



Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, India



ANNUAL REPORT



2022
2023



Annual Report

2022-2023



INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL STUDIES, INDIA

CONTENTS

Director's Desk	5
Pictogram of ISCS Activities	7
Freedom Struggle Studies	11
Bangladesh Studies	15
Neighbourhood Studies	19
Indian Ocean Resource Centre	31
Purvodaya	39
Bangla Studies	51
Coeval Discourse	55
Sudhi Sangam	59
Other Events and Activities	63
Book Fair	73
Internship Programme	77
Training Programmes	81
Publications	89
Press and Media Coverage	95
Kolkata Declaration	104
Celebration of AKAM	107
ISCS Partners	108



DIRECTOR'S DESK

Today when India looks ahead through Bi-lateral relations with neighbourhood and intends to tide high in post pandemic recovery rates through involving local talent and fastening infrastructural projects. It becomes important to mark the development of the Indian periphery and counter the hindsight of challenges regarding infrastructural initiatives and Maritime activities. At the same time becomes integral to refer a workable option for the drivers exploring myriad of issues in context to Asia and dexter global stage.

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India that marks its 12th being one of the fastest and premier autonomous Think Tank of Eastern India brings together some of the finest thinkers in the country to deliberate on the gamut of political, social, economic, infrastructural issues. Addresses the challenges with neighbourhood and tries to chart a way forward to soar country's model of self reliant and inclusive growth at multiple levels.

Institutes Chapters, Study circles, initiatives and publications thrives the objective of developing convergence between research and policy system at the same time facilitate greater exchange and dissemination of ideas. The year 2022-2023 institute had devoted interest in the study of history of contributions, global economic trends, renewed patterns of integrations, road initiatives, tech harbors, industrial innovation reappraising the pattern of economic, social and cultural changes at regional and sub-regional levels.

As India turns 75, in this Amrit Kal it becomes significant to reminisce the contributions of patriots who have offered advice and self sacrifices in the times of colonial conquest. Their invincible approach to spread the fervor of nationalism in the remotest part of the country and passion to arch India as the mirror of aspiration, ambition and approach attributes to the ideas and ethics driving contemporary Indian diplomacy; examine the methods and contours of India's engagement with the world; and, offer a prognosis of India's future as a leading power. Therefore the set of vernacular publications and events rubric within the institutes chapter of Freedom Struggle have defined the role of the national heroes playing a crucial roles for India in shaping this decade and determining the trajectory of decades to be followed.

The battle against the climate change plays a pivotal role in shaping India's economic trajectory. The proposals to ensure a shift from conventional models to an alternate green energy technological ecosystem in India to create a sustainable future for a population of approx. 1.38 billion in green frontier were discussed at the Chapter called "Coeval" – designated to raise and address the present day challenges and consequences in collaboration with The Indian Council For Cultural Relations (ICCR).

It is often referred that the growing importance of the India and Indo-Pacific ocean have given a new momentum to the Indo-Pacific geostrategic construct. Though India does not see the Indo-Pacific region as a strategy or a club of members but a layout to integrate with its global cultural and commercial commons. The International conference on India -Tanzania Relations: An Overview organized in collaboration with the High Commission of India at Dar Es Salaam became an occasion to discuss about the vitals of Maritime security, economy and trade relations, culture and historical linkages.

In other words the conference as a part of Institutes Indian Ocean Resource Centre(IORC) was a reflection of Hon'ble Prime Minister's Indo-Pacific vision of integrating IORA,ASEAN region and QUAD within the Indo-Pacific dynamics and architect a long term strategic and economic interests.

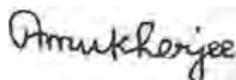
Bangladesh has emerged as India's pivot in sub regional groupings such as Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral, Technical and Economic Cooperation(BIMSTEC) and prime in context to India's Act East. Institutes Chapter on Bangladesh have remained nimble in discussing multi-modal issues and contours of future road map with India's Eastern neighboring.

Institutes through its chapter of Neighbourhood Studies organized discussion sessions on Thailand, Bhutan in collaboration with The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies(MAKAIAS),Ministry of Culture and involved in commemoration of 25 years of BIMSTEC in collaboration with The Ministry of External Affairs(MEA),GOI at Kolkata this year with partnership of multiple forums across the BIMSTEC region.Which enabled the stakeholders to develop a manifesto for intensifying cooperation, and allocating more resources for functions, expanded activities and connectivity across the BIMSTEC periphery.

In order to identify how Mission Purvodaya is strengthening India's Eastern Arm through transforming the region through a major infrastructural upgrade. Institutes Chapter on Purvodaya through research, events, discussions and range of webinars along with a panel discussion that constituted to commence a year long journey of the Chapter. In presence of Hon'ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship- highlighted how the policy framework could become a blueprint for an eternal way forward for the Eastern India.

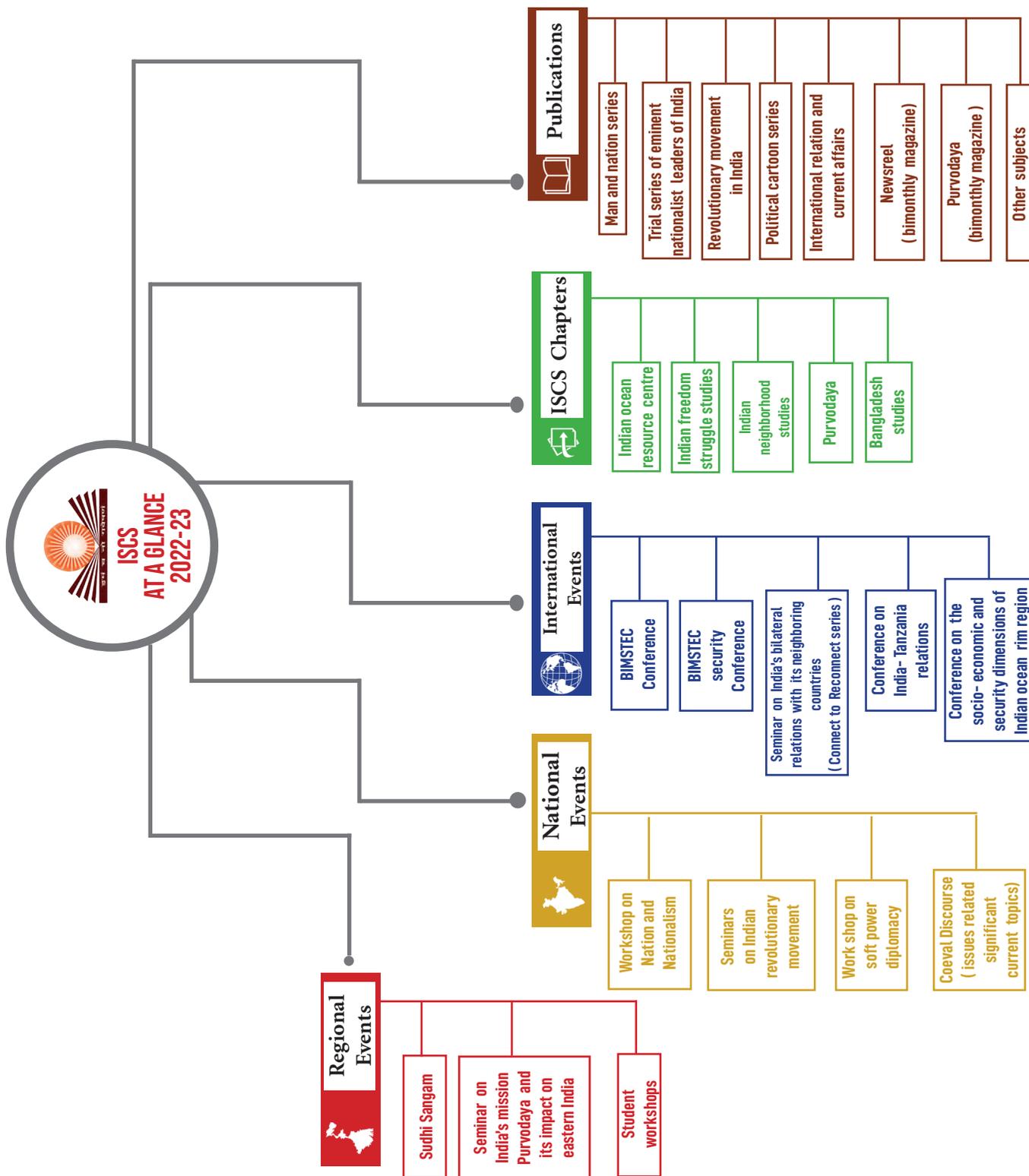
Apart from the discrete activities on significant issues through institutes chapters. The team ISCS remained active in reciprocating about India's soft power policies, cultural dynamics through Bangla Chapter, cultural colloquium "Sudhi Sangam", publications, internship programmers as well as training programmes that was imparted for the officials of ICCR as well as research scholars in collaboration with the ICSSR. The training programmes became a ground to exchange thoughts on how Indian culture and its perspectives becomes an intellectually stimulating factor for the Indian foreign policy.

The year 2022-2023 enabled the team ISCS to avail opportunities to weave together on national themes and transnational trends of South Asian history and evolving political trends, domestic demands, productivity and competitiveness from different angles. Institutes growing networks, support from different stakeholders and affection of wide reaching audience have enabled the Institute to encourage voices from various corners of the world and work on coherent policies on governance, development and foreign policy objectives. In the coming year the institutes initiatives, international events and multilateral conferences and reading frames aims to further engage its audience in exploring Indian history, vexed relations with neighbourings and geo-strategic implications transforming India in more ways than one.



Arindam Mukherjee
Director, ISCS, India

Pictogram of ISCS Activities

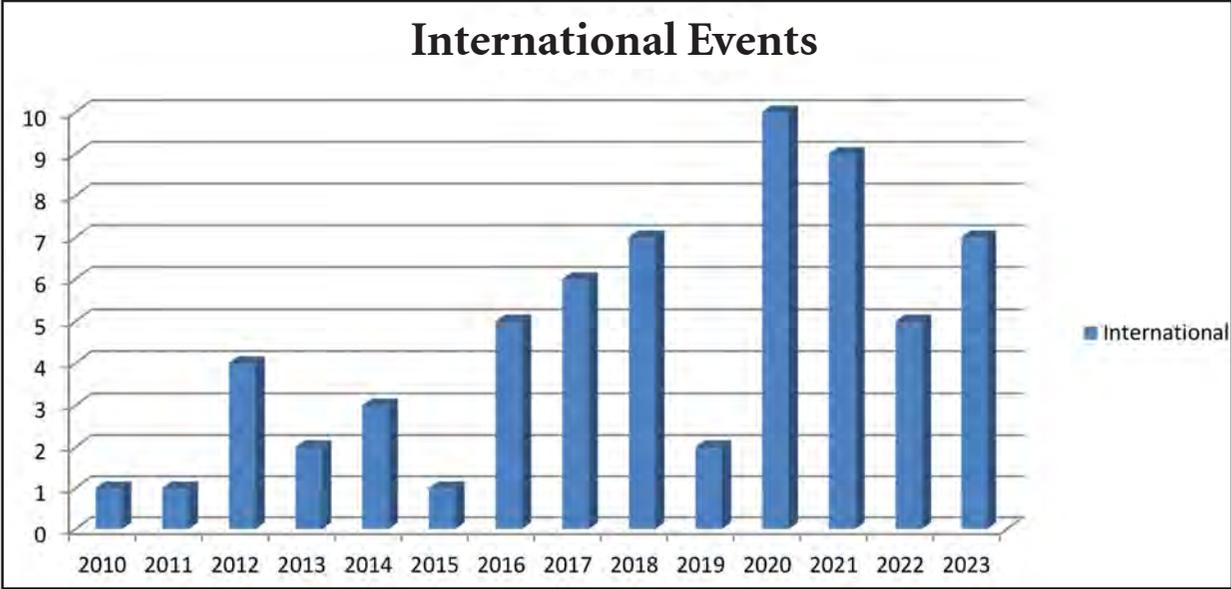
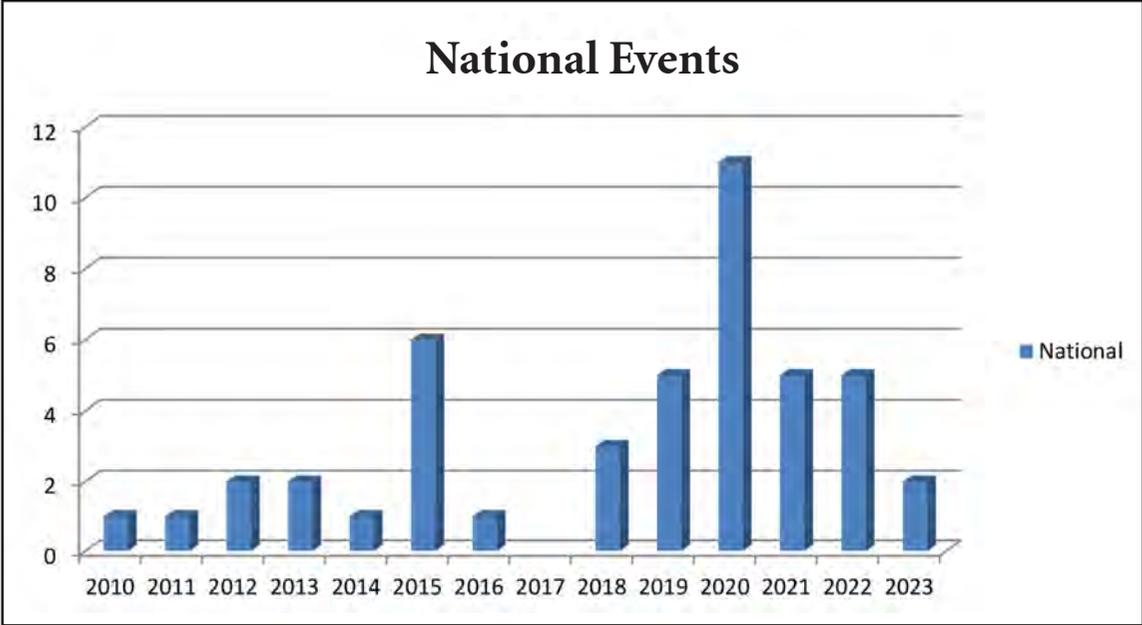


