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Lecture by Prof. V. Kamakoti, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Chennai, Sapru House, 10 July, 2019

A talk was held in Sapru House on 10 July 2019, where Prof. V. Kamakoti, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Chennai; Associate Dean, IIT Chennai and Member, National Security Advisory Board delivered a talk on "5G Technology from an Indian Perspective". The event was chaired by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, ICWA. Prof. Kamakoti stated that 5G policy for the any country must have five interconnected factors: International standards, cost, security, technology and governance. In clarifying that India needs to put a focus on the research and development of indigenous technology to build a more secure 5G system, the speaker also stated that India needs to look at the future and develop technology for 6G. He felt that this was an opportune moment for India to indigenize its technology on 5G. The talk was followed by questions and answer.

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Panel Discussion on 'The US-Iran Standoff: Assessing the Implications', 16 July 2019, Sapru House

A panel discussion on "The US-Iran Standoff: Assessing the Implications", was organised in the Council on 16 July 2019. It was chaired by Ambassador Anil Trigunayat and the panelists were Mr. Prabir Purkayastha, Editor-in-Chief, NewsClick, Mr. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri, Foreign Editor, Hindustan Times, Dr. Stuti Banerjee and Dr. Deepika Saraswat, Research Fellows of the Council.

Amb. Trigunayat, in his opening remarks, said that the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) has its flaws but it provided an opportunity for Iran to be re-integrated into the international community. Dr. Deepika Saraswat noted the changing Iranian position in terms of the end of its year-long policy of "strategic patience." Mr. Pramit Pal Chaudhuri argued that there were different foreign policies operating in Washington, namely that of President Trump, of the White House, of the Washington establishment (Pentagon, intelligence agencies, and the State Department), and the US Congress. He reiterated that the United States' foreign policy runs on different paths which make their policy difficult to predict.

Mr. Prabir Purkayashtha asserted that the only way JCPOA could be saved is if the European Union and countries like India join Russia and China and make it possible for Iran to export some oil. Dr. Stuti Banerjee articulating the US stand on the issue, opined that by imposing secondary sanctions on Iran, US is making sure that its unilateral sanctions towards achieving domestic goals becomes international. The discussion was followed by an interaction with the discussants and the participants in the event.

Launch and Discussion of Book "India's Relations with the International Monetary Fund: 25 Years in Perspective 1991-2016" by Mr. V. Srinivas, Sapru House, 26 July, 2019

An ICWA publication, "India's Relations with the International Monetary Fund: 25 Years in Perspective 1991-2016", authored by Mr. V. Srinivas was launched and discussed at Sapru House on 26th July 2019. The book was released by the Chief Guest, Mr. Shaktikanta Das, Governor, Reserve Bank of India and India's Alternate Governor to the International Monetary Fund, who also gave his remarks. This was followed by a panel discussion and the panelists for the session were: Mr. K.V. Eapen, Secretary, Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances and Former Senior Advisor to Executive Director (India) International Monetary Fund; Dr. Anoop Singh, Member, 15th Finance Commission of India and Former Director, Asia Pacific Department, International Monetary Fund, and Dr. Andreas Bauer, Senior Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund, New Delhi. The discussion was moderated by Ms. Sukanya Balakrishnan. Discussions centred around India's engagement in the IMF and how India's status shifted from being a debtor to a creditor within the IMF in the mid 2000s.

Lecture on "Second World War and the Growth of Science and Technology in India" by Prof. Arun Kumar Grover, Sapru House, 30 July, 2019

Prof. Arun Kumar Grover delivered a lecture on "Second World War and the Growth of Science and Technology in India" on July 30, 2019 at Sapru House. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA, in his opening remarks, noted the significance of historical processes and factors that influenced the development of science and technology in India in the context of cooperation and collaboration with other countries through science and diplomacy.

In his lecture, Prof. Grover traced the development of higher education in India including science, technical and professional education and R&D since the passing of the East India Company Act 1772. The dispatch to Lord Dalhousie in 1854 from the President of Board of Control of East India Company led to the establishment of three universities at Calcutta, Madras and Bombay in 1857. Again, two more Universities were established in Lahore and Allahabad in 1882 and 1887 respectively. By the end of 19th century India had five universities: Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Lahore and Allahabad.

He said that the passing of the Indian Universities Act (1904) provided an impetus to the growth of higher education in India following the appointment of teachers and promotion of research in the Indian Universities. Under this Act, the Universities were required to appoint teachers, establish Departments and engage in research.

