



Annual South Asia Media Summit – 2011

***Intra-State Conflict in South Asia:
Role of Media***

Organised by

**Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) - India
in association with
The International Centre Goa (ICG)
Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI)**

Venue

**The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula- Goa
November 23-25, 2011**

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

Arrival, Check-in and Registration of Participants at The International Centre Goa (ICG)

2000 hrs **Cocktails and Welcome Dinner at ICG**

Wednesday, November 23, 2011

0900- 1000 hrs **Registration of local participants**

1000 - 1040 hrs **INAUGURAL SESSION**

1000 – 1005 hrs *Introductory Remarks by*
Mr. Arjun Halarnkar, Programme Manager, ICG

1005 – 1015 hrs *Welcome and Seminar Perspectives by*
Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, The International Centre Goa and Hon.
Director, Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI)

1015 – 1025 hrs *Opening Remarks by*
Ms. Sarah Hees, Co-ordinator, Peace & Security Policy, Regional Project
Asia, FES- India

1025 – 1035 hrs *Inaugural Address by*
Hon. Mr. Pratapsingh Rane, Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly and
President, The International Centre Goa

1035 – 1040 hrs *Vote of Thanks by*
Mr. Collin Curry, Trustee, MICCI

1040 - 1110 hrs **TEA BREAK**

1110 – 1330 hrs **SESSION I**

“Why Intra-State Conflicts are more and Protracted in South Asia?”

Chairperson: Mr. Rajeshwar Dyal - India

Speaker 1: Mr. Gautam Sen - India

Speaker 2: Mr. Mohsin Babbar - Pakistan

Speaker 3: Mr. Randeep Singh Nandal - India

Speaker 4: Mr. Anthony David - Sri Lanka

Speaker 5: Mr. Ishwar Bhat - India

(Each speaker 15 minutes, Discussion 50 minutes)

1330 – 1430 hrs - **LUNCH**

1430 - 1630 hrs **SESSION II**

“Changing nature of political discourse and conflicts in South Asia and challenges for media”

Chairperson: Mr. Rinzin Wangchuk - Bhutan

Speaker 1: Mr. Gautam Navlakha - India

Speaker 2: Mr. Rahimullah Khan Yusufzai - Pakistan

Speaker 3: Ms. Carmen Wickramagamage - Sri Lanka

Speaker 4: Mr. Vipul Mudgal - India

Speaker 5: Mr. Damakant Jayshi - Nepal

(Each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion 1 hour)

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**Tea/Coffee & Refreshments will be available in the lobby throughout the sessions*

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**1645 hrs Participants assemble at ICG Reception to be taken out for a
Boat Cruise on river *Mandovi***

2000 hrs COCKTAILS and DINNER at ICG

Thursday, November 24, 2011

1000– 1230 hrs SESSION III

“Dealing with plants: Can conflict reporting be non-partisan?”

Chairperson: Mr. Sarabjit Singh Pandher - India

Speaker 1: Mr. Faseih Iqbal - Pakistan

Speaker 2: Mr. Naseer Ganai - India

Speaker 3: Mr. Rajan Bhattarai - Nepal

Speaker 4: Ms. Rita Manchanda - India

Speaker 5: Mr. Anthony David - Sri Lanka

(Each speaker 15 minutes, Discussion 1 hour)

1230 – 1400 hrs - LUNCH

1400 – 1630 hrs SESSION IV

“Legal challenges of reporting conflict: Coverage of resistance and human rights concerns”

Chairperson: Mr. Nagaraju Jinka - India

Speaker 1: Adv. Jamshed Mistry - India

Speaker 2: Mr. Rahimullah Khan Yusufzai - Pakistan

Speaker 3: Adv. Ashraf Vani – India

Speaker 4: Mr. Mazher Hussain - India

(Each speaker 15 minutes, Discussion 1 hr 15 minutes)

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**Tea/Coffee & Refreshments will be available in the lobby throughout the sessions*
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**1730 hrs Participants assemble at ICG Reception to be taken out for
COCKTAILS and DINNER
Participants will be dropped near the market close to the venue on the beach
and can assemble at the venue of dinner –MAMBO’S – by 7:30 pm**

Friday, November 25, 2011

1000 – 1230 hrs SESSION V

“Do media and conflict feed on each other?”