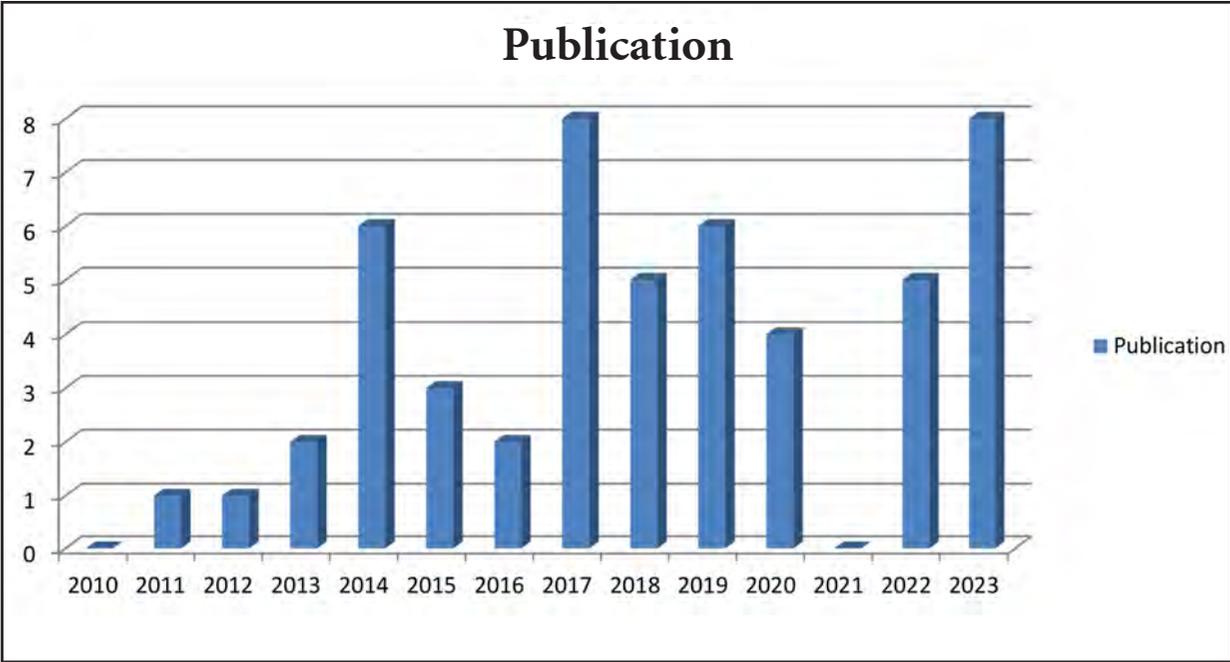
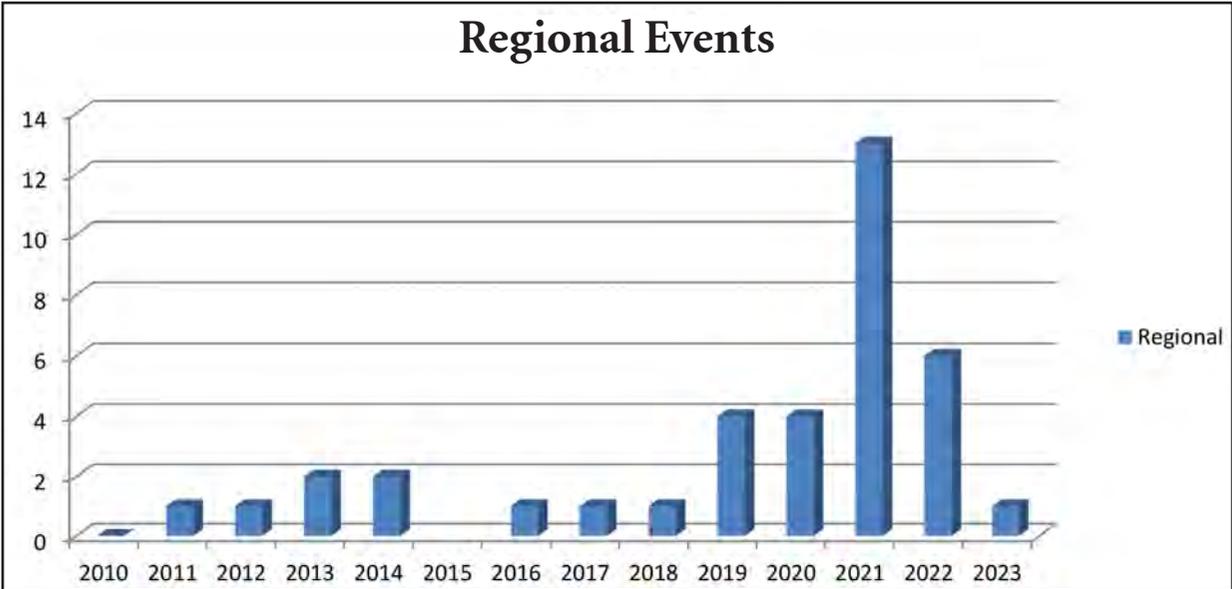
С

С

С

С



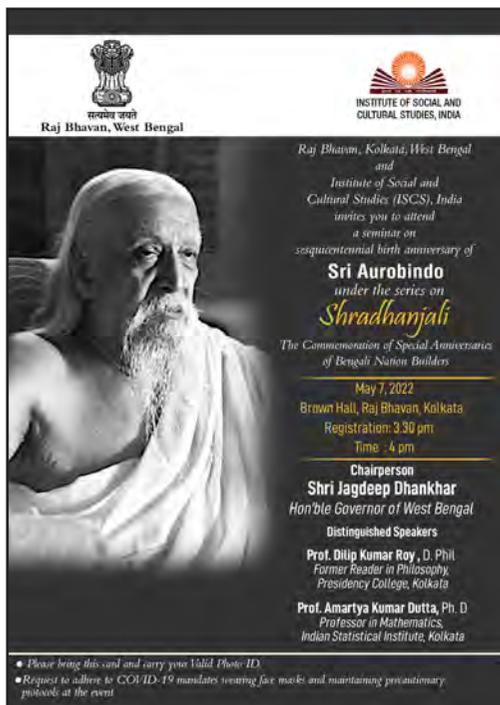


FREEDOM STRUGGLE STUDIES



Seminar on
150th Birth Anniversary of Sri Aurobindo
Under the series
Shradhanjali: The Commemoration of Special Anniversaries of
Bengali Nation Builders
7th May, 2022, Raj Bhavan, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India in collaboration with the Raj Bhavan, Kolkata under its collaborative series of “Shradhanjali” which is dedicated to pay tributes to Social Reformers from Bengal on their Birth Centenaries hosted its second Chapter on Sri Aurobindo at the Raj Bhavan itself on 7th May 2022. The event marked its beginning with a floral tribute to Sri Aurobindo by the dignitaries and all the Distinguished Speakers. Followed to which the meeting Coordinator of the event Sri Ujjwal Bose did welcome the Hon’ble Chairperson of the event, distinguished Speakers and thanked all dignitaries for participating in the hosted lecture on ideas and vision of Sri Aurobindo.



The event further proceeded with the welcome Address by Sri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India who expressed his gratitude to the authorities of Raj Bhavan for their initiative and support towards hosting of the event itself. Followed to which the First Distinguished Speaker of the event, Prof. Dilip Kumar Roy, D.Phil., Former Reader in Philosophy, Presidency College, Kolkata thanked the organizers for giving him an opportunity to participate in the prestigious event. As a part of his deliberation later he mentioned that Sri Aurobindo has etched a road map from human development and the harmony of human civilization. It is now the onus of human nature to understand his or her potentials through spiritual ideas, enrichment of knowledge and curb the “ego” system to attain ultimate happiness. Spiritual thoughts as narrated by Sri Aurobindo can enable human being to dominate his worldly desires, social aspirations and proceed towards the ultimate paths of enlightenment.

The second Distinguished Speaker of the event, Prof. Amartya Kumar Dutta, Ph.D., Professor in Mathematics, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata conveyed his ideas on

the relations between psychic, consciousnesses. He mentioned how mind and knowledge in convergence can become an instrument for enrichment for mankind. Lastly Sri Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata as the Hon’ble Chairperson of the event firstly thanked the organizers for inviting him and later through examples, epics and episodes appraised the participants about many unknown facts from the journey of Sri Aurobindo Ghosh to Rishi Aurobindo. He also highlighted how significant the ideas of Sri Aurobindo are in contemporary times especially in the growth & development of the youths and for the solidarity of the society on the whole. The event concluded with vote of thanks and High Tea.



Prof. Dilip Kumar Roy



Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh



Marble Hall, Raj Bhavan, Kolkata

BANGLADESH STUDIES



Seminar on Sheikh Hasina's Recent India Visit and Indo-Bangladesh Relations 17th September, 2022, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies that has been a daily tracker of the happenings of Indo-Bangladesh relations, in order to identify to what extent the recent visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh – Sheikh Hasina's visit has been fruitful for the adjoining nations, organized a Discussion session on 17th of September 2022 at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata in collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The close group meet was addressed by Distinguished Panellists comprising of eminent journalists, academicians, policy makers along with researchers, govt. officials, intellectuals who attended the discussion and also exchanged ideas on the given topic.

