



Annual South Asia Media Summit – 2009

Media and Democracy in South Asia: Problems and Prospects

Organised by

The International Centre, Goa (ICG)

In collaboration with

Media Information and Communication Centre of India (MICCI) and
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)

Venue

The International Centre, Goa

November 20-22, 2009

PROGRAMME

Thursday, November 19, 2009

Arrival and Check-in of Participants at **The International Centre, Goa**

20:00 hrs: Welcome Cocktails & Dinner at ICG lawns

Friday, November 20, 2009

0900- 0955 hrs Registration

1000 hrs Arrival of the Chief Guest, H E Dr S S Siddhu

INAUGURAL SESSION

1002 hrs National Anthem

Lighting of lamp by the Chief Guest & organisers

1004-1005 hrs Introduction
Arjun Halarnkar, Programme Manager, ICG

1005-1015 hrs Welcome and Seminar Perspective
Nandini Sahai, Director, ICG

1015-1025 hrs Opening Remarks
Rajeshwar Dyal, Senior Advisor, FES

1025-1035 hrs Special Address
*Hon. Shri Pratapsingh Rane, President-ICG &
Speaker of Goa legislative Assembly*

1035-1055 hrs Keynote Address by the Chief Guest
His Excellence Dr. S.S. Siddhu, the Governor of Goa

1055-1100 hrs Vote of Thanks
Collin Curry, Trustee, MICCI

1100 hrs National Anthem

1100-1130 hrs TEA/ COFFEE BREAK

1130-1330 hrs SESSION I

Fighting Poverty with Democracy: Are the two Incompatible?

Chairperson: *Ishwar Bhat, India*

Opening Remarks:

Speaker 1: *Poonam Saxena, India*

Speaker 2: *Prashant K. Aryal, Nepal*

Speaker 3: *Farzana Ali, Pakistan*

Speaker 4: *Shivkumar Nadesan, Sri Lanka*

Speaker 5: *Ashutosh, India*

(Chair person and each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion one hour)

1330-1430 hrs

LUNCH



1430.1630hrs

SESSION II

Electoral Processes in South Asia: Need for Reforms?

Chairperson: *Vinod Dua*, India

Opening Remarks

Speaker 1: *M.D. Nalapat*, India

Speaker 2: *Prateek Pradhan*, Nepal

Speaker 3: *Shaheen Salahuddin*, Pakistan

Speaker 4: *Aasha Mehreen*, Bangladesh

Speaker 5: *Vineet Narain*, India

Speaker 6: *Tensing Lamsang*, Bhutan

(Chairperson and each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion one hour)

1630.1700hrs

TEA /COFFEE BREAK

Free time for participants to go into town etc

1915 hrs

**Participants assemble at ICG reception to be taken out for
COCKTAILS and DINNER**

Saturday, November 21, 2009

1030.1330hrs

SESSION III

Has Judiciary Failed Democracy in South Asia? Need for Introspection

Chairperson: *Ramakant Khalap*, India

Opening Remarks:

Speaker 1: *Rahimullah Yusufzai*, Pakistan

Speaker 2: *Rajendra Dahal*, Nepal

Speaker 3: *Sinha Ratnatunga*, Sri Lanka

Speaker 4: *E.O. Mendes*, India

Speaker 5: *Harpal Singh Arora*, India

(Chairperson and each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion one hour)

1330-1430 hrs

LUNCH



1430-1630 hrs

SESSION IV

Engaging Youth in Strengthening Democracy: A Long Neglected Step

Chairperson: *Aniruddha Bahal*, India

Opening Remarks:

Speaker 1: *Kamala Thapa*, Nepal

Speaker 2: *Sana Bucha*, Pakistan

Speaker 3: *Shivkumar Nadesan*, Sri Lanka

Speaker 4: *Swati Deshpande*, India

Speaker 5: *Abhay Mokashi*, India

(Chairperson and each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion one hour)

1630-1700 hrs

TEA /COFFEE BREAK

Free time for participants to go into town etc

1930 hrs

**Participants assemble at ICG reception to be taken out for
COCKTAILS and DINNER**



Sunday, November 22, 2008

9.30.1100

SESSION V

Do the Police Undermine Democracy: Some Harsh Realities in South Asia

Chairperson: *Siddhartha Bhatia*, India

Opening Remarks:

Speaker 1: *Rahimullah Yusufzai*, Pakistan

Speaker 2: *Prateek Pradhan*, Nepal

Speaker 3: *Aasha Mehreen*, Bangladesh

Speaker 4: *Vipul Mudgal*, India

Speaker 5: *Saikat Dutta*, India

(Chairperson and each speaker 10 minutes, Discussion one hour ten minutes)

1100.1130

TEA/ COFFEE BREAK

1130.1230 Recommendations and Future Course of Action: An Open Forum

Chairpersons: *Mariyam Suhana*, Maldives

Small group sessions (5 groups, each of approx. 5 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 later)

1230.1300

Valedictory Address by *Dileep Padgaonkar*, India

Vote of Thanks by *Nandini Sahai* – Director, ICG

1300 hrs

LUNCH

Participants start leaving for home