Chairperson: Ms. Nandini Sahai - India

Speaker 1: Mr. Vishnu Rajgadga - India and Mr. Shubhranshu Choudhary - India

Speaker 2: Mr. Mohsin Babbar - Pakistan

Speaker 3: Mr. Gunaraj Luitel and Ms. Babita Basnet - Nepal

Speaker 4: Ms. Tin Tin Win - Myanmar

Speaker 5: Mr. Zarir Hussain – India

Speaker 6: Mr. Snigdhendru Bhattacharya – India

(Each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion 1 hour)

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12:30pm to 1:30pm

Recommendations and Future Course of Action: An Open Forum

Chairpersons: Mr. Ishwar Bhat and Mr. Snehasis Sur - India

Small group sessions (5 groups, each of approx. 8 participants, to consider an assigned issue, which will form part of the recommendations of the seminar – the composition and chairperson of the groups will be announced in the morning session)

Reading of Recommendations

Vote of Thanks by Ms. Nandini Sahai

LUNCH

Participants leave for home
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ABOUT ORGANISERS

FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG, INDIA OFFICE

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES-India) is a non-profit, NGO supported by the Government of Germany. The FES aims at strengthening democratic structures, promoting training and policy-oriented research programmes in Germany and in cooperation with partner organizations in more than 100 countries across the globe. Democracy, justice and solidarity are the guiding principles of the activities of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung. Striving for equal rights for women and men is an inalienable principle within this context. To uphold the values of Social Democracy as conceived by Friedrich Ebert, the India office of FES collaborates with policy-makers, academic and research organizations, trade unions, and NGOs in India. Facilitating discussions on crucial issues related to the development process in India is the main objective of FES India work. This is done by providing a platform for interaction at the State, National and South Asia level.

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THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, GOA (ICG)

The International Centre, Goa (ICG) was founded in June 1987 under the Societies Registration Act (1860) “to promote understanding and amity between parts of the country and with different communities of the world” through a multiplicity of activities. The Centre is an autonomous institution. It relies on grants and donations from local and international institutions to fund its programmes. Residential and non-residential conferences, seminars and training programmes are organized by local, national and international organizations. The Centre also has 44 guest rooms, 3 seminar halls, a restaurant, and several lawns of different sizes that are used for private functions, which could range from small get-togethers to elaborate parties. The ICG’s facilities are located on 14 acres of land on the Taleigao Plateau at Dona Paula, Goa. The plateau overlooks the confluence of the famous Zuari river and Arabian sea.

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MEDIA INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE OF INDIA (MICCI)

MICCI is formally registered as a non-profit Trust mainly devoted to organizing seminars, conferences, workshops, research and publications in the field of media with a national and international focus. We have a network of partners all over India and also South Asia. Some of our longstanding partners include- the Department of Mass Communication, Rajasthan University, Prabhat Khabar Institute of Media Studies, Ranchi, St. Andrews College, Mumbai, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai, Indira School of Communication, Pune, VOICES, Bangalore, South Asian Media Association (SAMA), Hyderabad, Media Education for Awareness and Cultural Transformation (MEDIACT), Kerala, National Institute of Social Work and Social Sciences (NISWASS), Bhubaneswar, Centre for Media Research & Development Studies, Kolkata, Bombay Bar Association and the International Centre, Goa. MICCI will provide a forum to the media to discuss contemporary issues, like Media’s role in disaster management and assessing rehabilitation and resettlement work done for Tsunami victims, its role in assessing the State of Democracy in India, Contempt of Court, Training Workshops for Rural Journalists, Challenges facing women journalists and sensitizing the common man for the implementation of the Right to Information Act.

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