The event started with a short deliberation by the Chair of the discussion, Sri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India. As a first Distinguished Speaker, Sri Arindam Basu, Former Journalist and Senior Faculty, Mass

**শেখ হাসিনার সাম্প্রতিক সফর
এবং ভারত-বাংলাদেশ সম্পর্ক**
১৭ সেপ্টেম্বর, ২০২২,
আরটিসি, আইসিসিআর, কলকাতা,
বিকাল ৫টা

বিশিষ্ট বক্তা

<p>শ্রী অরিন্দম বসু প্রাক্তন সাংবাদিক এবং সিনিয়র যমাকালিষ্ট, সিস্টার নিবেদিতা বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়</p> <p>শ্রী দেবদীপ পুরোহিত প্রধান (পলিটিসি আন্ড পলিসি ব্যুরো), দা টেলিগ্রাফ</p>	<p>অধ্যাপক ইশানী নস্কর আন্তর্জাতিক সম্পর্ক বিভাগ, বাদবপুর বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়</p> <p>শ্রীমতী সোহিনী নায়েক জুনিয়র ফেলো, অবজার্ভার রিসার্চ ফাউন্ডেশন, কলকাতা</p>
---	---

সভাপতি
শ্রী অরিন্দম মুখার্জি
অধিকর্তা, ইনস্টিটিউট অব সোশ্যাল আন্ড কালচারাল স্টাডিজ

Communication and Journalism Department, Sister Nivedita University, commenced his deliberation briefing about the history, challenges and political round abouts taking place post 1971 Liberation War and how the adjoining countries have been maintaining a sustainable relation for 50 years through multi-sectoral initiatives. In fact his deliberation enlisted about the initiatives taken by the countries during the recent visit of Sheikh Hasina in terms of waterway connectivity, energy, trade and commerce. The speaker focused that despite of multiple complimentary initiatives undertaken, the complication surrounding the Teesta water treaty remains unresolved and also problems like minority issues, conversions, vandalism continue to exist. The second Speaker, Prof. Ishani Naskar – Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University expressed an apprehension about Indo-Bangladesh relations being solely dependent on Sheikh Hasina, and hence she asserted that India should now focus on getting connected with the institutionalized form of mechanism with Bangladesh than remaining solely dependent on one person. She added that India should develop collaboration through adequate use of foreign policies like BIMSTEC, BBIN and can also extend support by providing green energy provisions to Bangladesh and help them to fight against Climate Change and other hazards in coming times.

The third speaker, Devadeep Purohit – Chief of Bureau (Politics and Policy) said that Indo-Bangladesh relations have never been linear, rather have been full of ups and downs. Some steps through multilateral projects and initiatives have been taken by Sheikh Hasina to amend a sustainable relation with next door neighbours of Bangladesh which includes India. In order to boost India-Bangladesh relations collaborative steps should be taken towards supply of energy, mitigating food scarcity at Bangladesh, connecting power grids, make use of land and water routes to enhance trade and commerce. According to the Speaker some comprehensive steps have been taken between the two nations to mend the lacunae in the mentioned areas. Therefore this time Sheikh

Hasina’s visit can be regarded as beneficial for both the nations. The final speaker of the event, Ms. Sohini Nayak, Junior Researcher from ORF, Kolkata Chapter denoted that approaches have mended but it’s time to implement them – through enhancing connectivity through India’s Act East Policy, Eastern Coastal Economic Corridors, reinvigorate SAARC and other foreign policies like BIMSTEC, BBIN and develop connectivity to trigger economy and trade prospects with South East Asia. The interesting discussion also facilitated interactions and exchange of views between the multi-sectoral participants and the speakers on various topics and concluded with the observation and key take aways by the Chair himself.



Speaker at the forum



NEIGHBOURHOOD STUDIES



Seminar on Indo-Bhutan Relations in Context to Regional Cooperations

14th January 2023, Nandalal Bose Gallery, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies & Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) hosted a Collaborative seminar on Indo-Bhutan Relations in Context to Regional Cooperations on 14th January, 2023 at RTC, ICCR, Kolkata. As a Chairperson the event was addressed by Sri Soumya Chattopadhyay, Senior Programs Officer, Indian Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and as Speakers the seminar was addressed by Sri Supratim (Raj) Basu, Secretary General, Indo-Bhutan Friendship Association (IBFA), Siliguri along with Sri Arnab Ganguly – Associate Director, CUTS International, Head, CUTS, Calcutta Resource Centre and Sri Mohit Musaddi – Senior Research Associate, Bangladesh and Neighbourhood Studies, ISCS, India.



The event started with a welcome address by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh – Director, MAKAIAS, where he thanked all the participants for their presence and mentioned how Bhutan is strategically important for India and how it can act as a buffer state for India historically, politically and deep down culturally as well. Followed to which the Chairperson of the seminar – Sri Soumya Chattopadhyay expressed that today’s international seminar would review what are the potentials between India and Bhutan which can be put in use for the development of South East Asia. He also highlighted about the role of ADB through a programme called SASEC (South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation) which brings together Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka in a project-based partnership that aims to promote regional prosperity, improve economic opportunity and build a better quality of life for the people of the subregion.

After the address by the Chair, the first Speaker Sri Arnab Ganguly reflected Indo-Bhutan relations in context to BBIN which focuses on building connectivity placing India as a transit nation for Bhutan and Bangladesh.

The second speaker Sri Mohit Musaddi denoted about multipolar programmes that have been developed and should be improved further to suffice



the pace of growth and development in the post-pandemic era. The final speaker Sri Supratim (Raj) Basu reciprocated about his narratives through a power point presentation. He focused on the cultural interactions and exchanges that have been taking place between India and Bhutan based on deities, beliefs, customary practices and traditions. He also described the Padmasambhava trail and noted how

the concept itself can become a vital component or a soft power and become a main bridge of association between the two Himalayan neighbourings as well as South East Asia at a large.

After the deliberation the discussions were drawn between the participants and the speakers and lastly a vote of thanks was delivered by Sri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India.



Sri Soumya Chattopadhyay, ADB, India

**Seminar on
Indo-Thai Relations
28th January, 2023, Library Hall, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata**

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) with parallel interests in policy, neighbourhood connectivity and happenings of Asia organized a Seminar on Indo-Thai Relations on 28th January, 2023 from 5 pm onwards at the Library Hall of RTC, ICCR, Kolkata.



The main objective of the seminar was to foray on the social and the cultural linkages between India and Thailand and also reciprocate as well as exchange ideas on how India and Thailand, who have been partnering through BIMSTEC and multi-modal initiatives, can facilitate a growth based semantics in coming times.

The seminar did commemorate with a Welcome Address by Shri Arindam Mukherjee who is the Director of The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) and Vice-President of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS). The event would further proceed with the deliberation of the Guest of Honour of the event – H.E. Ms. Acharapan Yavaprapas, Consul General of Thailand to Kolkata. Thereafter the Chairperson of the seminar – Amb. Anil Wadhwa, Former Ambassador of India to Thailand & Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation shared his ideas and experiences with the participants of the event.

The Distinguished Speakers Dr. Uttam Sinha – Head, Non-Traditional Security Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Dr. Rajiv Nayan – Asian Security and Defence Analyst, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA),



Speakers at the event

Sri Soumya Bhowmick – Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Kolkata further discussed about economic partnerships, macroeconomic situations, security angles and multimodal connectivity approach that includes infrastructure, tourism, educational exchange to strengthen people-to-people connect between the Asian neighbours.

The event finally marked its conclusion with the valedictory address by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS).

2nd ISCS BIMSTEC CONFERENCE

**BIMSTEC: 25 Years of Driving Force
behind Neighbourhood Cooperation**

25th-26th March 2023, Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) in collaboration with The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had organized a two day 2nd BIMSTEC conference on 25-26th March, 2023 at Taj Bengal, Kolkata. The event received support and cooperation from multiple other Think Tanks across

the BIMSTEC countries. From India circuit Research and Information System For Developing Countries (RIS), Bharat Chamber of Commerce, National Library, Ministry of Culture, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute For Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) whereas from other BIMSTEC Countries institutes like South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and Environment (SAWTEE), Nepal, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Nepal, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), Bangladesh, Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Bangladesh, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, Department of Politics and International Relations, Ubon Ratchathani University, Thailand, Awarelogue Initiative, Sri Lanka, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD), Nepal, Norbuling Rigter College, Bhutan and The

Asian Development Bank (ADB) extended their partnership towards the event. The event in itself was a commemoration of 25 Years of BIMSTEC's Journey altogether.

The conference was inaugurated by Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh (MOS), MEA, GOI along with Amb. Tenzin Lekphell, Secretary General BIMSTEC, Secretariat Dhaka and Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India.

The two day meet held exclusive sessions on Transport connectivity, Food Security, Climate Change, Educational Cooperation, Cultural Exchanges and People-to-People connect. Ambassador of Myanmar Mr. Moe Kyaw Aung, Dr. Rajdeep Roy, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha), Mr. Thiam Hee Ng from Asian Development Bank, Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, DG, RIS along with other national and international delegation

participated and shared their ideas on policies and perspectives on how BIMSTEC as a sub regional policy could harness growth and development in coming times. Important aspects including the sports diplomacy, India's millet diplomacy tourism were being discussed.



As Kolkata is strategically important, especially for Act East policy, therefore it can enable east and north east of the country to become leaders for the diplomatic strategy for the region. A Kolkata Declaration was also read out on the concluding day

that charted the range of issues which needs focus and introspection in the coming time. It was also proposed to engineer such assemblage of thinkers and policy makers through BIMSTEC Conference by the institute on an annual basis.



Special Session on
Reviewing Food Security and Value Chain Approach in BIMSTEC Countries



Felicitations of Bangladeshi delegates on the occasion of their Independence Day



The conference was inaugurated by Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh (MOS), MEA, GOI along with Amb. Tenzin Lekphell, Secretary General BIMSTEC, Secretariat Dhaka and Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India.





Crystal Banquet Hall, Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata





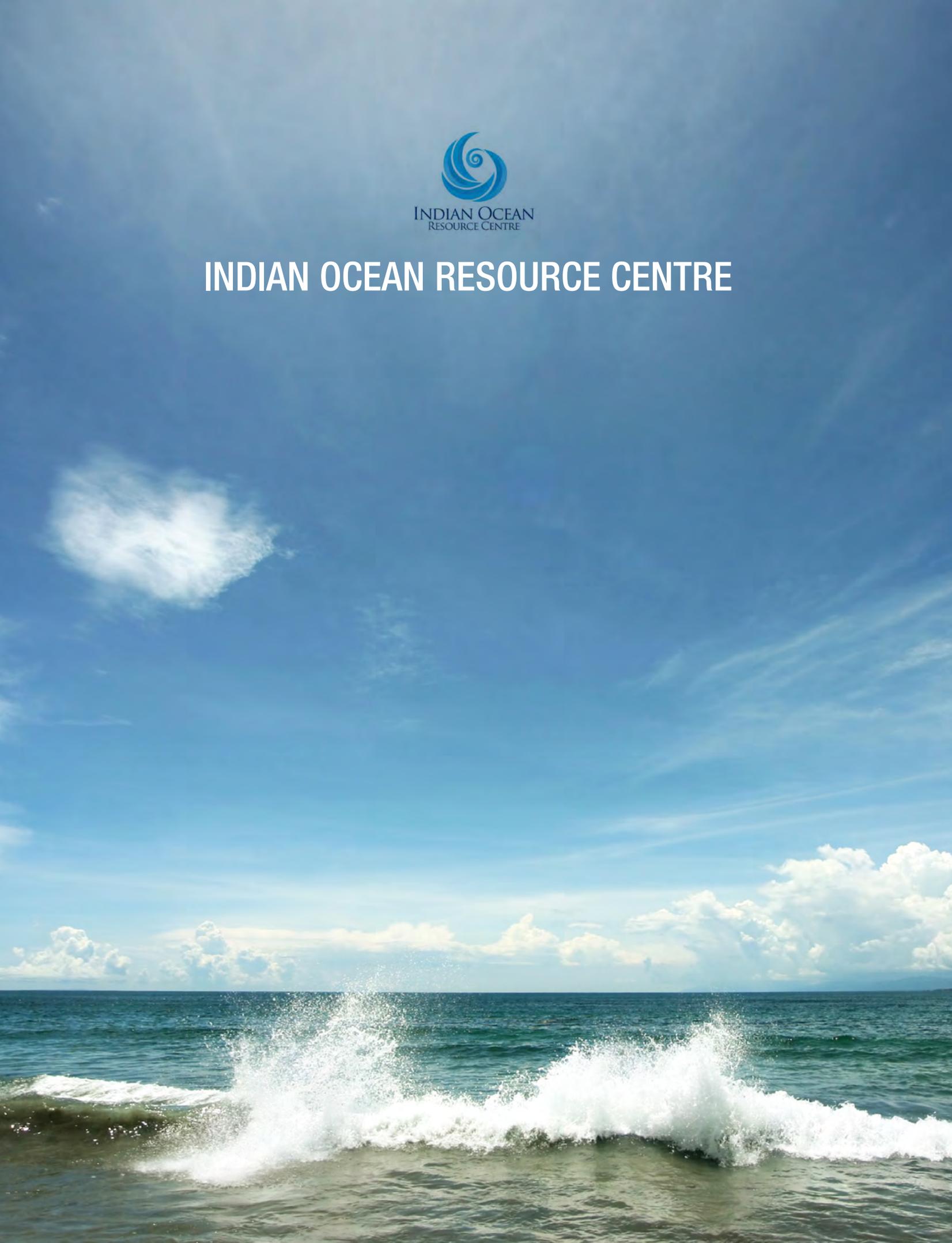
Speakers of the BIMSTEC Conference



Billboard about the BIMSTEC Conference at Kolkata



INDIAN OCEAN RESOURCE CENTRE



**International Conference on
India-Tanzania Relations: An Overview**
30th September-1st October, 2022, Dar Es Salaam

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India in collaboration with High Commission of India, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and National Museum of Tanzania hosted an International Conference on India-Tanzania Relations: An Overview on 30th September and 1st of October, 2022 at Dar Es Salaam itself. The event over its academic sessions on India's Cultural & Historical Linkages with Tanzania, Strengthening People-to-People Connect through Tourism, Health and Education, Rebooting India-Tanzania Partnership, Maritime Co-Operations and Coastal Security Management, Moving Through Histories: Indian Diasporas & East Africa addressed some key areas with respect to India-Tanzania relations, including the rich history, culture and trade network between India and Tanzania which is connected through the Magnificent Indian Ocean. In parallel to these some contemporary issues such as trade, tourism, educational exchanges in post COVID-19 era to foster people-to-people connect and leverage growth partnership between the two countries were also looked upon.



