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Book Launch and Discussion on "Indian Cultural Diplomacy: Celebrating Pluralism in a Globalized World", Sapru House 2 April, 2019

A book launch and discussion on "Indian Cultural Diplomacy: Celebrating Pluralism in a Globalized World" By Ambassador Paramjit Sahai [An ICWA publication] was held in Sapru House on 2 April 2019. The event began with the welcome remarks delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, ICWA. This was followed by remarks by the Chair, Amb. Lalit Mansingh. A brief introduction of the book was given by the author Amb. Paramjit Sahai, which was followed by a panel discussion. The panelists for the session were: Shri Suresh K. Goel, Former Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, Shri Tarun Vijay, Former MP and Shri Akhilesh Mishra, Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations.

ICWA HIGHLIGHTS...

- Book Launch and Discussion on "Indian Cultural Diplomacy: Celebrating Pluralism in a Globalized World" by Ambassador Paramjit Sahai
- Second Dialogue of Indian Council of World Affairs – Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS) at Sapru House
- The First IBSA Gandhi-Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture
- Second ICWA-NCWA (Nepal Council of World Affairs) Dialogue at Sapru House
- Fourth ICWA-Asia New Zealand Foundation -NZIRI Track II Dialogue, Wellington
- First ICWA-The Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) Dialogue, Sapru House
- Book Launch and Discussion on "India's Eastward Engagement: from Antiquity to Act East Policy" by Professor S.D. Muni and Dr. Rahul Mishra
- National Seminar on "Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead" at Sapru House

The Second Dialogue was held between the Indian Council of World Affairs and the Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences at Sapru House, New Delhi on 3-4 April 2019. The 5 member VASS delegation was led by Dr. Dang Xuan Thanh, Vice President, Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS). Dr. TCA Raghavan, Director General, ICWA led the Indian delegation which had seven participants. Ambassador H.E. Pham Sanh Chau, Ambassador of Vietnam to India also attended the dialogue on the first day.

The VASS delegation comprised of Dr. Dang Xuan Thanh, Vice President, VASS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Cu Chi Loi, Director, Vietnam Institute of American Studies, VASS, Dr. Nguyen Xuan Cuong, Director, Vietnam Institute of Chinese Studies, VASS, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Xuan Trung, Director, Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, VASS and Dr. Le Thi Hang Nga, Vietnam Institute of Indian and Southwest Asian Studies, VASS.

The ICWA delegation comprised of Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA, Prof. Jayachandra Reddy, Director, UGC Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Prof. Ram Upendra Das, Head, Center for Regional Trade, Dr. Sonu Trivedi, Assistant Professor, Zakir Hussain Delhi College, Mrs. Tilottama Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Dr. Shrishti Pukhrem, Research Fellow, India Foundation, Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee and Dr. Temjenmeren Ao, Research Fellows, ICWA.

Discussions in the second dialogue dealt on regional and global issues, bilateral relations between India and Vietnam, and various other pertinent issues that strengthened the comprehensive partnership between the two countries. Along with the strategic and defence cooperation, it was mentioned that there was significant scope of strengthening economic and trade cooperation. Investments should be enhanced in the areas of high technology, software industry, electronic industry, materials and agriculture.

Lecture on "National Security Institutions: Tackling Emerging Challenges" by Ambassador P.S. Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board (NSAB), Sapru House, 9 April, 2019

Based on the premise that our national security architecture is a reflection of the people's confidence in their own security, the Council held the second event of its National Security Series with a lecture on National Security Institutions: Tackling Emerging Challenges by Amb. P.S. Raghavan, Chairman, National Security Advisory Board on 9 April 2019. The panelists included Ambassador Leela. K. Ponappa, former Deputy NSA and Dr. Happymon Jacob, Assistant Professor, JNU. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG ICWA, in his inaugural remarks said that the evolution of national security thinking in India is a crucial subject that demanded study. Amb. P.S Raghavan said that the national security architecture received an impetus from the post Kargil exercise of bringing out a report to plug the gaps in national security. He remarked that the current geopolitical environment is worse than the cold war and in this scenario our aspirations for self-reliance requires close coordination among the top national security structures. He also said that national security is a work in progress. A credible national security strategy requires an "All of Government" approach and it has to be directed from the top.

Amb. Leela K Ponappa in her remarks said that there was a need for national security doctrine and it is the area in which public outreach needs to happen. She also dwelt on improving the functioning of the National Security Council Secretariat, including through executive sanction. There has to be an attempt to widen the perception and to make every Indian feel that they are part of national security.

