

## Selected Programmes / Activities for 2011

Following is the list of selected Programmes / Activities to be organized in the Financial Year 2011-12.

### Seminars/ Conferences:

**June 2011 - Seminar on Media & Human Development on Agriculture policies:** In association with Goa Union of Journalists, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – India, Media Information and Communication Centre of India

**Aug 2011- Seminar on Youth in Political Decision Making:** In association with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – India. Keynote Address by J M Lyngdoh, Former Chief Election Commissioner

**Oct 2011 - National Convention on Right to Information:** In association with UNESCO, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – India. Chief Guest – Aruna Roy, recipient of Magsaysay Award & founder – Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathana

**Oct 2011- South Asia Women's Parliamentarian Conference:** In association with Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI

**Nov 2011 - 8th Annual South Asia Media Summit:** In association with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – India, Media Information and Communication Centre of India

**Dec 2011- New perspectives on the Goan Crisis (1961): An International Conference:** In association with Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, India Institute – King's College, London

**Dec 2011- 2nd Goa Arts & Literary Festival 2011:** In association with Goa Writers Group, Sahitya Akademi, ICCR, Goa NRI Commission, Goa Konkani Academy, Goa Marathi Academy, Art & Culture Dept. & Goa Tourism

**Plus our regular Art Camps Writer's Retreat Health Series Pageturner's Book Club**

**Research Project on Impact of Tourism on the Environment:** With Oxford Brooks University students London, UK

**Lecture Series:** May 2011- H.E. Mr. Prasad Kariyawasam, High Commissioner of Sri Lanka in India.

June 2011- H.E. Mr. Abdul Azeez Yoosuf, High Commissioner of Maldives in India

Sept 2011- Justice J.S. Verma, Former Chief Justice of India and Former Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission.

Panel Discussion on "Nuclear Energy: Post Japan Scenario" by Anil Kakodkar- Former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India and the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Atomic Energy and Suresh Prabhu-Former Minister of Environment and Forests, Government of India-

Lecture on "Social Democracy" by Amartya Sen- Indian Economist and Nobel Prize winner for Economic Sciences, In association with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung- India

**Distinguished lecture series** by a Retired Ambassador (name to be decided) on "Foreign Policies" (country to be decided) in association with Public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, GoI

12 Lecture series on "Good Governance":

Inaugural Lecture on "Role of Lokayukta in Good Governance" by Former Judge-Supreme Court and Present Lokayukta of Karnataka, Justice N. Santosh Hegde - April 25<sup>th</sup> 2011.

"Sons of Babur (Babur ke Aulad)", a play by Salman Kurshid - May 12<sup>th</sup> 2011.

## RENOVATED RESIDENTIAL BLOCK LAWNS



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## DIRECTOR'S LETTER



Dear Friends,

Greetings!

*How true the saying that time and tide wait for no man –before we knew , it is hot and humid April and one third of the year is already over! But it is with satisfaction that we look back for much has been achieved.*

*We had two very exciting seminars on the girl child and consumer rights and a very thought provoking workshop on the unfortunate suicides that are rocking Goa-which also happens to have a 17% suicide rate, compared to India's 10%. The youth are especially vulnerable-it is really sad that the more we are moving towards globalization, the more we are moving away from our values and traditions-there is a disconnect between parents and children, teachers and students, compounded with stress and depression, leading the very sensitive ones to take their own life. The workshop came up with a 9 point charter, which was circulated to the media.*



Long line of participants for the organic gardening workshop

*One workshop which really takes us by surprise for the attendance it gets is our ongoing Organic Kitchen Gardening workshops - we have to forcibly close the registration –and even then there are enough overflows to have a second and third workshop ! I think we all have a farmer lurking somewhere within us !*

*Well it was not only all work and more work in these three months—we organized a wonderful jazz evening with some Dutch musicians and Heritage Jazz-called 'Jazz for Goa' –it took up the cause for cleaning and beautifying Panjim and its heritage sites.*



Recharging of our borewell work in progress

*In the months to come we have some wonderful programmes lined up -we are planning a South Asia Women's Parliamentarian Forum, a National RTI Convention, Lecture Series by some eminent personalities and our coup de resistance the 2nd edition of the much coveted Arts and Literary Festival. This year it will be spread over five days including Goa Liberation day-from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December. There will be a lineup of national and international writers, poets and artists, with the focus being on the Goa diaspora. Watch this space for exciting developments in the months ahead !*