(L to R) H.E. Mr. Felix Wandwe, Director, Tanzania-Mozambique Centre for Foreign Relations; H.E. Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High commissioner of India to Tanzania; H.E. Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation; Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, ISCS Director; Dr. Achlies Buffure, Director, Museum and House of Culture, National Museum

The event was addressed by the Director of ISCS Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, HC of India, H.E. Binaya Pradhan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation H.E. Amb. Liberata Mulamula; without forgetting the presence of the Director of Tanzania-Mozambique CFR, and National Museum and House for Culture Dr. Achilles Buffure along with the eminent speakers and Dignitaries from both the countries. The event, in other words, actually turned itself to a platform for the Think Tanks from India, government agencies from Tanzania to convey history and associate on the developmental perspectives of the countries.



H.E. Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Tanzania



H.E. Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High Commissioner of India to Tanzania



(L to R) Prof. Eliab Z Opiyo, VC, St. Joseph University, Tanzania; Prof. Elifas Tozo Bisanda, VC, The Open University of Tanzania; Dr. Ruchita Beri, Senior Research Associate & Centre Coordinator, Manohar Parrikar Institute For Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA); Dr. Makarius Itambu, Dept of Archaeology and Heritage Studies, University of Dar es Salaam

Cultural Programme



African Traditional Dance by Fitness Stop Dance Group



Indian Semi Classical Music Consort by Mr. Vishnu Mishra & Dr. Surjato



(L to R) Dr. V. Selvakumar, Associate Professor & Department of Maritime History and Marine Archaeology, Head & Coordinator, Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Tamil University, Thanjavur; Dr. Priyadarshi Dash - Associate Professor, RIS; Vice Admiral (Retd) Shekhar Sinha, Former Chief of Integrated Defence Staff & Commander in Chief, Western Naval Command, India; Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India



(L to R)H.E Amb. Liberata Mulamula, Minister of Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation, Tanzania;
H.E. Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High commissioner of India to Tanzania; Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy, Director General, Manohar Parrikar
Institute For Defence Studies and Analyses, MP-IDSA, New Delhi; Dr. Ruchita Beri - Senior Research Associate & Centre Coordinator,
Manohar Parrikar Institute For Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)



Virtual Presentation by Prof. Nilufer Bharucha, Co-Director of the Mumbai Muenster Institute of Advanced Studies (MMIAS)



(L to R) Mr. Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India; H.E Mr. Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, High Commissioner of India; Dr. Herbert Francis Makoye, Principal - The Bagamoyo Institute of Arts and Culture (TaSUBa); Dr. Achlies Buffure, Director, Museum and House of Culture, National Museum and Co-organiser of the conference

purvodaya 

PURVODAYA



Webinar on Coastal Tourism and Purvodaya 6th April, 2022

As the institute's followers know that ISCS's Chapter on Purvodaya – is creatively designed to focus and feature the growth and development of Eastern India. The Chapter over months, through persistent writings and events, has addressed connectivity, importance of religious economy etc. Therefore carrying forward the trend, the Institute hosted a Webinar on “Coastal Tourism and Purvodaya” on 6th of April 2022 from 5 pm onwards.

The webinar started with a brief introduction of the topic by Dr. Sujit Kumar Pruseth, Chapter Co-Ordinator, ISCS, Purvodaya. He highlighted that government of India has laid a lot of importance to facilitate tourism. Policies and Programmes like Dekho Apna Desh launched in 2020, Swadesh Darshan are structured in such a way that they, apart from tourism, act as an agent that lays sufficient

importance on connectivity, trade, preservation of ecology and building cultural connect.

The Distinguished Chair of the webinar Sri Rajesh Purohit – Former Director, Indian Museum Kolkata featured that coastal tourism with regard to Eastern India. As coastal enrouting across Bengal, Orissa and Andhra would play a significant role in connecting South East Asia, development of ports which can facilitate trade, generate employment and prove equality in the life of people. Cruise Tours, Blue economy will enable the region to attain economic prospects, hospitality and ultimately fuel the sustainability of the local people. Especially after the pandemic and its aftermath importance should be laid on tourism on whole and of course to the context of Coastal tourism to determine the growth of east India.

Followed to which the First Distinguish Speaker – Sri Sanjeev Kumar Mohanty – Head, FICCI Odisha State Council mentioned that coastal tourism could help the region to gain investments, foreground the art and culture of the region, will help to attain global consumer for local handicraft and crafts. Thus it will be helpful for the self-help groups that have become a source of livelihood or support family income for the women. Secondly he added that coastal tourism would also help the flourishing of Buddhist Tourism and become an important factor towards the representation of cultural linkages amongst India and South East Asia. Thirdly the speaker mentioned that Orissa, Bengal, Andhra Pradesh are the regions of festivals surrounding the coasts. In terms of fair, customary practices, epics and believes. Thus coastal tourism would help India and neighbouring to get appraised about deep rooted cultural attributes and also ensure equality among people. Lastly the speaker's deliberation captured that coastal tourism predominantly could facilitate marine economy,

**Webinar on
COASTAL TOURISM AND
PURVODAYA**
6th April, 2022
5.00 pm (IST)
Platform – Googlemeet

—Chair—
Sri. Rajesh Purohit
Former Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata

—Introductory remarks—
Dr. Sujit Kumar Pruseth
Editor, Purvodaya

—Speakers—

Sri. Sanjeev Kumar Mohanty <i>Head, FICCI, Odisha State Council</i>	Dr. Arun Dash <i>Associate Professor, Economics, ICFAI University, Hyderabad</i>	Sri. Sayak Nandi <i>Tourist Information Officer, Ministry of Tourism, GOI</i>
---	--	---

—Vote of Thanks—
Sri. Krishnendu Baksi
*Programme Coordinator,
ISCS, India*

Martime trade and development of ports along with eco-tourism.

The Second Speaker of the event – Dr. Arun Dash, Associate Professor, Economics, ICFAI University, Hyderabad, taking the discourse further, mentioned that tourism sector is one of the largest public sector, boosting connectivity and strengthening the economy. The covid-19 situation has weakened the tourist sector, restricting travels. But as we are setting ourselves to normalcy, so the tourism sector should be also given an enormous importance. With ratios and statistics he enumerated the range of tourists visiting the coasts every year. From Andhra Pradesh perspectives he added that Govt. of Andhra is taking vital steps to promote tourism, like involving private sectors through hospitality measures, infrastructural development. Andhra Pradesh, through tourism, is also commissioning the art and culture of the region, as Andhra is a region of beautiful temples. Thus renovations and conservation practices are undertaken by the government to facilitate and



*Shri Rajesh Purohit
Former Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata*



*Dr. Arun Dash
Associate Professor, Economics, ICFAI University, Hyderabad*

illuminate cultural congregation between the rest of the South India and also neighbouring China and Japan, through Buddhist tourism. The Speaker added that in order to transcend the range of coastal tourism, the central and state governments should get aligned and also include private sectors to initiate multiple other steps with appropriate facilities with skill development and capacity building; training youths to engage in the tourism sector and also to create coastal tourism as a fertile sector for the region and the country altogether.

The Third Speaker – Sri Sayak Nandi, Assistant Director, Ministry of Tourism, GOI began by magnifying the possibilities, challenges of Coastal tourism from West Bengal’s point of view. He analyzed that Infrastructural development with regard to eastern India coast line has already gained momentum. Also number of other initiatives have underlined towards the development of eastern coast line. If the development gets completed based on timelines as asserted then eastern India and especially eastern coast line will become a tomb of foreign tourism. Social media and digital India has also made great heights to facilitate tourism, whether in terms of depicting the importance of region of enabling tourists to become a recipient of hospitality synergies, ensuring safety, hygiene and COVID-19 precautionary while developing tour itineraries or selecting their stay. Moreover Govt. of India is taking a proactive step and using digital and social media to highlight cultural infrastructure, religious circuit, new developments in foreign forums, as it was been done during the recent Dubai Expo 2022. In complement to cruise ride, beach tourism, facilities like water sports, beach festivals, carnivals are also being organized. Initiatives are moulded in view of post COVID era to develop to restore tourism through better end infrastructure, tying up with embassies, designing eco-retreats, providing capacity building (through training and courses) to restructure tourism and coastal tourism sector to induce an inclusive growth.

The interesting and optimistic webinar on its rearmost section initiated some discussion between the speakers and the participants and concluded with a vote of thanks by the member of the Institute.

**Webinar on
IT Industry and Eastern India: An Overview
18th May, 2022**



**Webinar on
IT INDUSTRY AND EASTERN INDIA
AN OVERVIEW**

18th, May 2022; 5-6pm (IST)
Platform: Googlemeet

<p>Chair</p> <p>Shri Subimal Bhattacharjee <i>Director, Jookto, New Delhi & an independent adviser, consultant on cyber security, defense and high end technology policy issues</i></p>	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Dr. Madhu Agnihotri <i>Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College</i></p>
<p>Speakers</p>	
<p>Dr. Omkar Rai <i>Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Department of MSME, Government of Odisha, Former DG, STPI</i></p>	<p>Shri Nilabdhil Samantray <i>Head of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence, CSM Technologies</i></p>
<p>Dr. Venu Gopal Jarugumalli <i>DGM AI Factory, ZF IT Centre India</i></p>	

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies as a part of its Purvodaya Chapter organized a Webinar on “IT Industry and Eastern India: An Overview” on 18th of May 2022 to identify the sector’s growth and potential to attain development and involve young minds of the state in its flourishing journey. The webinar emanated with a welcome Address by the Moderator of the Webinar, Ms. Madhu Agnihotri who highlighted how exponential growth in the last few decades in India has played a pivotal role in transforming services and providing technological solutions to cater the industry requirements. She further added that as the pandemic ravaged the world, experts predicted that Indian IT industry will probably see downfall in its growth patterns having impact even worse than that of the financial crisis of 2008. However, the current scenario has seen the tremendous increase in the demand for flexible technological solutions. Cloud technology solutions and remote working facilities have provided enormous opportunities and opened avenues for rethinking and redesigning business models for

Global trends on IT industry

- As a result of the shifts forced by the pandemic, 2021 saw the emergence of six major global megatrends that will refocus policies, strategies, and investments at a global scale, not just in 2022, but for the coming 5-8 years and even beyond. These trends include:
- Global Talent Pool Transformation
- Global Supply Chain Replanning
- Global Big Tech Regulation
- ESG-Led Business Models
- Formalization of Circular Economy
- Technology for Good @Pace and Scale





Dr. Venu Gopal Jarugumalli, DGM AI Factory, ZF IT Centre India

sustainable growth. Data security and confidentiality has emerged as the critical challenge for handling business operations in the new scenario.