Dr. Happymon Jacob in his remarks argued that there is increasing national security consciousness in the governance structure in particular and the country in general. This consciousness has to be backed by a lot more emphasis on structures and systems. There is still no SOP on border management. The National Security Council Secretariat still finds no mention in Government's Allocation of Business Rules. The institution of the National Security Advisor needs legal and constitutional standing. There are also views about the Defence Planning Committee over how can one Committee handle so many functions. He ended by saying that there is no unified military doctrine and managing national security in an ad hoc manner needs to be done away with.

Fourth ICWA-Asia New Zealand Foundation -NZIRI Track II Dialogue, Wellington, New Zealand, 10-11 April, 2019

The Dialogue was held with an aim to encourage frank and open discussion between the partners. It emphasised that the two countries need to work towards strengthening an international rules based order and need to cooperate to strengthen the multilateral domain, especially the UN while working to strengthen rules for global stability and development. It was suggested that India and New Zealand could explore cooperation in areas such as agriculture, defence relations and also the Pacific arena. There have been significant developments in New Zealand's thinking on India's role in the changing world order. The ICWA delegation comprised of Mr. Soumen Bagchi, Deputy Director General and Head of Delegation, ICWA, Prof G Jayachandra Reddy, Centre of Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Dr. Stuti Banerjee and Dr. Pragya Pandey, Research Fellows, ICWA. The ANZF-NZIRI delegation comprised of Mr Simon Draper, Executive Director, Asia New Zealand Foundation, Dr Manjeet Pardesi, Acting Director, New Zealand India Research Institute, Suzannah Jessep, Director, Research and Engagement, Asia New Zealand Foundation, Dr Bryce Edwards, Senior Associate, Institute for Governance and Policy Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, H.E. Graeme Waters, Consultant and Former High Commissioner to India and Mr Charles Finny, Partner, Saunders Unsworth, Board member of New Zealand Trade and Enterprise.

First ICWA-The Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) Dialogue, Sapru House, 15 April, 2019.

The Inaugural Dialogue between Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR) was held at Sapru House on 15 April, 2019. The dialogue saw sharing of Indian and UAE perspectives on Regional and Global Issues and Bilateral Relations between the two countries.

The ICWA delegation was headed by Shri Soumen Bagchi, Deputy Director General, ICWA and included Dr. Fazzur Rehaman Siddiqui, and Dr. Deepika Saraswat, Research Fellows, ICWA as speakers in the two session dialogue. The first session dealt with perspectives of India and the UAE on regional and global issues. The second session discussed on India-UAE bilateral relations, the strategic partnership for prosperity, growth and security. Dr. Mohammad Sohrab from Jamia Millia Islamia and Dr. Nivedita Ray, Director (Research) ICWA chaired one session each. Dr. P.K. Pradhan, Associate Fellow, IDSA, and Dr. Vrushal T. Ghoble from Jawaharlal Nehru University participated as discussants. The program was attended by all the Research Fellows, officials from the Ministry of External Affairs and a few invited participants from the academic community in New Delhi.

The ECSSR delegation was headed by Abdulla Al Suwaidi, Assistant Deputy Director for Scientific Research Affairs Sector, Obaid Alzaabi, Manager of Strategic Studies Department and Mubarak Alzaabi, Assistant Deputy Director for Finance and Admin Affairs Sector, ECSSR.

India-UAE relations have strong people to people ties and that Indian Government has opened the doors for more dialogues, openness in the political realm.

Interaction with NIAS Delegation on Science Diplomacy, Sapru House, 23 April, 2019.

An interaction with a group of eminent scientists from National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bangalore was held at Sapru House on 23 April 2019 on the theme "Science Diplomacy". The team from NIAS included Dr. V.S. Ramamurthy, Former Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Dr. N. Ramamurthy, Former Director, Division of Physical and Chemical Sciences, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Prof. Rajaram Nagappa, Head, International Strategic and Security Studies Programme, NIAS, Dr. P.M. Soundararajan, Former Director, Defence Avionics Research Establishment (DARE), DRDO, Dr. L.V. Krishnan, Former Director, Safety Research and Health Physics Programmes, Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam and Dr. D. Suba Chandran, NIAS.

DG, ICWA Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, highlighted the importance of the subject of "Science Diplomacy" and underscored the need for ICWA to integrate frontier disciplines like science and technology into traditional area studies, which has been the focus in the Council. Dr. Suba Chandran briefed about NIAS's ongoing project on the use of Indian expertise and developments in science and technology as a tool for the conduct of foreign relations.