*Since the first point of contact of all our guests is with the Reservation Department, we are in the process of renovating it and making it more comfortable and attractive. Next in line is the Reception, which is sure to draw much appreciation once we are done with it ! The gardens inside A and B blocks have also been spruced up and now have comfortable chairs and tables with umbrellas to sit under and enjoy a leisurely cup of coffee, with a good book to read from our library. Similarly the staff quarters were also renovated and improved with new tiles, paintwork and beddings.*

*The process of re-charging our two borewells has started-come monsoons and they should be full of rainwater to last us through the year for gardening and other purposes, but not for drinking.*

*I would like to thank all the people who have shown us much appreciation for the varied programmes that we are doing and would like to assure them that it gets even better from here!*

Looking forward to seeing you at ICG !



*Nandini Sahai*  
— NANDINI SAHAI

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

### Workshop on "Coastal Communities & Tourism Footprints"



A Workshop on 'Coastal Communities & Tourism Footprints' was held on January 10, 2011 for a group of faculty & students of the Oxford Brookes University organized by Oxford Brookes University, The International Centre Goa and SEEDS India. Mr. Matahny Saldanha, former Tourism Minister of Goa, Ms. Nandini Sahai, Director, ICG, Prof. David Sanderson Director, Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP), School of the Built Environment, Oxford Brookes University led the discussions.



### Workshop on "Organic Kitchen Gardening in City & Urban Spaces"

The International Centre Goa and Green Essentials co-organised a workshop on 'Organic Kitchen Gardening in City & Urban Spaces' on January 16 and 23, 2011. The workshop provided hands-on information and showed participants how to grow their favourite vegetables like tomatoes, capsicum, basil, spinach, radish, lettuce, fenugreek



Fresh Spinach and Red Lettuce



The participants at the workshop

and chillies in pots and small garden spaces. The workshop was held in our own organic vegetable garden - Shaak Baag.

The participants also learned about availability of seeds, germinating seeds and planting the nursery, pest and soil management, making beds for growing on rocky soil and about organic inputs and techniques by Miguel Braganza.



SHAAK BAAG

### Seminar on "Falling Sex Ratio and the Girl Child"

A Seminar on 'Falling Sex Ratio and the Girl Child' was organised by The International Centre Goa on February 2, 2011, some days after the National Girl Child Day which was on January 24th. The seminar was inaugurated by Ms. Samira Kazi, Chairperson of Goa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights.



Lighting of the traditional lamp

While Goa boasts of many achievements on various fronts, with a high level of literacy, a formidable development index and the highest per capita income, the state has sadly become victim to sex discrimination. Goa is fighting a losing battle in maintaining a healthy male-female sex ratio, as the figures for the last three years (2007-2010) indicate a big fall in the number of girl children born in the state. The latest is 917 females: 1000 males. Fortunately just after this seminar we heard the good news that a special provision has been made for the girl child in the Goa state budget.



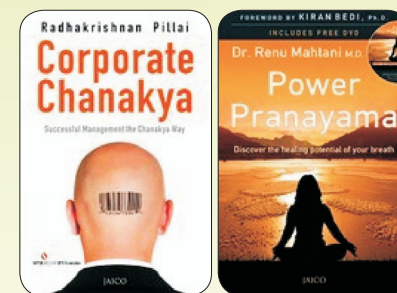
The Participants

### "Jazz for Goa"

The International Centre Goa, Heritage Jazz and the Department of Tourism, Goa in partnership with Trancemedia organised a three day Jazz concert –

and non-formal education, publishing and pro-poor activities.

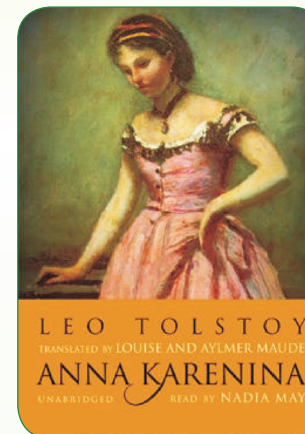
### Book Release and workshop on "Corporate Chanakya" and "Power Pranayam"



Book Releases and workshops on 'Corporate Chanakya' by Dr. Radhakrishnan Pillai and 'Power Pranayam' by Dr. Renu Mahtani were held on March 12, 2011 and was organised by The International Centre Goa in association with Broadway Book Centre and JAICO Publishing House.