Taking the thread of the discussion further the Distinguished Chair of the webinar Sri Subimal Bhattacharjee, Director, Jookto, New Delhi & an independent adviser, consultant on cyber security, defence and high end technology policy issues firstly thanked the Institute's initiative for organizing such virtual discussion session. Secondly he mentioned how the industry has a lot of potential in itself to engage human resource and becoming a complimentary sector with the other mainstream sectors through extending support and creating work opportunities. The First Distinguished Speaker of the webinar, Dr. Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha, Department of MSME, Govt. of Odisha, Former DG, STPI mentioned how India with large number of Startups in IT sector has secured a distinct IT identity globally and are further mending policies and objectives to improve the IT structure and attain growth.

The Second Distinguished Speaker, Sri Nilabdh Samantray, Head of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence at CSM Technologies highlighted some investor effective policies in Odisha that are cascading positive effect in the region. He conferred that if we can strike a balance between technical education, policies and investment then IT industry can become a significant sector to accumulate growth and also deliver software services and credibilities. The final speaker of the event, Dr. Venu Gopal Jarugumalli, DGM AI Factory, ZF IT Centre India reflected about some models on outsourcing that have been initiated by Andhra region to facilitate development of IT sector in Andhra Pradesh; as outsourcing models give opportunities for public-private engagements, staff upgradations and resource management techniques to appease the demands of the IT global chains.

The session further facilitated a discussion between the participants and the speakers and concluded with a vote of thanks by Sri Krishnendu Baksi, Programme Coordinator, ISCS, India.



*Shri Subimal Bhattacharjee
Director, Jookto, New Delhi*



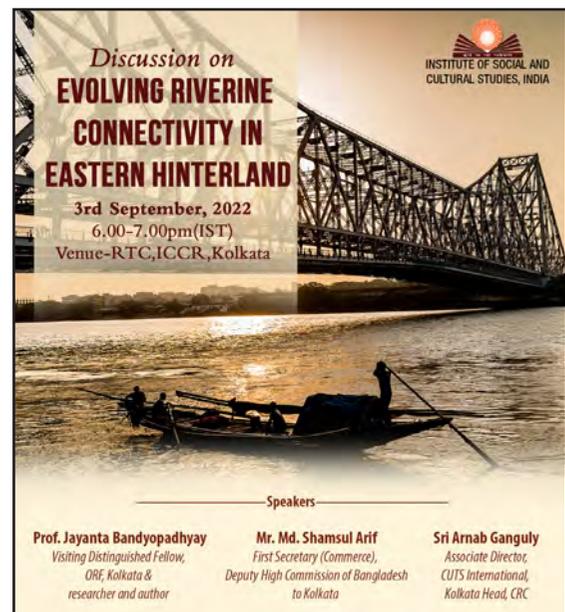
*Dr. Omkar Rai, Executive Chairman, Startup Odisha,
Department of MSME, Govt. of Odisha, Former DG, STPI*

Discussion on Evolving Riverine Connectivity in Eastern Hinterland

3rd September, 2022, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India that has been reciprocating about the development and other multi-dimensional perspectives of Eastern India through its Chapter Purvodaya mostly through virtual platforms, now with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions hosted a Discussion session on “Evolving Riverine Connectivity in Eastern Hinterland” on the 3rd of September, 2022 at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata. The event was organized to disseminate the importance of riverine routes towards attaining connectivity and fulfil economic goals of India with neighbourhood countries altogether.

As Distinguished Speakers the event attained the participation of Prof. Jayanta Bandyopadhyay – Visiting Distinguished Fellow, ORE, Kolkata & researcher and author on science and the natural



Distinguished Panellists of the Seminar

environment who through a very interesting power point presentation manifested connectivity taking place through Himalayan Rivers across South Asia that have complemented economic upsurge specifically in Eastern India. His deliberation focused on the growth of mountains – interaction of mountains with monsoon thus affecting river flows and later helping to foster interregional interactions between water bodies.

The following Speaker Mr. Md. Shamsul Arif – First Secretary (Commerce), Bangladesh Deputy High Commission of classified important factors that includes navigation issues, MOUs, protocols,

development.

The final speaker of the event Sri Arnab Ganguly – Associate Director, CUTS International, Kolkata and Head, CUTS, CRC pointed that riverine connectivity not only helps the country to create interstate linkages but are important for international connectivity as well. Though schemes like Sagarmala and Gatishakti are leveraging immense of importance to connect rivers by bringing different wings of ministries and private sector under one roof – but other factors like provisions for river trainings needs to be materialized. Logistical issues including trade



factors of coastal shipping and other hindrances faced by India and Bangladesh with regard to the riverine connectivity. He suggested that though we have developed roadways as alternatives but riverine gateways are cost effective for better trades and connectivity. He raised a hope that the visit of Sheikh Hasina – Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India in the month of September stimulates some constructive approach in the making of inland waterway routes more feasible towards trade and

decisions, operative factors, customs practices should be eased out. In other words his deliberation focused that on Whole River management now should be taken as a separate unit of research, policy making in coming times.

The deliberations followed interactions between speakers and the participants and ended with felicitation of the speakers and vote of Thanks by Sri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India.

Commemoration of one Year of Purvodaya
Seminar on
Purvodaya: An Instrument of Act East Policy
15th January, 2023,
Nandalal Bose Gallery, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

A year long journey of the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) Chapter “Purvodaya” – that was launched in November 2021 in order to engage people, ideas and to deliberate on the growth of Eastern India. For a period of one year and a little more, the Institute, through a wide range of events, set of regular monthly webinars and Bi-Monthly (English/Odia) Purvodaya: The Rise of Opportunities, has been conversing on subjects like economy, new business ventures, connectivity,

and people-to-people connect through tourism and education.

In order to commemorate a year long journey of its chapter an event was hosted at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata on 15th January, 2023. The event received support from Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) and Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR). The event as a Chairperson received participation of Hon’ble Minister of Education, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship – Sri Dharmendra Pradhan along with other Distinguished Speakers like Sri N.G. Khaitan – President, Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Prof. Virendra Kumar Tewari – Director, IIT Kharagpur, Sri Arnab Ganguly – Associate Director, CUTS International, Kolkata and Head, CUTS, Calcutta Resource Centre, Sri Gautam Banerjee – Managing Director, Business Brio & Director, Data Science Foundation International and Ms. Sohini Nayak – Researcher and a Foreign Policy Analyst.

The event started with a welcome address by Sri Arindam Mukerjee, Director, ISCS, India. Followed to which the Logo of the Purvodaya was unveiled and the January-February (2023) edition of the Bi-Monthly was released. As a part of the Institute’s Man and Nation Series a Publication of Jnan Chandra Ghosh by Ms. Sujata Banerjee was also released. Sri Jnan Chandra Ghosh was an eminent Bengali Scientist and was the first Director of IIT Kharagpur.

After this a discussion session was organized on Purvodaya: An Instrument of Act East Policy. The Distinguished Speakers were Sri N.G. Khaitan – President, Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Prof.



Virendra Kumar Tewari – Director, IIT Kharagpur, Sri Arnab Ganguly – Associate Director, CUTS International, Kolkata and Head, CUTS, Calcutta Resource Centre, Sri Gautam Banerjee – Managing Director, Business Brio & Director, Data Science Foundation International and Ms. Sohini Nayak – Researcher and a Foreign Policy Analyst.

Each of the Speakers expressed how the concept is vital and diverse for the growth of Eastern India and would help the region to transcend its networks with the neighbouring countries and further to south and south east Asia.

After the deliberation by the speakers an observation was shared by the Hon'ble Minister Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, where he mentioned the ultimate objective is a self-reliant nation – Atmanirbhar Bharat. Its aim is to transform the country from a passive market to an active manufacturing hub, to support a self-reliant India as a "Force Multiplier" in the global economy. In this context the idea of Purvodaya has become multidimensional. It can also be used as an instrument to attain the objective of stimulating regional cooperation among the South East Asian countries. As the Hon'ble Prime Minister



Distinguished Panellists of the Seminar



Purvodaya logo was unveiled by Shri Dharmendra Pradhan

Sri Narendra Modi's adoption of Act East Policy is boosting India's trade and investment relations with the South East Asian region, undertaking the large cross-border projects, upgrading and connecting the national highways of countries like Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar and Nepal and laying importance on riverine connectivity, Purvodaya and Act East Policies are complementary to each other.

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), an important think tank in eastern India is actively disseminating different social, economic and political issues related with both Purvodaya and

Act East Policy. It has launched a Purvodaya. Through regular discussions and publications, the Institute has helped to exchange ideas on vital issues like trade, connectivity, development in this part of our country extensively. He hoped that the Institute will identify more important dimensions of these important policies and help our nation to move forward and expressed a desire that the Institute should take further initiatives to disseminate the concept of Purvodaya in other regional as well as foreign languages.

A vote of thanks was extended by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh – Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata.



Release of Monograph on Jnan Chandra Ghosh under ISCS's Man and Nation Series



ISCS Book Stall



BANGLA STUDIES



themselves are a testament to the darkest chapter of India's Freedom Movement, mocking the sacrifices of innumerable freedom fighters. As the Chairperson of the session it was a privilege for the Institute to have Sri Chayan Mukherjee, Retd. ADG (Law and Order). The event was attended by several national and international dignitaries including Sri Atiur Rahman – famous economist from Bangladesh, Smt.

Alakananada Ray – Dancer and reformist who works in the prison to reform the inmates with the power of music and dance.

The presentation was followed with a discussion session among the participants and the speaker and also the chairperson and summed up with a Vote of Thanks by the member of the institute.



Guests and Participants at the event



COEVAL DISCOURSE

PRIORITIZE



Virtual Discussion
Coeval Discourse-VIII
on
Impact of Connectivity on Environment and Ecology
5th June, 2022

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India in collaboration with The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has been rolling out a series “Coeval Discourse” to deliberate on issues that has a direct impact on sustainability. On the occasion of International World Environment Day – 5th June, between 5-6 pm “Coeval Discourse-VIII” was organized on “Impact of Connectivity on Environment and Ecology”.

As connectivity remains an area of interest for the organization and in alliance with The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Branch Secretariat the institute had featured a series to mark the importance of connectivity towards development. Thus the idea behind the proposed Coeval was to understand how connectivity single-handedly is helping the country to better end its connect with neighbouring regions, but at the same time causing damage to the environment. In order to deliberate on the idea eminent speakers assembled on a virtual platform. The discourse started with the thoughts of Sri Raj Basu, Convener, Association for Conservation and Tourism.

Followed to which the first distinguished Speaker – Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury, Divisional Commissioner (Retd), Assam through a power point presentation represented how the criss-cross of connectivity especially in the eastern belt of our country is challenging the wellbeing of wild lives. Thus his views manifested that connectivity should be planned in such a way that everybody is a recipient of it in a positive way. The second Distinguished Speaker of the discourse – Sri Sayanangshu Modak started his deliberation with a very interesting remark – he asserted that Environment is an asset for all. A good environment is everybody’s gain. The speaker mostly defined how a government and a private body collaborative approach in planning, developing can prevent climate change and can prevent environment from further derangement. The Speaker repeatedly stressed on the need of awareness amongst various social groups as the sole way in order to preserve for future generations.

Coeval Discourse VIII
Impact of Connectivity on Environment and Ecology
5th June, 2022, 5-6pm (IST)
Platform: Googlemeet

COME JOIN US

—Welcome Address—
Shri R. Parthiban
Regional Director, ICCR, Kolkata

—Chair—
Shri Raj Basu
Convener, Association for Conservation and Tourism

—Speakers—

Dr. Anwaruddin Choudhury Divisional Commissioner (Ret'd), Assam	Shri Sayanangshu Modak Junior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata	Dr. Sonam Lama Assistant Professor, Geography Darjeeling Govt. College
--	--	---

—Vote of Thanks—
Sri Arindam Mukherjee
Director, ISCS, India

The final Speaker Dr. Sonam Lama – Assistant Professor, Geography, Darjeeling Govt. College, through a power point presentation again highlighted how connectivity especially in Eastern Himalayas has been threatening the environmental conditions leading to environmental hazards, flash floods, extinctions of species etc. As a panacea Dr. Lama stressed on the engagements of environment expertise, resource personnels of non-government

organizational members, local community members in planning committee who can give ideas, suggestions on how connectivity can be enriched and at the same time the life of Himalayas can be taken care of.

