote University, Berhampur, Odisha on 23rd and 24th January, 2019. This was organized under the joint auspices with Khallikote University, Berhampur and Indian Council of World Affairs. Researchers, academicians and policy makers from universities, colleges, think-tanks and civil society organizations participated in the conference.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Banaras Hindu University, Banaras, UP , 24-25 January, 2019

Banaras Hindu University (BHU) in partnership with Organisation for Diaspora Initiatives (ODI) organized the International Conference on 'Indic Identity of Indian Diaspora: Its Historical, Philosophical and Contemporary Contributions to the World and India from 24-25 January, 2019 at BHU. The two day conference began with an inaugural session, followed by five parallel technical sessions spread over two days and ended with a valedictory session. Dr. Surabhi Singh, Research Fellow, ICWA presented a paper

Two Day International Convention, organised by School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 30 January - 1 February, 2019

ICWA was a partner institution in the Annual International and Area Studies Convention 2019, organized by School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University from 30th January to 1st February, 2019. The theme of the convention was 'Ascending India: Reflections on Global and Regional Dimensions.' The Convention saw participation by more than fifty researchers from outside Delhi and more than one fifty researchers from JNU another forty five presenters from Delhi/NCR. The keynote address was delivered by Amb. Shiv Shankar Menon, and the inaugural address was delivered by Prof. S.D. Muni. Amb Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA in his address noted structural issues in the conduct of Indian foreign policy.

One Day International Conference, organised by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai, Maharashtra, 7 February, 2019

One day International Conference on "Geopolitical Challenges- India and Her Neighbours", was organised by St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Mumbai on February 07, 2019. It was sponsored by ICWA, New Delhi. Vice Admiral Girish Luthra PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy delivered the keynote speech. The one day seminar had speakers from different institutions across the country. The topics include India's security challenges, importance of Tibet, Sino-Pakistan Collusion and Maritime aspects of the changing geo-political environment. Dr. Puyam Rakesh Singh, Research Fellow, ICWA, presented a paper in the Conference.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Kolkata Society For Asian Studies, Kolkata, West Bengal , 23-24 January, 2019

The Kolkata Society for Asian Studies (KSAS) in collaboration with ICWA and in association with Institute of Foreign Policy Studies and Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta, organised a two day national conference on "Contours of India's Act East Policy: Opportunities, Challenges, and Futuristic trends in India-ASEAN Partnership", from February 18-19, 2019 at Kolkata. Dr Temjenmeren Ao, from ICWA took part in this two day conference.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 21-22 February, 2019

The UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, School of Social Sciences and International Studies, Pondicherry University organized the International Conference on 'Indo-Pacific: Emerging Dynamics' from 21-22 February, 2019. The two day conference deliberated on the emerging dynamics in the Indo-Pacific, discussing various trends, like re-emergence of Quad, centrality of ASEAN, blue economy etc. The conference also discussed the Indian approach towards this complicated geopolitical scenario and how it is reaching out in the region. Dr. Ankita Dutta, Research Fellow ICWA presented a paper in the Conference.

Two Day International Conference, organised by Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi, Jharkhand, 21-22 February, 2019

On February 21-22, 2019, a two-day International Conference was organised by Department of International Relations, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Central University of Jharkhand in collaboration with Department of Education, Central University of Jharkhand. It was co-sponsored by Indian Council of World Affairs and Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi. The conference had speakers from different universities across the country. There were paper presenters from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka as well. Dr. Puyam Rakesh Singh, Research Fellow, ICWA, gave Felicitation Address in the Inaugural Session and chaired a session on the first day of the programme.