Prof. Grover mentioned that national institutions on science and technology needed financial support and freedom to conduct research to contribute to national development. This would help sustain and develop institutions for higher scientific research to develop the knowledge economy in India. Also, the need to nurture research in fundamental science was emphasised.

National Seminar on 'Taking Stock of India-Latin America and the Caribbean Relations', Sapru House, 8-9 August, 2019.

The Indian Council of World Affairs conducted a national seminar on Taking Stock of India-Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Relations on 8-9 August 2019.

The participants of the seminar included former diplomats and scholars from seven universities across India. Representatives of think tanks and industry chambers also participated. The seminar comprised of four sessions namely India and Latin America and Caribbean Relations: Strengthening the Political Relationship, Building Complementarities in Trade, Investment and Development, Building Bridges through Cultural & Social Interactions and Diaspora & Identities in India-LAC Relations.

The Inaugural Address was given by Shri V. Muraleedharan, Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA, and the keynote address was delivered by H.E. Ms. Aashna Kanhai, Ambassador of Suriname to India.

The various sessions discussed the need to build ties between India and the LAC region through engagements in sectors as health, education, science and technology, renewable energy, agriculture, etc. It also highlighted the role of translation of literary work as an effective way of enhancing people to people contacts. There was discussion on the transnational nature of the diaspora of the LAC region and India and the need to tap into their experiences. The aim of the conference was to identify and encourage scholarship on the region as India strengthens its partnership with the countries of the LAC region.

Round Table Discussion "The ICJ Judgement on Kulbhushan Jadhav Case: Looking Ahead", Sapru House, 14 August, 2019.

A round table discussion on "The ICJ Judgment on Kulbhushan Jadhav Case: Looking Ahead" was organised on 14, August 2019 at Sapru House. The session was chaired by Amb. Vivek Katju. The panelists were Mr. Narinder Singh, Former AS (L&T), MEA, Mr. Rana Banerji, Distinguished Fellow, IPCS, Dr. Ashish Shukla and Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellows of the Council.

In the discussions it was stated that Pakistan was always looking for a 'silver bullet' to build a narrative on terrorism being sponsored by India in Pakistan and a fabricated case of Jadhav remained important for Pakistan. After a detailed chronological narration of events before and after the arrest of Kulbhushan Jadhav, panelists stated how the ICJ through its verdict asked Pakistan to provide unfettered consular access, which it has not allowed, violating the Geneva Convention. ICJ also stated having a effective review and reconsideration of the verdict.

Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi (ICS) and Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), Sapru House, 19 August, 2019.

An event titled "From Sapru House Lawns to Sri Ram Road: Commemorating 50 Years of Institute of Chinese Studies" was jointly organised by ICWA and Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) on 19 August 2019 at Sapru House.

Amb. Ashok Kantha, Director, ICS highlighted ICS's linkages with ICWA as well as contribution of ICS in academic and foreign policy discourse on China. A number of well-known experts/diplomats including Prof. Ashis Nandy, Prof. Madhavan Palat,

Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Amb. Kishan Rana, Prof. Alka Acharya, Mr. Ravi Bhoothalingam, Prof. Ashwini Deshpande, Ms. Nomita Unnikrishnan, talked about the journey of ICS which started from Sapru House in 1969. They also shared their personal memories attached with the evolution of ICS. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA congratulated ICS on this occasion and chaired a discussion session titled: ICS @50: Past and Future. The programme was part of the series of events on the history of ICWA.

Book Launch and Discussion on "Pakistan: The Balochistan Conundrum", by Mr.Tilak Devasher, Sapru House, 22 August, 2019.

An ICWA publication "Pakistan: The Balochistan Conundrum", by Mr. Tilak Devasher was launched and discussed at Sapru House on August 22, 2019. The discussion was chaired by Mr. Maroof Raza, Consulting Editor, Times Now. The discussants were Mr. Rana Banerjee, Distinguished Fellow, IPCS, Mr. Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow, ORF and Dr. Ashish Shukla, Research Fellow, ICWA. The discussion pointed out how Balochistan presents a mosaic of conflicts and fault lines with multiple layers of violence, ranging from those between the Baloch nationals and the state, inter and intra feuds and clashes, ethnic divisions, sectarian conflicts and terror strikes. The discussants appreciated the book as the most comprehensive and timely study of Balochistan by an Indian scholar. It was stated that the book greatly added to the knowledge-base on Balochistan within India. It was further mentioned that the author's strong documentation and research, rife with compelling data makes the book very engaging and informative. Discussants stated that the breadth of areas that are covered in the book are done so with great detail and reiterated why Baloch have a strong case when they say that they have been illegally annexed and amalgamated into Pakistan.