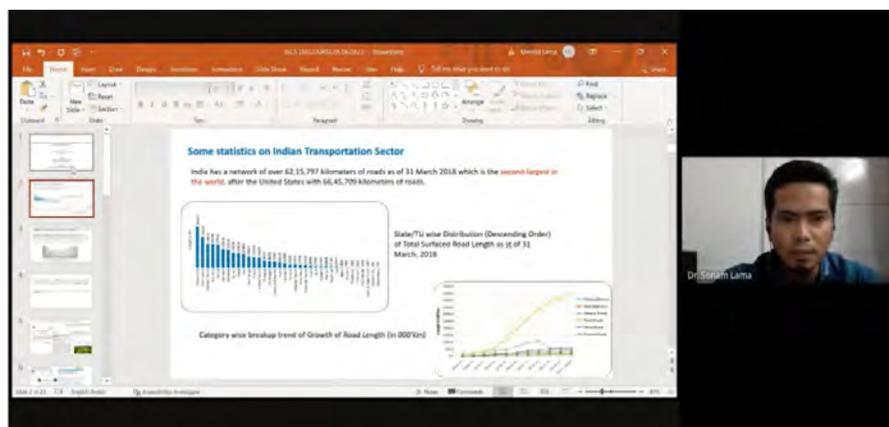
The discussion was followed with some interaction and finally came to an end with the Vote of Thanks by the Director of ISCS, Sri Arindam Mukherjee himself.



Sri Raj Basu



Sri Sayanangshu Modak



Presentation by Dr. Sonam Lama

SUDHI SANGAM



Sudhi Sangam-9

25th June, 2022, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, as a part of its Cultural Colloquy within its Bangla chapter of Studies, organized Sudhi Sangam-9 to mark the contribution and also appraise the audience about the illustrious life of eminent Lawyer and Former Advocate General of West Bengal Sri Jayanta Mitra.

The event was organized at The Indian Council for Cultural Relations, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata. The event was Chaired by Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata. The event started with the welcome address by the Research

Associate and the Coordinator of ISCS's Bangla unit of study. Followed to which the Distinguished Chair denoted how Advocate Mitra has contributed to the field of judiciary and thereby has played a major role in social well being of the people. His fight for the rights of people has rendered an example that irrespective of professional commitments one through his skills and efforts should facilitate a betterment of the society.

Advocate Mitra initiated his address remarking that his main motto was to remain firm to his conscience. He said that his 60 years of experience and contributions in the field of judiciary has taught him many aspects; he also had to contravene multiple ups and downs. During his tenure as Advocate General of the State of West Bengal he had to confront multiple conundrums. But he remained firm to his ideas and never compromised with his ethics. Sharing his early years of life he mentioned that he was born to an illustrious family of Bogendranath Mitra who was a well known educationist and social reformist. Advocate Mitra pursued his schooling from Ballygunje Government High School, followed by Presidency College and later went to The London School of Economics to seek a formal training in the field of Law.

He reciprocated that after his education of Law from The London School of Economics, he returned and joined as a Lawyer at the Calcutta High Court and shared a very pleasant and cordial relationship with other legal practitioners who may have later contested him as opponent at the Court during trials but on a personal edge always shared a benevolent relation with each other. He added that the field of law along with his practising



সূধী সঙ্গম-৯

কথোলাপে শ্রী জয়ন্ত কুমার মিত্র



তিলোত্তমার তিলে তিলে গড়ে
ওঠা সৌন্দর্যের একাংশকে সুদীর্ঘকাল
ধরে লাভবানমণ্ডিত করে আসছেন বিদগ্ধ
গুণিজনেরা। তাঁদের অনুপ্রেরণা মন্ত্র
জীবনের গতিক গতিশীল করে তুলেছে বারবার।
সেই সব বিদগ্ধ গুণিজনের ভিত্তি অন্যতম সূধী ব্যক্তিত্ব
শ্রী জয়ন্ত কুমার মিত্র। আজীবন আইনপেশার সাথে
জড়িত এই ব্যক্তিত্ব তাঁর চরিত্রের নিজস্বতা প্রমাণ করে
গৌরবান্বিত জীবনের প্রতিপদে।

তাঁর আত্মজীবনের গৌরবময় অতীত নির্যাসে নিজেদের
সুসজ্জ করতে আগামী ২৫শে জুন ২০২২, শনিবার, বিকেল
পাঁচটায়, আই সি সি আর (রবীন্দ্রনাথ ঠাকুর কেন্দ্র, ইন্ডিয়ান
কালচারাল ফর কালচারাল রিলেশনস, ৯ এ, হো চি মিন সরণি,
কলকাতা- ৭১)- এর সেমিনার হল- এ আমরা সকলে মিলিত
হব। অনুষ্ঠানের সভাপতিত্ব করবেন এশিয়াটিক সোসাইটি,
কলকাতার সাধারণ সম্পাদক ড. সত্যব্রত চক্রবর্তী।

উক্ত দিনে আপনাদের সপরিজন উপস্থিতি একান্ত
প্রার্থনীয়।

বিনীত
শ্রী অরিন্দম মুখার্জী
সচিব, ইনস্টিটিউট অব সোশ্যাল এন্ড কালচারাল স্টাডিস (আই এস সি এস)



experiences helped him to develop the attribute of public speaking, respecting others and most importantly learn tolerance. The qualities not only helped him to aspire in his professional field but also contributed in his other walks of life as well. Over his discussions he shared some of his professional life experiences and also addressed the questions from

the audience during the interactive session. Some of the participants known to Advocate Mitra also narrated their ideas and their personal experiences with Sri Mitra on several occasions.

The event marked its conclusion with a vote of Thanks by the Director of the Institute Sri Arindam Mukherjee.



Former Advocate General Sri Jayanta Mitra delivering his speech

OTHER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Planning Meeting 2022-2023

30th April, 2022

Hotel Kenilworth, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India organized its Annual Planning Meeting on 30th of April, 2022. The meeting itself was a symposium of Institutional members, advisory board members, Trustees and well wishers. Arindam Mukherjee, The Director of the Institute as a part of his welcome address expressed his gratitude towards the working team, members and associates of the Institute for extending their support and encouraging the organization in its initiatives and activities.

The event was regarded extremely special as the Institute has marked its 10 years of journey in 2021 itself. Therefore the Programme Administrator of the Institute through a power point presentation, appraised the participants about the chapters of the institute, research initiatives along with the working of the institute's publication cell in details.

Followed to which the Institute's Annual Report for the year 2021-2022 was released by the Director

of the Institute in presence of Sri Krishnendu Bakshi, Programme Co-ordinator and Sri Biswajit Ganguly, Managing Member of Sri Aurobindo Bhavan, Kolkata. The discussion followed with presentation and deliberation of the Director himself as he outlined initiatives and interesting research topics along with some publications – that the Institute would be undertaking during the year 2022-2023.

The participants also shared some interesting ideas, activities and suggestions during the discussion session. Among other objectives, that was discussed at the meeting, more emphasis was given on planning events and international conclave as a part of Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav, as the nation would be celebrating its 75th Year in August 2022.

The members and associates of the Institute shared their compliments and wishes for the working members for their tireless efforts for the entire year. The interaction continued over lunch between the participants and team members.



Release of ISCS Annual Report 2021-2022

Webinar on
A Tale of Bicycler: Hungary to Darjeeling
 25th May, 2022

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India that as an autonomous organization has been addressing interesting ideas through research and activities, thus hosted an interesting webinar on “A Tale of Bicycler: Hungary to Darjeeling” on 25th May, 2022 to know about interesting aspects of the bicycle expedition of Viktor Zicho – a Bike Traveller, Passionate climber, Mountaineer, Photographer and Videographer of Hungary. The event was also attended by Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata as well as Amb. Kumar Tuhin, Director General, ICCR, New Delhi and also Former Ambassador of India to Hungary.

The event started with the address by the Distinguished Chair of the event Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti, General Secretary, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata who shared interesting facts from life journey of Alexander Csoma Expedition – who was the first one to carry out a bicycle travelogue from Hungary to Darjeeling 200 years back. Followed to which Amb. Kumar Tuhin mentioned that India and Hungary has a history of shared relations and such initiatives taken by Viktor would further boost the friendly relation between two geographies.

The Distinguished Speaker, through a power point presentation, added that bi-cycle ride was a greenest form of expedition and explore Alexander Csoma’s experiences that he had around 200 years back. But now things have changed and connectivity have become much easier, but there were other challenges that he came across, especially pandemic and financial troubles. But the experience remained extremely scenic and worth remembering. The speaker described his programme map and mentioned about the support that he received from regions and especially India.

The webinar remained an interesting one and the participants had a chance to communicate with the Distinguished Speaker. Finally the event marked its conclusion with a Vote of Thanks by Sri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), Kolkata.



Dr. Satyabrata Chakrabarti



Amb. Tuhin Kumar

Seminar on
Indo-Israel Bilateral Relations: Defence and strategic Cooperation
 24 February, 2023
 Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR, Kolkata

India and Israel share a deep bondage of friendship and cooperation since New Delhi announced its recognition of Israel on 17th September, 1950. India's relationship with Israel partners in multiple sectors which include economic, trade and commerce, agriculture, defence and security, innovation, science and technology, health, culture, people-to-people contact etc. In the last decade India-Israel relationship had grown stronger with the changing geo-political situation. In accordance with this growing India-Israel bilateral relationship, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India has meaningfully deliberated on several key aspects of India-Israel bilateral relationship through

organizing seminars, publishing articles over past some time. As a part of this endeavour ISCS, in collaboration with the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), had organized a National seminar on India-Israel relationship titled "Indo-Israel Bilateral Relations: Defence and strategic Cooperation" on 24th February, 2023 at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata from 5 pm onwards.

The International Seminar was addressed by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, who commemorated the event while felicitating the guests and delivering his welcome address. Followed to which the Chairperson of the event Shri Arun K Singh, Former Ambassador of India to Israel, shared his valuable observation regarding Indo-Israel relations.

The Distinguished Speakers of this seminar did include Professor Ripu Sudan Singh, Specialization in West Asian Studies, Department of Political Science, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar university, Lucknow, Shri Sanket Joshi, Research Associate, Delhi Policy Group and Shri Pradipta Roy, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Scottish Church College, Kolkata who deliberated about key aspects of Indo-Israel bilateral relations as to how both nations could collaborate with each other more effectively in this rapidly changing geo-political and economic situation.

The deliberation of the speakers did mark its conclusion with the initiation of an interactive session where several questions were raised by the audience and hence that were adequately addressed by the speakers. The seminar did summarize itself with a brief note and a Vote of thanks by Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India.





Participants and Panellists at the Seminar



Interactive Session
on
Budget 2023: An Interaction
11th February, 2023, RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India as an autonomous Think Tank, has been corresponding on versatile matters related to trade, economy, connectivity, development, culture and social perspectives. In order to review how the Central Budget Proposal 2023-2024 delivered by India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman poses a multi-dimensional approach and an inclusive growth, an interactive session was organized by the institute on 11th February, 2023 at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata from 5 pm onwards.

The Interactive Session was addressed by Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India who

commemorated the event while felicitating the guests and delivering his welcome address. Followed to which the Chairperson of the event Shri N.G. Khaitan – President, Bharat Chamber of Commerce shared his valuable observation, especially how the Central Budget 2023 has allocated funds and had laid opportunities to MSMEs, created job opportunities, ramped up capital spending on roads and connectivity hence reviews lucrative for the investors.

The Distinguished Speakers included Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharyya, Head Economics Division, Indian Institute for Foreign Trade (IIFT), Shri Shantanu Som, Founder and CEO, Somnetics (Som Imaging Informatics) and Smt. Soma Banerjee, Director Business Brio, Member of Steering Committee-NASSCOM, 10000 Start-Ups. Over interaction with the Chairperson the Distinguished Speakers discussed how the central budget 2023-2024 could compensate the losses ushered during the pandemic in the country and how it promotes scope for the women entrepreneurship and economic mainstreaming of women through vibrant and secured schemes. The Speakers did highlight how the Central Budget 2023-2024 could secure a pro development provisions including sustainable planning and energy transition, Inclusive growth through tech enabled economy, impetus to EV sector, securing exemptions to lithium iron cells from paying tax duty, fill viability gap funding to support battery energy storage system. The Speakers asserted that the given budget would enable India's plan to become an engine for global growth and deploy digital as leading India's development. The event initiated an interaction between the participants and the speakers and marked its valedictory by the Programme Administrator of the institute.

