

SERIES OF PROGRAMMES ON GOOD GOVERNANCE
Panel Discussion on '*Role of Media in Good Governance*'
Organised by
The International Centre Goa
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ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:



DR DILEEP PADGAONKAR began his journalistic career at the age of 18 with the Pune Herald. At the age of 20, he moved to Paris where he studied French and Political Science. He also pursued higher studies in cinema and graduated in direction and scriptwriting. He also received a doctorate in Philosophy from the University of Paris. In May 1968 he was appointed as the youngest foreign correspondent of The Times of India, in Paris, and in 1973 came to Mumbai as an assistant editor. Dr Padgaonkar was then appointed as the Resident Editor of the Delhi edition in 1974. In 1978 he joined UNESCO and was transferred to Paris as the deputy director of the Office of Public Affairs.

He was subsequently appointed its director. In 1986, he returned to India and The Times of India Group as its Executive Editor and was appointed Editor in 1988. In 1994, he started his own company, Asia Pacific Communication Associates, which deals in news and current affairs. He was brought back to The Times of India as its Director (Corporate) in 1998 and has edited the paper from 1998 onwards. During the course of his long stint with journalism, Dr Padgaonkar has met and interviewed several international celebrities. "The Times of India has to be the most influential paper in the country -- and that means networking with influential people from all walks of life," he says. Last year the Government of India appointed Dr. Padgaonkar as interlocutors on Jammu & Kashmir along with Prof. M M Ansari & Prof. (Mrs.) Radha Kumar.



VINOD DUA is one of the best known names of the Indian media. He has been the face of Indian television since 1974. He has seen and been associated with Indian television's transition from a government controlled, black and white, single-channel entity to the present-day multi-channel transnational satellite TV industry. A veteran of thousands of hours of telecasting, Vinod Dua is an anchor, political commentator, election analyst, producer and director presently associated with NDTV.

He first appeared on television on November 27, 1974 in *Yuva Manch*, a Hindi youth program aired on Doordarshan (then known as Delhi television). In 1975, he anchored *Yuv Jan* for the Satellite Instructional Television Experiment (*S.I.T.E*) telecast for the youth of Raipur, Muzaffarpur and Jaipur. In the same year he also began anchoring *Jawan Tarang*, a youth program of newly commissioned Amritsar TV. He continued to anchor youth programs for these channels till 1980. In 1981, he started anchoring the Sunday morning family magazine *Aap Ke Liye* and continued to do so till 1984. The year 1984 marked a turning point in his career when he co-anchored the election analysis programs on Doordarshan with the noted psephologist Dr. Prannoy Roy. Since then he has been a regular presence on election analysis programs for different television channels.

In 1988, he launched his own production company 'The Communication Group' to produce and anchor programs on current affairs, budget analyses and documentary films. In 1992 he anchored

Chakravayuha for Zee TV. From 1992 to 1996 he produced *Parakh*, a weekly current affairs magazine telecast on Doordarshan.

Other notable programs he has anchored include

- *Tasveer-e-Hind* (1997–98) on DD3,
- *Chunav Chunauti* (March, 1998) on Sony Entertainment Television,
- Election analysis (1999) on Zee News,
- *Pratidin* and *Parakh* (2000–2003) on Sahara TV and
- *Kaun Banega Mukhyamantri* (2003) on STAR News

He also produces a weekly show *Zaika India Ka* for street food lovers.



VINITA DESHMUKH is a seasoned journalist-activist, having been in the field for 23 years. After a 19 year stint with The Indian Express (1987-2006), she launched the pro-active public journalism weekly tabloid, Intelligent Pune. She has taken up various civic and public campaigns and has extensively used the Right To Information Act for her investigations. She is the recipient of prestigious awards like the Statesman Award for Rural Reporting which she won twice in 1998 and 2005 and the Chameli Devi Jain award for outstanding media person for her investigation series

on Dow Chemicals. She has co-authored the book – To the Last Bullet, along with the Vinita Kamte, the wife of Mumbai Additional Commissioner of Police, Ashok Kamte, who died fighting the terrorists in the 26/11 attacks on Mumbai.



ARNAB GOSWAMI has spearheaded the rise of TIMES NOW since its launch in Jan 2006. His show 'The Newshour' is aired at 9 pm with live and non-stop news coverage, stepping up with the 11/7 serial blasts on Mumbai's local trains, to interviewing over 200 politicians and analysts during the Trust Vote in October 2008 within a span of 26 hours of live anchoring and hosting the 26/11 Mumbai Terror attacks for over 65 hours, in which the channel set new standards in live and direct field reporting. Since then, the channel has been widely acknowledged in

India as well as globally for incisive and direct reporting. He also hosts a special programme 'Frankly Speaking with Arnab', which has featured eminent personalities such as the late Benazir Bhutto, UK Prime Minister – Gordon Brown, Afghanistan President – Hamid Karzai, Buddhist Spiritual leader – Dalai Lama, US Secretary of State – Hillary Clinton and a host of prominent Indian personalities from politics, sports, films, and corporate world. Prior to joining TIMES NOW, Goswami began his career in TV Broadcast News with NDTV 24x7 where he did reporting for "News Tonight" a programme telecast on DD Metro. Later as the News Editor, he was part of NDTV's core team during the transition from programme producer to the 24-hour mode in 1998. He hosted the popular 'Newshour' show every weeknight. Newshour was seen as the agenda setting show on the channel and was the longest running news analysis shown on any channel (1998-2003). As a Senior Editor with NDTV 24x7, he was responsible for the overall editorial content of the channel. He hosted one of the channel's top rated news analysis show 'Newsnight', which won an award for the Best News Anchor of Asia 2004 in the 2004 Asian Television Awards.