The team of scientists shared briefly their perspectives on the strengths of their respective domains such as space, nuclear, defence, aerospace and artificial intelligence in contributing to diplomatic strategy with other countries especially neighbours. India's expertise in nuclear technologies in the health care sector were emphasized.

During the course of the discussions, it was suggested that Science and Technology projects can form a defined subset of MEA's Development Partnership Administration, including its flagship technical cooperation programme ITEC, in the context of "Science Diplomacy".

Interaction with the delegation from Asia and the Pacific Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations, United Nations, Sapru House, 24 April, 2019.

ICWA interaction with the delegation from the United Nations Asia and the Pacific Division was held on 24 April 2019. The delegation was led by Ms. Mari Yamshita, Deputy Director of Asia and the Pacific Division, Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs and Peace Operations, UNHQ. The delegation called on DG, ICWA Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan who shared his views on South Asian regional dynamics and the current status of India-Pakistan relations. Ms. Nutan Kapoor Mahawar, Joint Secretary, extended a warm welcome to the visiting delegation and chaired the interaction. Brief presentations were made to the visiting delegation on India's relations with China, its geo-strategic view of the Indian Ocean Region, and its vision of the Indo-Pacific Region by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, Dr. Amit Kumar and Dr. Pragya Pandey, Research Fellows of ICWA, respectively. Ways for furthering cooperation between ICWA and UNHQ were also explored.

Book Launch and Discussion on "India's Eastward Engagement: from Antiquity to Act East Policy" by Professor S.D. Muni and Dr. Rahul Mishra, Sapru House, 29 April, 2019.

An ICWA publication "India's Eastward Engagement: From Antiquity to Act East Policy" written by Prof. SD Muni and Dr. Rahul Mishra was launched and discussed ay Sapru House on April 29, 2019. The discussion was chaired by Ms. Preeti Saran, former Secretary, (East), MEA. The discussants were Ambassador Pham Sanh Chau, Ambassador of Vietnam to India, Prof. Shankari Sundararaman, Professor, SIS, JNU and Prof. Nayan Chanda, Associate Professor, Ashoka University. The discussions centered around India's relations with Southeast Asia and emphasised how the book made an effort to adopt a cross-disciplinary approach by synergizing historical relations with area studies.

Roundtable Discussion on "Random Reflections on History of ICWA", Sapru House, 30 April, 2019.

A Round Table on Random Reflections on the History of ICWA was held today at Sapru House, New Delhi. Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Institute of Chinese Studies, Prof Patricia Uberoi, Institute of Chinese Studies, and Prof. S.D. Muni, Professor Emeritus, JNU participated in the discussions. The Speakers presented their views on the inception and the evolution of ICWA and its contribution in creating a foreign policy discourse and a body of informed opinion on world affairs in the country over the decades. They recollected the contributions of lead ICWA administrators and scholars. This is the first interaction in a series proposed with the objective of recording the history of ICWA as the country's premier national level think tank on international relations and world affairs.

Talk by Prof. David Newman, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Ben-Gurion University at Sapru House, Sapru House, 7 May 2019.

On 7th May, Prof. David Newman, former Dean and Professor at Ben-Gurion University of Negev Department of Politics and Government, Israel, delivered a talk on 'Israel Elections and the future of the Israel-Palestine Peace Process.' The session was chaired by Ambassador Talmiz Ahmad. The discussants in the panel were Dr. Sujata Aishwarya from Jamia Millia Islamia, Dr. Rohee Dasgupta from O.P. Jindal University and Dr. Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui and Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellows, ICWA. In his lecture, he noted that the recent election in Israel was less about peace process but more of referendum on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. He said that the election was a contest between centre and right, while the left has weakened further. While noting the varied nature of the elections that took place, the discussants stressed that United States and the Arab world had sidelined the Palestine dispute, which remain detrimental to the Middle East Peace Process. The discussion was followed by question and answers.

Closed Door Brainstorming for a Midterm Review on 2018 Annual India-Russia Joint Statement, Sapru House, 9 May, 2019.

The Indian Council of World Affairs conducted a Brainstorming Session on 9 May at the Sapru House. The aim was to take an annual stock on India-Russia strategic partnership in the backdrop of the current geopolitical landscape. It was also to deliberate on the trajectory of the special and privileged relationship between India and Russia in two sessions titled "The World: Where will it be in 10 years" and "India – Russia Relations: Dependence, Challenges and Opportunities".

Lecture by Shri V. Srinivas, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Sapru House, 14 May, 2019.

