

President's Message



Dear Member,

Greetings from The International Centre Goa!

The International Centre Goa (ICG) has verily emerged as the epicenter of productive intellectual activity which is tribute to the State's high profile socio-economic growth following the end of the lengthy colonial rule. ICG has already achieved a global status because of its vision to contribute towards a peaceful and prosperous world through the process of building bridges of understanding and reconciliation of diverse ideas by bringing together people of knowledge like scholars, thinkers, politicians, economists, social workers, corporate leaders, artists and media personnel by way of discussion and debated in order to evolve new models for improving systems and institutions that cater to the welfare of mankind across the globe with focus on the New World.

ICG has thus become the hub of creative indulgence and this has been possible because of the very foundation of the Centre which rests on the abiding faith in the intrinsic strength of knowledge and dissemination to trigger positive forces conducive to all-round development of the people while upholding the democratic principle of inclusive growth and the compulsion to preserve environment and ecology for mankind's very survival. ICG stands for socio-economic justice, gender equality, probity in public life, improvement of professional skills, eradication of regional imbalance and emergence of an overall just social order. Silently but steadily ICG has been working to promote peace by ensuring convergence of intellectuals from across the world for symbiosis of ideas.

Good governance is national compulsion. This was one among many subjects taken up by ICG for in-depth debate by organizing a series of interactive sessions involving persons like Justice (Retd.) Santosh Hegde, former Judge of Supreme Court and Ex-Lokayukata of Karnataka, former Chief Justice of Supreme Court Justice J.S.Verma, eminent journalists like Dr Dilip Padgaonkar, Mr Vinod Dua and Ms Vinita Deshmukh and former Chief Election Commissioner M.Lyngdoh, in issues like Lokayukta Bill, Role of Judiciary, Role of Media, and need for Electoral Reforms. Similarly, we had RTI stalwarts like Ms Aruna Roy and Mr Nikhil Dey to enlighten the audience on Right to Information.

Perched majestically on the Taligao plateau and overlooking the magnificent confluence of Mandovi and Zuari rivers with the Arabian Sea, the ICG has earned popularity as the nerve centre of generating new ideas. Great ideas mould into great institution. Great scarifies make such institutions vibrant and purposeful. Having been deeply associated with ICG, I deem it a pleasure to state that it has stood tall among its contemporaries across the country by disseminating knowledge to the society through its well designed programmes. It is also out pleasure to have country's eminent scientist and former Director General of CSIR, Dr R.A Mashelkar as our life Trustee. Besides we welcome the newly elected trustees namely Shri Gaurish Dhond and Shri Collin Curry and thank the retiring elected trustees Dr Hiru Bijalani and Dr Pradhan for their valuable contribution as members of the Board. We mourn the sad demise of world-acclaimed Goan Cartoonist Mario Miranda. Mention must be made of the fact that ICG has embarked upon creating new facilities and renovating the old ones in tune with modern requirement.

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