

Prof TV Paul's Book : “The Warrior State - Pakistan in the Contemporary World” Launched at ICG ” Monday, 23rd June, 2014

The International Centre Goa in association with Department of Political Science, Goa University and Random House India hosted the book launch of “*The Warrior State*”, by Prof. T.V.Paul on Monday, 23rd June, 2014 . This is one of the Curtain Raiser programmes of Goa Arts & Literary Festival 2014.

The author is a James McGill Professor of International Relations in the Department of Political Science at McGill University. Paul specializes and teaches courses in international security, regional security and South Asia. He is the author of 15 books; all published through major university presses.

In this book, T.V. Paul, also a noted South Asia scholar, argues that the “geostrategic curse”—akin to the “resource curse” that plagues oil-rich autocracies—is at the root of Pakistan’s unique inability to progress. Since its founding in 1947, Pakistan has been at the center of major geopolitical struggles: the US-Soviet rivalry, the conflict with India, and most recently the post 9/11 wars. He shows that excessive war-making efforts have drained Pakistan’s limited economic resources without making the country safer or more stable.

The book was released at the hands of Shri B. Vijayan, Chief Secretary, Government of Goa. Shri Vijayan described the book as a refreshing narrative of views about Pakistan, most that are already known us. He described how the author has strung up all these ideas and how he has analysed the same thoroughly in the book. He further said that no one before has been able to depict Pakistan in such a macro and comprehensive picture than the way T.V.Paul has in the book. He congratulated the author for the significant arguments he brought forward in the book about Pakistan; its geopolitical locations, its rent-seeking activities, its strategic ideas and its relation with the larger state of India, thereby attempting to solve the jigsaw puzzle on what we conceive about our neighbour and the way it behaves in a certain way.

The author then expressed important views on the subject, followed by a discussion with Dr.Rahul Tripathi, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science – Goa University.