On 14 May 2019, Indian Council of World Affairs organised a lecture on "Asian infrastructure Investment Bank: Changing contours of Infrastructure Financing in Asia" by Shri V. Srinivas, IAS, Additional Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. The session was chaired by Lt. General (Retd.) S.L. Narasimhan, DG, Centre for Contemporary China Studies. Dr. Amitabh Kundu, Distinguished Fellow, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and Council's Research Fellow Dr. Sanjeev Kumar also participated in the discussion. He said that the bank began operations in January 2016 with 97 countries as its current members. Its objective is to improve economic and social development in Asia through a focus on sustainable infrastructure, connectivity and private economic mobilization.

National Seminar on "Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead", Sapru House, 15 May, 2019.

The Indian Council of World Affairs conducted a one day national seminar on Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead on 15 May 2019. The participants of the seminar included three former Ambassadors of India to Myanmar and scholars from eight universities and four Think Tanks across India. The seminar comprised of three sessions on Historical and Civilizational Linkages, Political and Security Cooperation and Economic and Development

Cooperation. Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA. The first session was chaired by Amb. G. Parthasarathy, Former Ambassador of India to Myanmar. Speakers in this session included Dr. Vinay Kumar Rao, Associate Professor, Haryana Central University, Department of History and Archaeology, Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh, Dr. Saswati Mutsuddy, Associate Professor, Department of Pali, University of Kolkata, Dr. Arindam Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Department of Pali, Sanskrit College, Kolkata, Dr. Netajee Abhinandan, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha, Dr. Ambuj Thakur, Assistant Professor, UGC Centre for Studies on Bangladesh and Myanmar, Dibrugarh University and Mr. Abhijit Dutta, Author, Myanmar in the World, Singapore. The first session dwelt upon the historical trajectory of relations and civilizational links, and linguistic and cultural affinities between India and Burma.

The second session was chaired by Ambassador Dr. V.S. Seshadri, Former Ambassador of India to Myanmar. The Speakers at the session included Prof. G.V.C. Naidu (retd), Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, Prof. G. Jayachandra Reddy, Director, UGC Centre for Southeast Asian & Pacific Studies, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, Mr. Pradip Phanjoubam, Editor, Imphal Free Press, Imphal, Dr. Anshuman Behera, Assistant Professor, Conflict and Security Studies, NIAS, Bengaluru, and Dr. Samatha Mallempati, Research Fellow, ICWA. The second session discussed internal political developments in Myanmar and Myanmar's engagement with regional actors including India and China. Porosity of the IB, the threat of Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) in the region and their linkages with Myanmar Groups were also discussed.

The third session was chaired by Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhaya. Speakers at the session included Dr. Nimmi Kurian, Professor, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, Dr. Deb Kumar Chakraborty, Professor, UGC Centre for Studies on Bangladesh and Myanmar, Dibrugarh University, Dr. Gadde Omprasad, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Sikkim Central University, Dr. K. Yhome, Senior Fellow, ORF, Delhi, Dr. Puyam Rakesh Singh, Research Fellow, ICWA and Dr. Nongthombam Jiten, Research Associate, Centre for Myanmar Studies, Manipal University. This session discussed trade and investment linkages, development partnership assistance, connectivity, border as bridges approach, and the need to marry federal-local perspectives.

Participants spoke of the need to give impetus to studies on Myanmar in India.

Talk by Mr. Mohammad Umer Daudzai, Chief Executive of the Afghan High Peace Council, Sapru House, 17 May, 2019

Indian Council of World Affairs organized a talk on 'Current Developments in the Afghan Peace Process' by Mr. Mohammad Umer Daudzai, Chief Executive of the Afghan High Peace Council, on 17 May 2019 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The event was chaired by Ambassador Vivek Katju, Former Ambassador of India to Afghanistan.

The Guest speaker talked about ongoing talks between the US and Taliban, the recently concluded Loya Jirga in Afghanistan and the upcoming Presidential election in the country. He also gave answers to questions raised by members of audience, which included media and the academia.

One day Conference on 'European Union in a Changing World Order: Prospects for India-Europe Partnership', Sapru House, 26 June, 2019

The Indian Council of World Affairs conducted a one day conference on European Union in a Changing World Order: Prospects for India-Europe Partnership on 26 June 2019.

The participants of the seminar included former diplomats and scholars from eight universities and two Think Tanks across India. The seminar comprised of three sessions namely Europe in a Changing World Order; Europe, India and the BRI and; Prospects for Cooperation in India-EU Relations. The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA, and the Keynote address was given by Shri G. Balasubramanian, Joint Secretary (Europe West), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The first session was chaired by Amb. Bhaswati Mukherjee, Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands.