**BUDGET 2023:
AN INTERACTION**

INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL AND
CULTURAL STUDIES, INDIA

11th February, 2023; 5.00 pm
RTC, ICCR, Kolkata
9A, Ho Chi Minh Sarani,
Kolkata - 700071

Welcome Address
Shri Arindam Mukherjee
Director, ISCS, India
Chairperson
Shri N. G. Khaitan
President, Bharat Chamber of Commerce

Speakers
Shri Shantanu Som
Founder and CEO, Somnetics (Som Imaging Informatics)
Dr. Ranajoy Bhattacharyya
Head Economics Division, Indian Institute for Foreign Trade (IIFT)
Smt. Soma Banerjee
*Director Business Brio, Member of
Steering Committee-NASSCOM, 10000 Start-Ups*

You are cordially invited



Felicitations of Advocate N.G. Khaitan



Participants and Panellists at the event

Day Long Conference
on
BIMSTEC Security Cooperation
31st March, 2023; ICCR, Kolkata

On 31st March, 2023, Institute of Social and Cultural Studies organized a day-long seminar on “BIMSTEC Security Cooperation” at the RTC, ICCR where distinguished speakers from the BIMSTEC nations did deliberate on how sub regional platform like BIMSTEC can address key non-traditional security issues like counter terrorism, cyber and energy security, disaster management etc. The event received collaboration of the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) was partnered by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

The International Seminar commenced with the welcome address of Shri Arindam Mukherjee, Director, ISCS, India followed by the address of the Chief Guest of the event – Former Air Chief Marshal Shri Arup Raha who shared his valuable observation regarding BIMSTEC Security Cooperation from varied perspectives.

The academic session of the seminar was addressed by distinguished speakers and scholars from the BIMSTEC countries which include Captain (IN) Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation and Adjunct Professor at New Delhi Institute of Management, Vice Admiral (Retd.) Shekhar Sinha, Former Chief of Integrated Defence Staff & Commander in Chief, Western Naval Command, India, Dr. Mahfuz Kabir, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), Dhaka, Captain Sarabjeet S Parm, Senior Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, Ms. Sohini Nayak, Research Associate and Foreign Policy Analyst, ISCS, India, Prof. Indranil Sengupta, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT-Kharagpur, Air Cdre (Retd.) Ishfaq Ilahi Choudhury, Treasurer, East West University Aftabnagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Prof. Rohan Gunaratna, Security Studies at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technology University, Singapore, Sri Gautam Banerjee, Managing Director, Business Brio, Director, Data Science Foundation International, Uttam Sinha, Senior Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, Dr. Pramod Jaiswal, Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Nepal, Dr. Lobzang Dorji, Senior Lecturer, Norbuling Rigter



College, Royal University of Bhutan, Dr. Sirinbhatta Sathabhornwong, Lecturer, Ubon Ratchathani University.

The Speakers in their discourse addressed key issues like the dynamics of maritime security and cooperation among the BIMSTEC nations in this regard, BIMSTEC'S policy initiatives towards countering terrorism and radicalization and the

necessity of energy security and cooperation among the BIMSTEC member countries. The seminar marked its closure with a valedictory speech of Cmde (Dr.) Srikant Kesnur, Ph.D., (Retd.) Former Director, Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC) and Distinguished Academician in Maritime and Naval History, Defence and Diplomacy which was chaired by Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS).



Former Air Chief Marshal Shri Arup Raha delivering his speech



Shri Arindam Mukherjee delivering his welcome address

BOOK FAIR



ISCS Book Stall at 46th International Kolkata Book Fair 2023

As Kolkata enters the last leg of winter, the city gears up for its favourite and one of the most awaited events, the 46th International Kolkata Book Fair 2023 that is being held between 30th January-12th February 2023 at Boimela Prangan, Central Park Mela Ground, Karunamoyee, Salt Lake. The event represents the peak of Bengali energy, tens and thousands of books and food loving Bengalis gather at one place to do what they love most. The

event becomes a place of meet for people from every walk of life – poets, authors, actors, politicians, social workers. The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India also for the fifth time participated in the annual fair of the book industry and presented new release of books on wide range of subjects covering history, politics, socio-cultural aspects and contemporary politics defining Asia and its evolving features. The Institute also displayed its new range of memorabilia in the form of picture post cards on transports of Calcutta, boats of Bengal, musical Instruments and various others to attract art enthusiasts and collectors.



The Book Stall of ISCS was inaugurated on the 31st of January by the Distinguished Guests including Dr. Ajay Pratap Singh, Director General, The National Library of India, Ministry of Culture, GOI, Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Ms. Minakshi Mishra, Zonal Director, Rabindranath Tagore Centre, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Kolkata and Dr. G.V. Subramanian, Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kolkata & Agartala.



Inauguration of ISCS Book Stall



INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME



ISCS Annual School Internship Programme

15th May-15th June, 2022

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India organized a month long Summer School Internship Programme for young students of class IX and X. Eminent schools from Kolkata like The Modern High School For Girls and The Delhi Public School, Ruby Park participated in the designed internship programme. The Internship programme is usually organized to orient students with multiple facets of research and documentation. It also provides an insight in the domain of foreign policy, governance and developmental economics. The module of 2022 Summer internship programme focused on how soft diplomacy is setting itself as an important agent for the country to meet political interests and national objectives.

In order to transpire the theme of the internship module while ensuring COVID-19 mandates online academic sessions were developed. The First one was hosted on 21st May, 2022. The session was conducted by Dr. Shrabana Barua, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi. The Speaker actually taught students how to comprehend research paper, articles and essays. Paraphrasing as well as referencing techniques were also been shared to help students with their academic term paper writings. The second session – “A Conversation with Diplomat” was organized to appraise students about the neighbourhood policy of our country. The Session was addressed by Sri Sandeep Chakravarty, Joint Secretary, Europe West Division, MEA, GOI. The Distinguished Speaker not only deliberated about some essential neighbourhood policies with regard to trade, security and development taken by Government of India with its first neighbours like Bangladesh, Nepal etc., but also shared his experience representing India at various nations as a Foreign Service Official. Students also interacted with the Speaker on multiple aspects between India and Bangladesh and their 50 years of eternal friendship.

Followed to which an exclusive session was organized to determine the “Role of Indian Culture in Indian Foreign Policy”. The session was conducted by Sri Rajesh Purohit, Former Director, Indian Museum, Kolkata. The speaker illustrated on Indian Civilization connectivity, history, Indian art and culture and how these features



have amended an important role in assuring India's security policy and economic goals in recent times. He also explained how media, Indian music, film industry and tourism as marshals are helping the country to better its networks and boost bilateral relations with countries at a par. As a part of their assignments students were asked to compose a 1200 word write-up on contemporary subjects ranging from environment, education, governances and impact of COVID-19 on sustainability.

As a part of the internship programme students were given chance to participate at the other events that were hosted by the institute during their internship duration. The selected write-ups were also published in the institute's Bi-Monthly "News Reel". On completion of the internship programme participation certificates were given to all the 33 students and the ones whose write-ups were selected were also presented with a gift hamper by the organization.



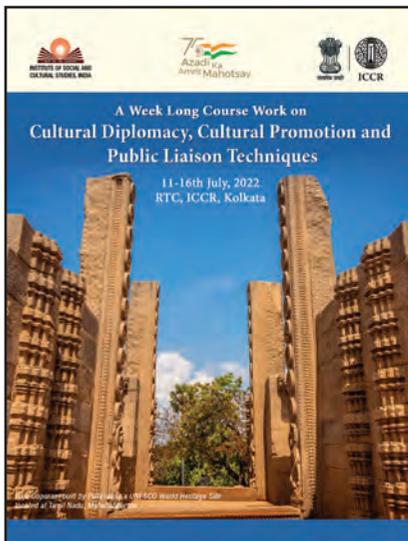
TRAINING PROGRAMMES



Course Work
on
Cultural Diplomacy, Cultural Promotion and Public Liaison Techniques
11-16th July, 2022
RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) organized a six day course work on “Cultural Diplomacy, Cultural Promotion and Public Liaison Techniques” between 11-16th July, 2022 at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata for the 32 newly recruited officials of The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), India.

The Course work was designed with an objective to :



- To orient newly entitled officials of ICCR about Cultural Diplomacy, Cultural Promotion and Public Liaison techniques.
- To enable participants with capacity to examine history, geographies of religion and social changes shaping India and its soaring role at a global stage.
- To surface ideas on how soft diplomacy as creative process through debate, joint reflections, research and experimentation is supporting foreign policy and enabling to correspond on objectives that are of national interest.
- To orient on the module and key objectives of ICCR and regional centers of ICCR contributing towards Indian cultural diplomacy and soft power policy.



Amb. Kumar Tuhin delivering his address



*Prof. Ishani Naskar
Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University.*



Visit at American Centre, Kolkata



The Six Day course work comprehended itself as a package of lectures, presentations and visits to help the officials to understand about the diverse issues like ethnicity, identity, civilizational viseguards between India and its neighbouring territories. The Inaugural of the course work was addressed by Amb. Kumar Tuhin, DG, ICCR while the Special Session “A Conversation with the Diplomat” and the valedictory was addressed by Amb. Rajib Kumar, DDG, ICCR, India.



Prof. Radharaman Chakrabarti, Former Vice Chancellor of Netaji Subhash Open University



Sri Mrityunjay Kumar Singh, Commandant General and Director General of Police, Home Guards, West Bengal & Former Director, ICC, ICCR, Jakarta and Bali.



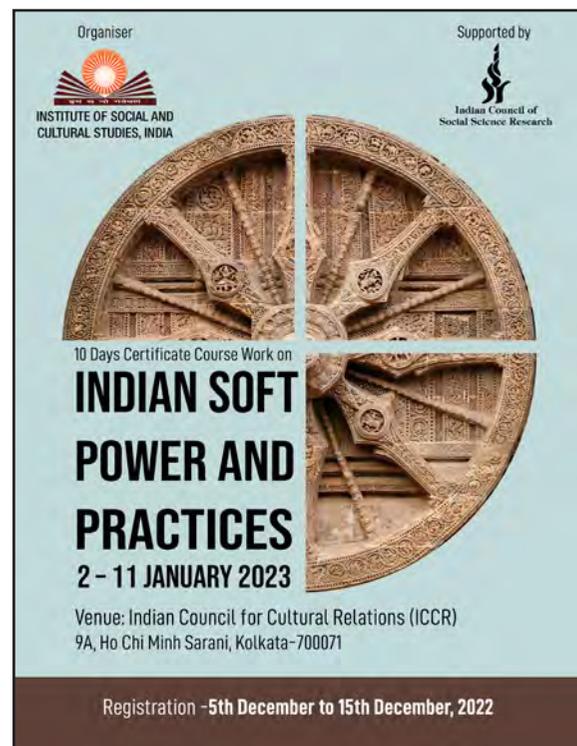
Swami Atmapriyananda Maharaj, Pro-Chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Education and Research Institute.

10 Day Certificate Course Work on Indian Soft Power and Practices

2nd-11th January, 2023

RTC, ICCR, Kolkata

The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS), India as an autonomous forum for more than a decade has been probing into history, culture, identity, and variance of cultural hemisphere of fascinating India and its adjoining regions. In order to transpire how soft power is being used as an important tool to strengthen the country's relation with its neighbours and coastal allies with whom the country shares its civilization linkages, security and socio-economic ties, the institute has designed and organized a 10 Day Certificate Course work on "Indian Soft Power and Practices" in Collaboration with Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) at the RTC, ICCR, Kolkata from 2nd to 11th January, 2023. The course work was so structured that it traced the cultural commonalities between India and its abutting nations. The course also detailed about some of the diverse issues like ethnicity, identity and civilization link-ups affecting interstate relationship between India and adjoining regions. Along with academicians, researchers, post graduate students multi-sectoral stakeholders with interests



Dr. Sarup Prasad Ghosh, Director, MAKAIAS, Kolkata



Prof. Ishani Naskar, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University

in governance, policy implications and history, heritage and socio-cultural diversities participated in the course work. The course work enabled 30 participants from various institutions and regions of India including North East to learn and engage

and exchange ideas, converse, survey and debate with national and international academicians and eminent personalities on multiple cultural themes, social lives and future unfolding and opportunities.



