

ICG & BITS Pilani Goa to launch Goa Maritime Dialogues on 8th June

The International Centre Goa in association with BITS Pilani (Goa Campus) and Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) will be launching Goa Maritime Dialogues, a series of interactive discussions on various important India and Goa specific maritime affairs. The programme will be held on Wednesday 8th June 2016 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula.

The lectures will include 'Naval Power: Dynamics and Transformation in the Indian Ocean' by Prof. W. Lawrence S. Prabhakar, and 'India's Maritime Agenda 2020: Cruising Through Make in India Promises' by Prof. R P Pradhan. The programme will be chaired by Admiral Arun Prakash (Retd.) PVSM, AVSM, AvC, VSM Former Chief of Naval Staff.

Dr. W. Lawrence S. Prabhakar is Associate Professor, International Relations and Strategic Studies, Department of Political Science Madras Christian College, Chennai, India. He specializes in academic and policy research on the following areas: Nuclear Missile issues in Southern Asia; on Maritime Security issues in the Indian Ocean and the Asia-Pacific Region, Grand Strategy of China and on research in India-United States Strategic Relations; Grand Strategy of India. He is Consultant, Research, Naval War College, Indian Navy and PhD supervisor for the Naval Officers at the Naval War College, Indian Navy.

Dr. W. L. S. Prabhakar will examine the geographical, social, cultural linkages that the Indian Ocean has with the adjoining regions and the Pacific; the historical contexts of growth of naval power and the patterns of rise and fall; the spectrum of traditional and non-traditional threats that affect and impact the Indian Ocean region; the state of power play of naval powers in the Indian Ocean region; impact of the growth of naval powers in the Indian Ocean region; what would be the recommended approaches to address the strategic competition and an assessment of the future maritime and naval imperatives for India.

Dr. R. P. Pradhan is a Ph. D. in International Relations from Centre for Latin American Studies, Goa University and has worked extensively on Maritime strategic and economic issues and more particularly on inter oceanic Panama Canal which ferries more than 8% of sea borne trade. He has done M.Phil. from School of International Studies(SIS), Pondicherry Central University, Pondicherry. Presently Dr. Pradhan is an Associate Professor at BITS Pilani KK Birla, Goa Campus and teaches International Trade and Development Economics.

Dr. Pradhan will highlight how government of India has adopted 2010-2020 as the maritime decade for the country. Fifty-four broad agenda items spreading in the areas of shipping, ports modernisation and maritime development agenda for the decade constitute the maritime vision for the country. Investment planning of over Rs.4.43 lakh Cr. with Rs. 1.2 lakh Cr. commitment for the shipping industry signifies Government of India's seriousness to India's Maritime Vision. Four years away to 2020, this lecture proposes to take stock of where we stand in terms of India's maritime vision accomplishment and what needs to be prioritized for the sector.

Entry to the programme is free and open to general public. Those interested in attending may kindly

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