



Regional Seminar on

**Women in Media:
Need for a Gender Code**

Organized by

The International Centre Goa

in association with

Goa Union of Journalists,
Media Information and Communication Centre of India,
and
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - India

Venue

International Centre Goa
Dona Paula, Goa, India

February 21 – 22, 2010

PROGRAMME

Sunday, February 21, 2010

900-955	Registration
1000-1100	Inaugural Session Lighting of Lamp
1000 – 1010	Welcome Remarks by Nandini Sahai, Director, ICG & Honorary Director, MICCI
1005 – 1015	Introductory Remarks by Rajeshwar Dyal, Media Advisor, FES-India
1015 – 1020	Remarks by Prakash Kamat, President, Goa Union of Journalist and Special Correspondent – Goa, The Hindu
1020 – 1035	Inaugural Address by Ezilda Alzira Dias Sapeco Chairperson, Goa State Women’s Commission
1035 – 1055	Keynote Address by: Ammu Joseph, Independent Journalist and Author
1055 – 1100	Vote of Thanks by: Collin Curry, Trustee, MICCI

1100-1130	Tea/Coffee Break ❖
1130-1300	Working Session I Major Problems of Women Journalists in Print/ Electronic Media Chairperson: Devika Sequeira, Chief Correspondent, Deccan Herald Speakers: 1. Gauri Malkarnekar, Correspondent, Times of India 2. Sonia Kuncalienker, General Manager, Prudent Media Pvt. Ltd. 3. Suhasini Prabhugaonkar, Sr. Reporter, <i>Gomantak</i> 4. Smitha Venkateswaran, Sr. Correspondent, The Economic Times [Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 30 mins.]
1300-1400	Lunch Break ❖
1400-1530	Working Session II Women Editors: Will it Lead to Better Overall Coverage? Chairperson: Shruti Pandit, Editor, Goa Times Speakers: 1. Christina Viegas, Editor – Features, Herald

2. Hema Naik, Author, Recipient of Sahitya Academy Award
 3. Maryann Lobo d’Mello, Media Practitioner/ Consultant
 4. Namita Sharan, Channel Head, HCN News & Entertainment channel
 5. Smriti Kothare, Sub-Editor, The Navhind Times
- [Each speaker 10 mins. Discussion 30 mins.]

1530-1600 **Tea/Coffee Break**



1600-1730 **Working Session III**

Why Coverage of Women Issues Get a Raw Deal?

Chairperson: Frederick Noronha, Columnist, journalist, editor,
alt.publisher, photographer, blogger

Speakers:

1. Juino deSouza, Lawyer and writer
 2. Dr. Kiran Budkuley, Reader, Dept. of English, Goa University
 3. Roland Martins, Co-ordinator, GoaCan (Goa Civic & Consumer Action Network)
 4. Dr. Sabina Martins, Chairperson, Bailancho Saad
- [Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 30 mins.]

Monday, February 22, 2010

1000-1130 **Working Session IV**

Need for Well Defined Gender Policy in Print/ Electronic Media

Chairperson: Ammu Joseph, Independent Journalist and Author &
Adv. Jamshed Mistry, Lawyer, Bombay High Court

Speakers:

1. Adv. Albertina Almeida, Lawyer & Activist
 2. Adv. Asha Nair, Lawyer, Supreme Court
 3. Pamela D’Mello, Chief Correspondent, Asian Age
 4. Adv. Uday Bhembre, former Editor - Sunaprant
- [Each speaker 15 mins. Discussion 30 mins.]

1130-1200 **Tea/Coffee Break**



12.00 – 1230 **Open Forum - Suggestions and Recommendations**

1230 – 1300 **Valedictory Session**

1300 – 1400 **Lunch**

ABOUT ORGANISERS:

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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The Goa Union of Working Journalists (GUJ)

GUJ is a trade union body of working journalists in Goa. It is affiliated to Indian Federation of Working Journalists, New Delhi. The GUJ has been always in forefront to fight for the cause of working journalists in the State. Apart from trade union issues of working journalists, the GUJ has also been consistently taking up issues related to profession of journalism. It has also been in forefront to take up public issues. As for instance, it was GUJ which successfully spearheaded a historic agitation to compel the then Goa Government to withdraw a draconian clause in its Right to Information legislation and participated in the process of getting a comprehensive Right to Information Act in Goa in 1997.

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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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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