### Book Reading Workshop – "Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoy

A Book reading workshop of Leo Tolstoy's Anna Karenina by Daniel Driscoll and Jugneeta Sudan was organized by International Centre Goa on March 18, 2011. This book reading was organized to commemorate the death Centenary of Leo Tolstoy in November 2010. Extracts were read from his book and film clips on his life were shown. It was an enjoyable interactive session.



### Interactive Session on "Preventive aspects of diseases related to old-age"



As part of our health series, an interactive session on 'Preventive aspects of diseases related to old age' was held on March 25, 2011. This session was organized by The International Centre Goa in collaboration with Manipal

Hospital Goa. The Speaker was Dr. Devaki Thatte Dalvi, {MD, DNB (Internal Medicine)} Consultant



Physician, Diabetologist and Echo Cardiologist. The session saw a large turnout eager to interact with the doctor on various old age problems.

### Screening of Documentary Film "The Iron Wall"

'The Iron Wall', a documentary film by Mohammed Altar was screened at ICG on March 31, 2011. The screening was followed by a discussion with Mr. Feroze Mithiborwala. This was organized by the Citizen's Initiatives for Communal Harmony (CICH) in association with The International Centre Goa. The film is about Israeli settlements in the West Banks.

### FEEDBACK FROM OUR VISITORS

Atul Shah- Director, Institute of Management Training and Research, Goa

"The Senior IFS officers appreciated the refreshing and renovated ambience of the Centre. We have also noted the improvement in the food quality"

Mridula Garg- Writer (Hindi)  
"I had a very comfortable time"

Damodar Mauzo- Writer (Konkani)

"Beautiful ambience, comfortable stay and a purposeful congrats to ICG especially Nandiniji"

K.R. Ananthamurthy- Writer (Kannada)

"ICG is very open and liberating. Wonderful place"

### New Additions to our Library

We are subscribers to newspapers both local and national; magazines, children books, bestsellers and coffee table books.

We also order latest books from various publishing houses like Broadway, Jaico and Penguin which are sold at our Centre.

Some of the recent books that we have added to our Library are:

1. Only Time Will Tell by Jeffery Archer
2. The Monk Who Sold His Ferrari by Robin Sharma
3. The White Tiger by Arvind Adiga
4. Inside/Out: New Writings from Goa
5. The Navhind Times Goa 24 X 7- The Insider Guide to Goa

### What's new on the Menu



Our members can enjoy sumptuous meals at our multi-cuisine restaurant - Spices by availing 10% special discount on all à la Carte orders.

### ICG Buzz



INDIA V/S PAKISTAN MATCH- SEMIFINALS OF ICC WORLD CUP ON 30TH MARCH 2011 @ ICG



ICG AS A VENUE FOR FILM SHOOTING – HINDI-BENGALI FILM FROM 16TH TO 31ST MARCH 2011

India semifinalist), Rajiv D'Silva and Harshvardhan Bhatkuly, the current Tata Crucible India Champion. Attractive prizes in cash and kind were awarded to the winners. Mr. Sachin Chatte was the quizmaster.

### Introductory Talk on "Tai Chi"

Achieving a balance in life is of utmost importance and ancient practices were devised to help people achieve such a balance. Once such practice is Tai Chi. A workshop on this ancient art was once again organized preceded by a free Introductory talk by Satyakam Gupta (artist & black-belt martial arts practitioner) on February 18, 2011 onwards. The classes will be held thrice a week, for six weeks.

According to Satyakam, Tai Chi comprises slow and soft movements of the body harmonized with breath to generate a healing power.

### Interactive Session on "Food for Heart"

'Eat Healthy, live Healthy' was the theme of the Interactive Session on 'Food for Heart' with Dr. Zhenya D'Lima – Dietician on February 19, 2011. This session was part of the health series organized by ICG and Manipal Hospital Goa. According to Dr. D'Lima "Research-based reports state that earlier diabetes and heart problems were genetic, but now they are more stress related, both physical and psychological stress increases the risk of heart diseases. When in stress, the secretion of extra cholesterol is more and doctors say that this could be reason for heart problems".

### SEQC's Twenty Paces - Solo Knock-Out Quiz Finals

SEQC's Twenty Paces - Solo Knock-Out Quiz Finals was organised in association with Sunday Evening Quiz Club (SEQC) on February 20, 2011

### Interactive Session on "Political System of Germany and India: A Comparison"

A Lecture followed by an Interactive Session on 'Political System of Germany and India: A Comparison' by Prof. Clemens Herbert Jurgenmeyer, Faculty at the Institute of European Studies, Freiburg, Germany was held on February 24, 2011. The programme was organised by The International Centre Goa and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - India in collaboration with Goa University and Hon. Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany in Goa.