Lecture by Dr. Vineet Thakur, Assistant Professor in History and International Relations at Leiden University, Sapru House, 23 August, 2019.

A lecture titled "Communal Affairs Over International Affairs: IR's Arrival in Late Colonial India" by Dr. Vineet Thakur, University Lecturer at the Institute of History, Leiden University, Netherlands was held on 23 August 2019 at Sapru House. Dr. Zorawar Daulet Singh, Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, chaired the session. The lecture was the third event in a series on the history of ICWA as the country's premier national level think tank on international relations and world affairs.

Explaining historical context of the arrival of International Relations discipline in India in the late colonial period, Dr. Thakur presented an account of events and personalities involved in the establishment of ICWA in 1943. In doing so the role of another institution, Indian Institute of International Affairs (IIIA), established in 1936 and the political rivalry between Congress and Muslim League was highlighted. Dr. Thakur argued that study of international affairs in India in the late colonial period was shaped by the ideational and legitimacy contestation between the two institutions. The ICWA successfully organised the Asian Relations Conference in March 1947, which sealed the fate of the IIIA. It moved to Pakistan in the wake of Partition, then quietly closed down after co-existing briefly with the Pakistan Institute of International Affairs (PIIA).

Interaction between Media Delegation from Turkey with ICWA Research Faculty, Sapru House, 26 August 2019.

A 16 member delegation led by Mr Mehmet Öztürk, Editor in Chief, Anadolu Agency, Ankara visited ICWA on 26th August 2019 and interacted with the Research Fellows of the Council. Discussions in the interaction centered on Turkish domestic politics, West Asia, and India's rising influence in the Gulf. The delegates also discussed the importance of media and the manner in which it has been functioning in Turkey.

Talk by Dr. Jamal al-Moosawi, Director General, The National Museum, Sultanate of Oman, Sapru House, 27 August, 2019.

A talk by Dr. Jamal al-Moosawi, the Director General, The National Museum - Sultanate of Oman was organised by ICWA at Sapru House on 27 August 2019. Dr. Moosawi spoke on "Oman, the Gulf Region and India: Perspectives on Maritime - Related Activity from the Museographical Context of the National Museum – Sultanate of Oman". The talk was chaired by Prof. Himanshu Prabha Ray, Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich. Dr. Jamal al-Moosawi said that the National Museum Oman enjoys financial and administrative independence. Oman's strategic position and extensive coastline connects Oman through Persian Gulf to Arabian Sea, and to the eastern coast of Africa. History of Oman and India maritime trade relationship through people to people, commerce and trade to the Bronze Age. The ancient civilization of Magan in Oman corresponds to the Indus Valley civilization in India. National Museum has collections of Harappan pottery. Overall, the talk focused on tracing the historical maritime ties between India and the Gulf Region in general and Oman in particular from the museographical context.

National Seminar National Seminar on "India-Sri Lanka Relations in Present Context? Is it the Time for Reorientation of Policy?", Sapru House, 29-30 August, 2019.

The Indian Council of World Affairs organised a seminar on 'India-Sri Lanka Relations in Present Context: Is it the time for Reorientation of policy?' on 29-30th August 2019 at Sapru House, New Delhi. The participants of the seminar were five former ambassadors out of which three had served in Sri Lanka, three journalists, academicians from eleven universities, researchers from three think tanks, defence and intelligence personnel. The welcome remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General ICWA and the Opening Remarks were delivered by Ambassador Nirupama Rao, Former Foreign Secretary Government of India. The seminar had five sessions covering various aspects of India-Sri Lanka relations including, historical, India-Sri Lanka relations in 80s, political, economic and security aspects.

The various sessions discussed the relevance of historical linkages between India and Sri Lanka, political cooperation between the two countries in the present context, highlighting the need for deeper study into ethnic, religious linkages that exist between India and Sri Lanka to understand the emerging non-traditional security threats in the region; the present state of economic cooperation between the two countries and China's approach of economic diplomacy with Sri Lanka; the security aspect of cooperation and the opportunities that exist in enhancing blue economy cooperation; tourism and connectivity and Sri Lanka's foreign and defence relations and their possible impact on bilateral relations.

Talk by Talk by H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, President-elect of the 74th Session of United Nations General Assembly, Sapru House, 2 September, 2019.