Two Day International Conference, organised by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27-28 February, 2019

The UGC –Centre for Central Asian Studies of the MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, organized a national seminar entitled 'Post-Cold War Grand Strategies in Eurasia: Implications for Central Asia and India' on 27-28 February 2019 at Ho Chi Minh Conference Hall, JMI, New Delhi. The seminar was partly funded by ICWA. Dr Athar Zafar, from ICWA took part in this two day conference.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Central University of Punjab, Bhatinda, Punjab, 7-8 March, 2019

Department of Economic Studies, Central University of Punjab Bhatinda organised a two-day conference titled "Revisiting India-East Asia Connections: Problems And Prospects" on 7-8 March, 2019. The conference was supported by ICWA. More than 50 experts from different parts of India presented their paper at the national seminar. Dr Sanjeev Kumar, Research Fellow, ICWA represented ICWA and presented a paper in the Conference.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women, Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu, 12-13 March, 2019

Two day national Conference on "India-Pakistan: Futuristic Trade and Economic Relations", was organised by Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women, Tiruchengode, Tamil Nadu on 12-13 March, 2019. It was sponsored by ICWA, New Delhi. It is the largest private women's college in Asia. The two day seminar had speakers from different institutions across the country. Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellow, ICWA, was the Chief Guest in the Inaugural Session and chaired all the technical sessions.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 13-14 March, 2019

Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi organised a two-day national seminar on "Status Update on International and Area Studies" on 13-14 March 2019. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Rajan Harshe. Valedictory lecture was delivered by Ambassador Shivshankar Menon. The seminar was organized to celebrate the three decades of Academy of International Studies. ICWA's Research Fellow, Dr Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui represented ICWA.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Department of Defense Studies, Meerut College, Meerut, UP, 17-18 March, 2019

Department of Defense Studies, Meerut College at Meerut organised a two-day national seminar on "Kashmir Problem and India-Pakistan Relations" on 17-18 March 2019. The conference was supported by ICWA. More than 50 experts from different parts of India presented their paper at the national seminar. ICWA's Research Fellows Dr Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and Dr. Athar Zafar presented papers in the various technical sessions.

दो दिवसीय हिंदी सेमिनार, डिपार्टमेंट ऑफ सिविक्स - पॉलिटिक्स, यूनिवर्सिटी ऑफ मुंबई, मुंबई, 18-19 मार्च, 2019

Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai organised a two-day national seminar in Hindi on "India Pakistan Relations: Terrorism as an Issue" on 18-19 March 2019. The conference was supported by ICWA. Many speakers comfortable in Hindi graced the two day seminar and presented their papers at the national seminar. ICWA's Research Fellow Dr. Rakesh Kumar Meena presented a paper in the seminar.

Two Day International Conference, organised by UGC Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, 18-19 March, 2019

Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati organized a two-day International Conference on "India-Vietnam Relations through the Prism of Gandhian and Ho Chi Minh Philosophies" from 18-19 March 2019. During the conference, there were discussions on strategic partnership between India and Vietnam from the historical to the current perspective. The Centre is a MoU partner of ICWA. ICWA Research Fellow, Dr. Indrani Talukdar presented a paper in the conference.

Two Day International Conference, organised by Asian Confluence, Shillong, Meghalaya, 18-19 March, 2019

The Asian Confluence in collaboration with ICWA organised its fourth edition of its Young Scholar's Forum on 18-19 March 2019 at Shillong, Meghalaya. This two day international conference on the theme titled, "Engaging Youth from the Region to Re-envision the regional discourse and action on Water and Rivers" witnessed participation of scholars from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, and Vietnam. ICWA was represented by Dr TCA Raghavan, Director General, ICWA, who delivered the keynote address at the inaugural session, and Dr Temjenmeren Ao.

Two Day National Conference, organised by by India Arab Culture Centre at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 18-19 March, 2019

ICWA sponsored a national conference 'India, China and the Arab World: Exploring New Dynamics' organised by India Arab Culture Centre at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. Kuwait Ambassador to India, Jassim Al-Najim addressed the conference in the inaugural session. Amb. Chinmaya Garekhan delivered the keynote address. Dr. Deepika Saraswat, Research Fellow, ICWA represented the Council at the conference. Amb. Sanjay Singh delivered the valedictory address.

Two Day National Conference, organised by Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, Punjab, 29-30 March, 2019

On 29-30 March, 2019, School of Social Sciences, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar organised a two day national seminar on India's foreign policy: continuity and change under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The seminar was sponsored by Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi. Many experts of this domain highlighted continuity and changes in foreign policy under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi. Dr. Amit Kumar, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, presented a paper in the Conference.

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