Prof. Jurgenmeyer said that the German and the



Prof. Jurgenmeyer and Dr. Schmidt

Indian political systems have many similarities but also some striking differences including the voting model. He pointed out that India is the most heterogeneous society in the world. Germany and India share the same principals of the Constitution namely

democracy, federalism, role of the Constitution and social justice. As regards to the differences, he said that the German political parties possess strength in Parliament as per their vote share, unlike India which gives strength to the political parties through population size.

### Book Release : Sudhir Kakar's 'A Book of Memory: Confessions and Reflections'



Dr. Kakar, Dr. Couto and Ms. Sahai during the book release



The audience

Dr. Maria Aurora Couto released Sudhir Kakar's 'A Book of Memory: Confessions and Reflections' on February 25, 2011. The released was followed by an interactive session with the author. Sudhir Kakar is India's most celebrated psycho-analyst. The event witnessed an intellectual

crowd turnout right from artists, writers to sociologists.

### Interactive Session with Geeta Dharmarajan

An Interactive Session with Geeta Dharmarajan was held on March 1, 2011. The session was organised by Goa Writers Group and Bookworm in association with The International Centre Goa. Geeta Dharmarajan is one of the best-known activists in multiple fields associated with education, translation, publishing, and universal literacy. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Katha, a non-profit organization working in the areas of formal



Ms. Dharmarajan and Mr. Sachin Chatte



The participants



The Musicians

'Jazz for Goa' and a seminar on 'Cleansing the Urban Environment' from February 11-14, 2011. 12 Dutch musicians performed during the concerts. The seminar



The Audience

emphasized on cleaning Panjim and maintaining the heritage sites there.

### Seminar on "Celebrating Women: Empowering Society"

A One day seminar on 'Celebrating Women: Empowering Society' was held on the 100th anniversary of the International Women's Day on March 8, 2011. The seminar was organized by International Centre Goa in association with the American Centre, Mumbai. Michael Pelletier, Counselor, Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy, American Embassy, New Delhi delivered the keynote address while Anne Grimes, Director, American Center, Mumbai gave the Opening Remarks.



Lighting of the traditional lamp



The Participants



The speakers



The participants

Ms. Nandini Sahai welcomed the participants. She mentioned that "We need to celebrate women and her

achievements in the 21st century not on just one day but everyday. Women were conveniently ignored even in the latest 2011 budget". She strongly felt that the media projects women in a poor light. Women issues are not covered or not given due importance.

Commissioner for NRI affairs Mr. Eduardo Faleiro delivered the valedictory address. He was of the opinion that tremendous progress has been made in India towards development of women. He also said that the government of India has now decided to increase reserved seats for women in panchayat bodies to 50% and this provision should come into effect before the next panchayat elections in Goa.

### Seminar on "Consumer Rights and the Common Man"

A Seminar on 'Consumer Rights and the Common Man: Redressal of Consumer Grievances by Government Agencies' was organised on March 15, 2011 by The International Centre Goa in association with GOACAN. The seminar discussed the grievance redressal mechanism of various government service providers within the Central public sector and state government so as to ensure wider usage and effective implementation.



The Participants

Mr. Sanjay Srivastava, Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa was the Chief Guest. The seminar was attended by more than 70 participants. Representatives from HP and Bharat Gas, Telecom, Post, PWD, Transport spoke during the sessions on 'Grievance Redressal by the Public Sector Undertakings' and 'Grievance Redressal by the State Government Service Providers'. There was an intense Q & A round between the service providers and consumers at the end of every session. The seminar came up with many suggestions and recommendations. Contact details, helpline numbers and address for grievance redressal, were distributed to the consumers.

## Workshop on "Planting an Organic Summer Kitchen Garden"



The participants at the workshop

A Workshop on 'Planting an Organic Summer Kitchen Garden' was held on March 19, 2011. In this workshop participants and faculty worked together to set up a summer kitchen garden patch for a varied set of organic vegetables. The objective of this workshop was to provide participants with a detailed, first-hand practical experience of what needs to be done, along with tips to ensure protection from pests and obtain better yields.