H.E. Prof. Tijjani Muhammad Bande, President-elect of the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly, delivered a talk on "Priorities for the 74th UN General Assembly" on 2 September 2019 at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General ICWA welcomed H.E. Tijjani. Ambassador Asoke Mukerji, Former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations & Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi chaired the event. The speaker stated that the importance of UN is such that there would have been anarchy without it. Promotion and maintenance of multilateralism is one of the core principles of the UN.

National Conference on 'India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order: Priorities, Prospects and Challenges', Sapru House, 3-4 September, 2019.

The Indian Council of World Affairs conducted two days conference on India-Africa Partnership in a Changing Global Order: Priorities, Prospects and Challenges on 3-4 September 2019. The participants of the national conference included former diplomats and academics, scholars and junior researchers from universities and Think Tanks across India. The seminar comprised of six sessions namely Mutuality in Political Endeavours: Governance and Geopolitics; Enhancing Economic and Development Cooperation; Factoring Diaspora in India–Africa Relations; Common Security Challenges: Prospects for Cooperation; Enhancing People to People Cooperation: Media, Culture and Education Exchange and the Status of African Studies in India: Taking stock and the Way Ahead.

The opening remarks were delivered by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, Director General, ICWA, and the keynote address was given by Shri T.S. Tirumurti, Secretary (Economic Relations), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The various sessions discussed about trends of democratisation emerging in Africa in the last two decades and how there is a need to build a connect between the India's view of the world and Africa's view of the world. It highlighted that the agenda between India and Africa needs to be expanded to include new issues like blue economy, data protection, data managements etc. The sessions assessed how Indian investment in Africa is currently moving from the ODA pattern to trade and investment. It was stated that there is a need to strengthen institutional structures for better India-Africa cooperation and how India should endeavour to engage with Africa looking through the lens of the entire east African coast and a holistic internal development. Discussions also were on how "People to People" cooperation forms the important component in enhancing India-Africa Relationship and an effective factor complimenting government to government diplomacy.

The Valedictory Address was delivered by Vice President of India and President, ICWA Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu. H.E. Alem Tsehaye Woldemariam, Ambassador of the State of Eritrea, Dean of African Heads of Missions and the Deputy Dean of Diplomatic Corps also addressed the Valedictory Session.

Fourth ICWA- Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) Dialogue, Cairo, 10-11 September, 2019.

Under the ICWA's External Partners Strategy, ICWA had signed an MoU with the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA) Cairo, Egypt in 2012. Under the MoU, ICWA have already hosted two ICWA-ECFA dialogues in 2012 and 2017.

To strengthen and deepen the ties further and reciprocate the visit of ECFA to ICWA, ICWA earlier had sent a delegation to Cairo for two-day dialogue on April 20-21, 2015, with ECFA, Cairo and again an ICWA's delegation visited ECFA for two-day dialogue on 10-11 September 2019.

The ICWA delegation consisted of five members and was headed by Ambassador Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA. The other members of the delegation included Professor K. M. Seethi, Dr. Mohammad Sohrab, Dr. Sanjeev Kumar and Dr. Fazzur Rahman Siddiqui. The thrust of the dialogue was to explore the prospects for making a new beginning in the relationship between Egypt and India. This dialogue examined the new emerging political and social order in the Arab world and its implication for both the region and the world. The ECFA side was represented by the chairman of ECFA, Amb. Mounir Zaharn, its director Amb. Ezzat Saad and other members of the ECFA. There were five sessions in this two-day dialogue and each session discussed specific topics. The global issues were discussed in the first session while bilateral issue was the theme of the second session. The developments in the Arab region, the evolution of Sino-Indian relationship and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) were discussed in third and fourth session respectively. The last session were devoted to India-Pak ties and security issue in South Asia.

''हिंदी में विदेश नीति विमर्श को प्रोत्साहन'' विषय पर परिचर्चा, सप्रू हाऊस 13 सितम्बर, 2019

विश्व मामलों की भारतीय परिषद, सप्रू हाउस द्वारा 13 सितम्बर, 2019 को हिंदी पखवाड़े के अवसर पर ''हिंदी में विदेश नीति विमर्श को प्रोत्साहन'' विषय पर परिचर्चा का आयोजन किया गया. इस परिचर्चा की अध्यक्षता राजदूत श्री अनिल त्रिगुणायत ने की. इस कार्यक्रम में वक्ता के रूप में राजदूत श्री अचल मल्होत्रा, प्रो. संजय भारद्वाज, डॉ राकेश कुमेर मीना और डॉ आशीष शुक्ल ने भाग लिया. इस परिचर्चा में हिंदी भाषा में विदेश नीति विमर्श पर विदेश मंत्रालय, अकादमिक क्षेत्र, मीडिया और थिंक टैंकों में हो रहे कार्य के प्रचार प्रसार और चुनौतियों पर गहन विचार विमर्श किया गया.