The speakers in this session included Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar, Professor, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Prof. Neeta Inamdar, Professor and Head of the Department, Department of European Studies, Manipal

University and Dr. Ankita Dutta, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs. The session discussed Europe's integration project has been under intense pressure beginning with the 2011 euro zone crisis, concerns of migration, terrorism, impending Brexit, and the rise of Euroscepticism and populism. The session discussed in detail how these trends question of the European project itself.

The second session was chaired by Ambassador J.S. Mukul, Dean, Foreign Service Institute. The Speakers at the session included Prof. Gulshan Sachdeva, Professor, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Prof. Madhu Bhalla, Former Head and Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi and, Dr. Surabhi Singh, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs. The session assessed China's aspirations through the implementation of BRI and how this is becoming a catalyst for change in relations between China and Europe. Further the session also dwelt on India's position with respect to BRI.

The third session was chaired by Ambassador Bhaswati Mukherjee, Former Ambassador of India to the Netherlands. Speakers at the session included Prof. Jayaraj Amin, Professor, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University, Dr. Saurabh Kumar, Associate Fellow, CUTS- CITEE, Jaipur and, Dr. Chetan B. Singai, Deputy Director, Ramaiah Institute of Public Policy, Bengaluru. The session dwelt on the India-EU partnership in view of the publication of the 2018 EU strategy paper on India. The session discussed possible impact on trade relations between India and the EU in a post-Brexit world and on the opportunities and challenges in collaboration in the field of higher education and research as a way of enhancing people-to-people contacts.

In the concluding session, the importance of enhancing an understanding of the significance of India-EU relations through deliberations across the country was emphasised.

Round Table/Ideashala with Takshashila Institution and International Summer School, Sapru House, 28 June, 2019.

As part of the Council's effort to reach out to young scholars, the Indian Council of World Affairs along with Takshashila Institution and the International Summer School organized The Ideashala on Evolving Dynamics of the India-China Relations on 28 June 2019 at Sapru House. The event began with the introductory remarks by the Dr. TCA Raghavan, Director General, ICWA and Mr. Nitin Pai, Co-founder and Director, Takshashila Institution. This was followed by presentations by Mr. Anirudh Kanisetti, Research Analyst, Takshashila Institution on 'The Kra Canal: What does it means for India'

and Mr. Manoj Kewalramani, Associate Fellow, Takshashila Institution on '5G, Huawei and Geopolitics: An Indian Roadmap'. The presentations were followed by a Panel Discussion moderated by Ms. Suhasini Haider, Diplomatic and Strategic Affairs Editor, The Hindu and panellists included both the presenters and Dr. Jabin Jacob, Associate Professor, Shiv Nadar University.

Outreach Programmes of ICWA

Two Days National Seminar on "India's Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change under PM Modi", GDC Memorial College, Bahal, Bhiwani, 12-13 April, 2019

GDC Memorial College, Bahal, Bhiwani organized a two day national Conference on India's Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change under PM Modi' on 12-13 April, 2019. The conference was partially funded by ICWA. The conference began with an inaugural session, which had eminent scholars like Prof. SD Muni and Dr. Rajiv Nayan, Senior Research Associate, IDSA. The conference had five technical sessions spread over two days and ended with a valedictory session. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Meena, RF, ICWA was the Guest of Honour and delivered welcome address.

Two Day National Conference on "Diplomatic History of Asia : Changing Contours", Department of History, Faculty of Social Science, Banarash Hindu University, Varanashi, 18-19 April, 2019

In an effort to give impetus to the development of the discipline of Diplomatic History of India, ICWA participated with the Department of History, Faculty of Social Science, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi in organizing a two day national Conference on 'Diplomatic History of Asia: Changing Contours' on 18-19 April, 2019. The conference was partially funded by ICWA. The two day conference began with an inaugural session, which had eminent scholars. The conference had five technical sessions spread over two days and ended with a valedictory session. Dr. Saurabh Mishra, Research Fellow, ICWA represented the Council in the two day seminar.

One day National Seminar organised by Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S), The Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Chennai, 3 May, 2019

On May 03, 2019, a one day International Conference was organised by Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S) and The Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI), Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The conference was partially funded by ICWA. Dr. TCA Raghavan, DG, ICWA gave the key note address. Various issues ranging from economic transformation of China, US-China trade negotiations, India-China trade, and other issues were discussed. Dr. Puyam Rakesh Singh, Research Fellow, ICWA, summed up the proceedings of the conference.

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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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