The participants planting seeds in the 'Shaak Baag' at ICG

## Neuro-Linguistic Programme (NLP) Workshop on "Mind Dynamics and Personal Excellence"



Dr. Abraham speaking to the participants

The International Centre Goa organised a Neuro-Linguistic Programme (NLP) Workshop on 'Mind Dynamics and Personal Excellence' on March 24 2011 for its staff and the general public. The workshop was conducted by Dr. A Abraham, MD and AIIMS Certified practitioner of NLP, UK and Australia.

Neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) is an approach to psychotherapy and organizational change based

on 'a model of interpersonal communication chiefly concerned with the relationship between successful patterns of behaviour and the subjective experiences (esp. patterns of thought) underlying them' and 'a system of alternative therapy based on this which seeks to educate people in self-awareness and effective communication, and to change their patterns of mental and emotional behaviour'.

## Panel Discussion on "Sensitizing Stakeholders on Prevention of Suicides by the Goan Youth"



A Panel Discussion on 'Sensitizing Stakeholders on Prevention of Suicides by the Goan Youth' was organised on March 26 2011 by the Goa Union of Journalists (GUJ) jointly with The International Centre Goa, Indian Medical Association (IMA) & Psychiatric Society of Goa (GPS).

Experts, during the three hour long discussion urged the media not to sensationalise suicides and to curb graphic details of it. The workshop was organized following concerns raised in different sections of society over recent spate of suicides by youth and school- children in particular, in different parts of the State ahead of exam season. At the end of the seminar a Charter of demands was given to the media.



The participants at the discussion

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Flute recital by Sameer Rao



Vijay Thomas, Sameer Rao and Vivek Philip

As part of our Friday Rendezvous series, a Flute recital 'Venuyatra' - a musical journey with the bamboo flute player Sameer Rao (disciple of Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia) accompanied by Vijay Thomas Kurien on the keyboard and Vivek Philip on percussion, was held on January 7, 2011. The artists performed "Panchabhutta- The Five Elements".

### Interactive Session on "Special Provision for Goa"

An Interactive Session / Workshop on 'Special Provision and Status for Goa' with Mr. Mathany Saldanha



The participants

(Former Minister of Tourism, Goa) was held on January 8, 2011. The session was organized by The International Centre Goa in association with Asha Family Responsibilities & Rights Association.

### Interactive Session on "Investigative Journalism"

An Interactive Session on 'Investigative Journalism' with Phillip Knightley - former Special Correspondent for The Sunday Times for 20 years and Rosie Waterhouse - Senior Lecturer, Course Director and MA in Investigative Journalism was held on



Ms. Waterhouse and Mr. Knightley

January 12, 2011. Ms. Waterhouse was of the opinion that inspite of an easy access to information through various sources such as internet, social networking sites, public records and huge databases, the original newspaper stories can only be found through 'talking with people'.

The half day session maintained that the state of investigative journalism in the world is promising.

### Inter-College Debate Competition

An Inter-College Debate Competition on '50 years of Goa's Liberation: Are the Youth Abandoning their

Responsibility towards Goa?' was held on January 12, 2011. In all eight colleges participated with two students from each college speaking for and against the topic.

### Launch of the report "Morjim at Risk?"

A Launch of the report "Morjim at Risk? Community at a Crossroads" and interaction with the local resource persons and media organised by Oxford Brookes University, The International Centre Goa and SEEDS India was held on January 20, 2011.

Unless better managed, Morjim's growing tourism trade, risks swamping this quiet Goan village, and plunging those already vulnerable, into further uncertainty. 'Morjim is at a crossroads: it can preserve its natural riches with a vibrant and caring tourism industry, or it can suffer the same fate of beach resorts in the Mediterranean whose culture is destroyed.' This was the conclusion of one member of the team, an expert in sustainable tourism.

### Penumbra - Art Exhibition

Arthasnoboundaries. It constantly seeks to touch new frontiers in space and life. The International



Painting by Kathryn Myers and Hanuman Kambli

Centre Goa, USIEF and Indian Ateliers organized an art exhibition titled 'Penumbra' by Hanuman Kambli - Professor of Print making, College of Art, Goa & Kathryn Myers- Professor of Art at University of Connecticut. These paintings were on display at the Centre from January 19 - 24, 2011.

### MusiQuiz on Republic Day

A quiz on Music (Indian western classic and contemporary) titled 'MusiQuiz' was held on January 26, 2011. The quiz was organized by Sunday Evening Quiz Club and The International Centre Goa. SEQC has been active in conducting several quizzes and has some illustrious members like Annirudha Sengupta (BBC Mastermind



The participants