



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Journalist Sankarshan Thakur to feature in ICG's 'Patrakar' series on FEB 23

**PANAJI:** Journalist Sankarshan Thakur will feature in '*Patrakar: A forum for journalists*' a new, programme series being launched by the International Centre Goa (ICG) on Saturday, February 23 at 6pm.

Thakur, Roving Editor, *The Telegraph* and author of *The Brothers Bihari* will be in conversation with Dr Pushkar, Director, ICG.

Addressing media persons in Panaji on Tuesday, Dr Pushkar said that this programme aimed to bring accomplished journalists to ICG and will engage both with their body of work and with current issues. "The informal exchange between the moderator and the journalist will be in Q&A format. At the end of the programme, the audience will be invited to participate in the discussion. It is expected that the programme will be of interest to journalists, students and the larger public," Dr Pushkar said.

Entry to the programme is free and open to general public, however there are limited seats and those interested in attending will have to collect the complimentary entry passes from ICG Programmes Department on or before 22 February 2019. For any inquiries you may phone 0832 2452805 – 10 ext. 605 or email [pro@incentgoa.com](mailto:pro@incentgoa.com)

Thakur has covered some of the major events in South Asia such as Indira Gandhi's assassination and consequent violence; Rajiv Gandhi's 1984 election (and every general election since then); the return of democracy to Pakistan, with Benazir Bhutto's accession as prime minister (and the two elections that followed); the fall of Kabul to the Mujahedin; militancy and politics in Kashmir since 1989; and the 1999 Kargil war.

Thakur's latest book, *The Brothers Bihari* (HarperCollins, 2015), a political reckoning of Bihar and its politics under Lalu Yadav and Nitish Kumar will be discussed during the course of the programme.

Dr Pushkar has been director and CEO of the ICG from December 2016. Pushkar is the author of several academic articles and the co-author of Democracy, Civil Society and Health in India (Palgrave, 2015). He has also published extensively on India's higher education for the Indian Express, Hindustan Times, The Wire and the Times Higher Education (THE).

In January 2015, an article in Forbes India listed him as one of India's 24 thinkers "who best explain a rapidly-changing India to the world (and the world to India)" for his writings on higher education.

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