Lecture by Prof. V. Kamakoti, Professor of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Chennai, Sapru House, 24 September, 2019

Indian Council of World Affairs organized a presentation on "Can India Make Her Own Next Generation Network?" chaired by Prof. V. Kamakoti, Senior Prof., IIT Madras on 24 September 2019. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA, after welcoming the panelists and the audience said that technology plays a significant role in every aspect of a nation. The speakers of the presentations were Mr. Satish Jamadagni, VP, Reliance, Jio, Mr. Sailesh Chopra, Practice Director, HCL Tech. India Ltd., Mr. G. Jayendran, GM, Tata Elxsi, Mr. Jishnu Aravindakshan, Tejas Networks, Mr. B.K. Raghuveer, CEO, Nivetti Systems Mr. Hemant Mallapur, Saankhya Labs.

Book Discussion on 'INDIA'S Lost Frontier: The Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan' by Mr. Raghvendra Singh, Sapru House, 26 September, 2019

A book discussion on 'India's Lost Frontier: The Story of the North-West Frontier Province of Pakistan' authored by Shri Raghvendra Singh, Former Secretary, Government of India was organised at ICWA on 26 September 2019. The discussion was chaired by Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA. The author made a presentation of the book, which was followed by a panel discussion. The discussants were Amb. Rajiv Dogra, former Concul General of India in Karachi, Ms. Indrani Bagchi, Diplomatic Editor, Times of India and Dr. Dhrubajyoti Bhattacharjee, Research Fellow, ICWA.

Outreach Programmes of ICWA

Two day International Conference organised by The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai, 12-13 July May, 2019

A two day International Conference on "India and the Indian Ocean Region: Dynamics of Geopolitics, Security and Global Commons" was organised by The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai on 12-13 July May, 2019. The conference was partially funded by ICWA. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan, DG, ICWA delivered the Keynote address. Various issues ranging from the various geo political dynamics growing in the Indian Ocean region, role of IORA, regional and global players and the role of India was discussed in the international conference. Dr. Amit Kumar, Research Fellow, ICWA, participated in the conference.

Two day International Conference organised by Vivekanandha Institute of Information and Managements Studies, Tamil Nadu, 12-13 July, 2019

Vivekanandha Institute of Information and Management Studies organized a two day international Conference on "Start-up India: The Wings of Foreign Trade" on 12-13 July, 2019. The conference was partially funded by ICWA. The conference had five sessions spread over two days and ended with a valedictory session. Dr. Priyanka Pandit, RF, ICWA was the Guest of Honour and delivered special address at the inaugural session.

Two day National Conference organised by Centre for Canadian, United States and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, 19-20 September, 2019

The United Studies Programme of the Centre for Canadian, United States and Latin American Studies, School of International Studies, JNU organised a National Conference on "India-US-China: emerging Strategic Equations" on 19-20 September 2019 at JNU. The Conference was with an aim to understanding the emerging strategic equations between India-US-China and how India will secure its interests in the current geopolitical environment. Dr. T.C.A. Raghavan gave the valedictory remarks and the conference was attended by Dr. Stuti Banerjee, Dr. Temjenmeren Ao and Dr. Vivek Mishra, Research Fellows, ICWA.

Two day National Conference organised by Jadavpur Association of International Relations, Kolkata, 20-21 September, 2019

On September 20-21, 2019, Jadavpur Association of International Relations in association with Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata organised a two-day national conference on "Engaging Asia: India's Foreign Policy in the 21st Century". The conference was partially funded by ICWA. Dr. Jojin V. John, Research Fellow, ICWA represented the Council in the conference. The two-day conference deliberated various aspects Indian foreign policy with a special focus on India's engagement with Asia. The conference had two Panel Discussions and four technical sessions, apart from the inaugural and valedictory sessions.

Two day National Conference organised by Kolkata Society for Asian Studies, 23-24 September, 2019

Two days International Conference on "India Nepal Relations: Rejuvenation of Bilateral Ties in the 21st Century" was organized by Kolkata Society for Asian Studies in collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Kolkata and Buddha Air, Kathmandu on 23-24 September, 2019.

Dr. Rakesh Kumar Meena, Research Fellow represented ICWA and he has also presented a paper on India Nepal Relations under Modi 2.0. It was attended by Diplomats, academics and researchers from most of the states in northern and central India. From Nepal side ministers, diplomats and scholars also participated in this 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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