

Goa Maritime Dialogues on Blue Economy & Sea Lanes Security at ICG on 4th August

The International Centre Goa in association with BITS Pilani (Goa Campus) and Indian Council for Social Sciences Research (ICSSR) will be organising Distinguished Lectures on ‘Maritime Matters: A Perspective on Maritime Vision & Blue Economy’ by Dr. Vijay Sakhuja and ‘Balancing challenges & threats to Sea Lanes of Communications’ by Prof. Arabinda Acharya. The lectures will be the second under Goa Maritime Dialogues, a series of interactive discussions on various important India and Goa specific maritime affairs. The programme will be held on Thursday 4th August 2016 from 5.30pm to 7.30pm at The International Centre Goa, Dona Paula.

Dr. Vijay Sakhuja is Director, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi & Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. Dr. Sakhuja will examine the contemporary marine and maritime discourse that has placed Blue Economy high on the global agenda. At the core of the Blue Economy lies the idea of optimization of natural marine resources within ecological limits. Several governments have endorsed Blue Economy as also stated their intention to promote sustainable use of the oceans and work towards the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 in which Goal 14 entitled “Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development” is specifically for the oceans.

Prof. Arabinda Acharya is Faculty at Joint Special Operations Master of Arts Program, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, USA. Prof. Acharya will discuss maritime security in the post-Cold War era and in the age of globalization that has witnessed several changes in terms of challenges, threats and perils at the sea and responses to the same. Following 9/11 attacks there has been a shift from the traditional naval-centric sea-control, sea-denial and high intensity competition, to low intensity conflicts, which are predominantly asymmetric in nature. Are the navies prepared to respond to the changing dynamics of maritime security in the twenty first century?

The lectures will be chaired by Admiral Sureesh Mehta PVSM, AVSM Former Chief of Naval Staff, Chairman, National Maritime Foundation and High Commissioner of India for New Zealand.

Entry to the programme is free and open to general public. Those interested in attending may kindly email their registration to pro@incentgoa.com

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