Ms. Keka Sarma, General Secretary, The Bharat Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata



Prof. Barun Kumar Chakraborty- Former Professor Head, Department of Folklore, Kalyani University



Dignitaries with the Course Work participants

PUBLICATIONS



A Glimpse to ISCS's Publication (2022-2023)

Bi-Monthly Bulletins

1. News Reel – Since 2019, with the institute’s Director Sri Arindam Mukherjee as an Editor-in-Chief, ISCS’s Bi-Monthly “News Reel” has been discerned as an interesting compilation that enables wide multi-sectoral global readers and writers to identify and braid dynamic and contemporary narratives on precincts of culture, power and politics. So far, each of its segment has conjured a discrete flavour and accorded Institute’s readers an agility to recognize and learn about stimulating arguments, future indictments, marshalling economy, defence, environmental sustainability altogether.

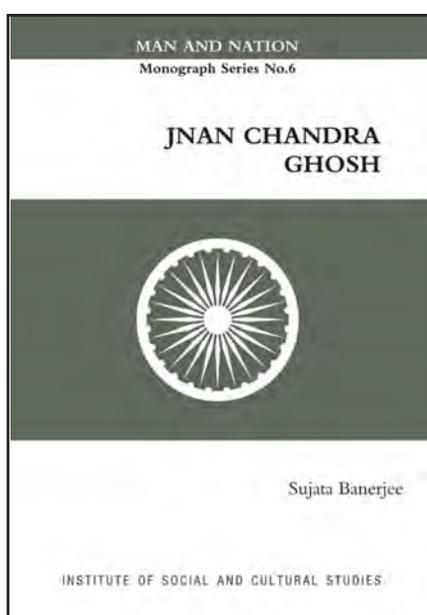
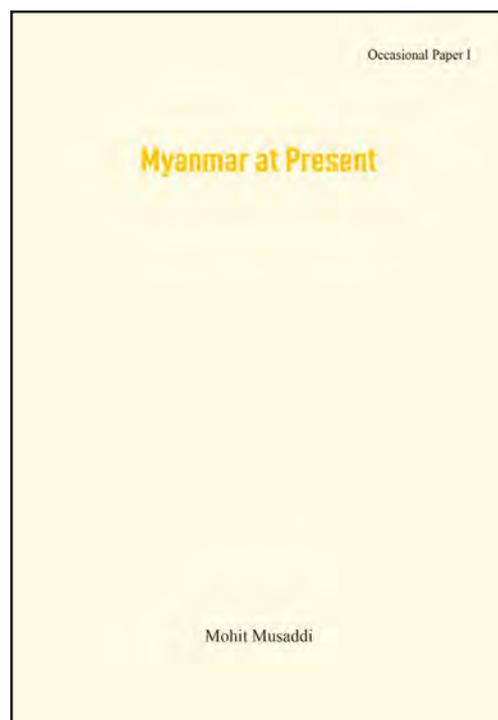


2. Purvodaya: The Rise of Opportunities – The institute’s other Bi-Monthly journal “Purvodaya: The Rise of Opportunities” is published as part of institute’s Chapter on Purvodaya. The Bi-Monthly, with the institute’s Director Sri Arindam Mukherjee as the Editor-in-Chief and Dr. Sujit Kumar Pruseth as the Editor, was launched by Sri Dharmendra Pradhan, Hon’ble Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in November, 2021. The Bulletin, through English/Odia mediums discusses and disseminates the critical and emerging areas of development in the eastern states of India. It focuses on policy related issues on 'Purvodaya' initiative of Government of India. The Bi-Monthly is financed and supported by The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), GOI, from March, 2022 onwards.

Publications

Neighbourhood Studies- Myanmar at Present (ISBN No. 978-81-954876-9-1)

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) had published their first occasional paper “Myanmar at Present” authored by Mohit Musaddi. This prized publication deliberates about the socio-economic, political dynamics of Myanmar after the country’s military leadership took over the power from the hands of the civilian government through a military coup in February, 2021.



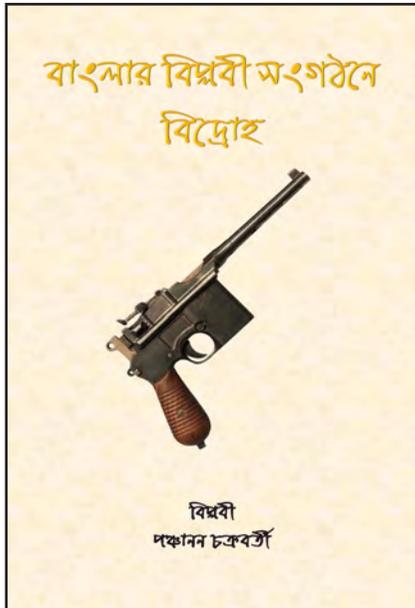
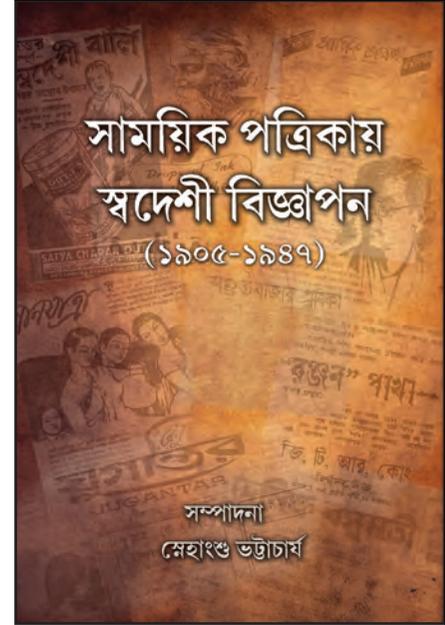
Man and Nation Series- Jnan Chandra Ghosh (ISBN No. 978-81-954876-0-8)

Institute of social and cultural studies had been publishing books at regular interval on the Bengali personalities of the 19th century who through their writings had made valuable contributions to the growth of nationalization. As a part of this endeavor, this year ISCS had published the 6th monograph under Man and Nation series on “Jnan Chandra Ghosh” (ISBN No. 978-81-954876-0-8) authored by Dr Sujata Banerjee, which throws light on Dr. Jnan Chandra Ghose’s views on Indian national building and detailing the relevance of actions in the backdrop of colonialism and the struggle for independence.

Publications from Freedom Struggle Studies

Samoyik Patrikai Swadeshi Bigyapon (ISBN No. 978-81-960749-7-5)

Edited by Snehangshu Bhattacharjee is a compilation of Swadeshi advertisement that came up in the periodicals of Bengal during the period of 1095-47. This book by meaningfully analyzing the advisements published in the periodicals tried to show how Indian indigenous industries used the medium of advertisement to associate themselves with the growing nationalist spirit of India. This book mentions the struggle made by the Indian industrialists in establishing their industries and how they had sustained their business activities competing with the foreign companies.



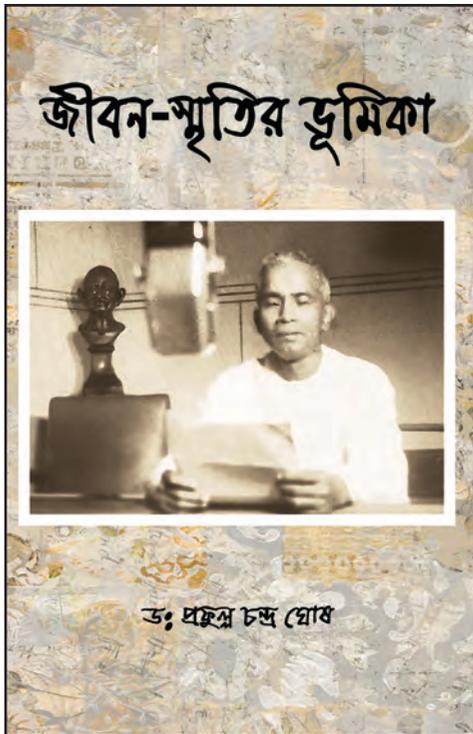
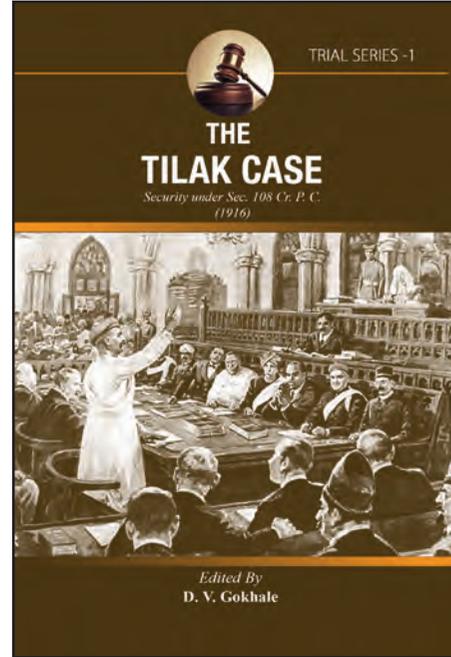
Banglar Biplabi Sangathane Bidroho (ISBN No. 978-81-960749-6-8)

ISCS for long had been carrying out in-depth research studies on the revolutionary movement of India. As a part of this endeavor this year institute reprinted the book of eminent revolutionary Panchanan Chakravarty titled “Banglar Biplabi Sangathane Bidroho”. This book highlighted the revolutionary activities of different groups in Bengal and interestingly pointed out the internal conflicts within these groups also.

The Tilak Case

(ISBN No. 978-81-954876-2-2)

ISCS as a part of its trial series had published its first book which is a reprint of “ The Tilak Case ”. First published in 1916 from Poona city edited by Advocate D.V. Gokhale. The book was a compilation of all significant court papers pertaining to all the three trials faced by Bal Gandadhar Tilak. The contents of the book included the depositions made by the witnesses , recorded arguments by the council and even details of the exhibits tendered before the court.



Jibon Smritir Bhumika

(ISBN No. 978-81-961229-0-4)

This book highlights the political journey of Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghose, the first Chief Minister of Bengal, and his valuable observations on the political scenario of Bengal and India to a large extent.

PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE





Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation minister Liberata Mulamula (R) pictured in Dar es Salaam yesterday receiving a gift from India's High Commissioner to Tanzania, Binaya Pradhan, at the international conference on India-Tanzania relations, organised by the high commission in collaboration with India's Institute of Social and Cultural Studies and the National Museum of Tanzania. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma



DAILY NEWS ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

Tanzania, India commit to enhance film industry

By KAUNGA MAULID

TANZANIA in collaboration with India has endeavoured to send film artists to India with the aim of learning and exchanging skills in developing the film industry in the country.

This was revealed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and East African Cooperation Liberata Mulamula when she inaugurated the two-day International Conference on India-Tanzania Relations at the India High Commission to Tanzania in Dar es Salaam.

"In cooperation with India, which has made great strides in film technology, we will send our artists to India with the aim of learning and exchanging film making skills so that we can make progress as we have made progress in music industry," she said.

She also said that in order to achieve this, they have already signed an agreement on developing and promoting the film industry in the country.

Also, Mulamula said that this is the time for various Tanzanian artists to use these opportunities in order to promote the film industry in the country and abroad.

Adding, the Minister said the film industry is very important in the country because

it promotes more the country's economy to a large extent since the Royal Tour Film has opened the country's doors for investment.

The Minister thanked the Indian High Commissioner for organising the International Conference on India-Tanzania Relations which she said will be very productive especially for the youth.

On his side, the Director of Museums and House of Culture Achilles Bufure said that Tanzania through the national museum has had many examples that show that there is a great relationship between the two countries.

Achilles has also said that India has been cooperating with Tanzania for centuries in cultural matters where they used to exchange various cultural items.

Also, the Indian High Commissioner Binaya Pradhan said India is ready to partner with Tanzania in raising the film industry because Tanzania is the biggest partner in Africa due to our long relationship.

In order to ensure this, Binaya also said they hope to publish a book in the Swahili language that will contain the history of the relationship between these two countries and will be placed in libraries in India.

HABARILEO JUMAMOSI OKTOBA 1, 2022

Ujenzi Hospitali ya Apollo Dar waiva

Na Francisca Emmanuel

BALOZI wa India nchini, Binaya Pradhan amesema ujenzi wa Hospitali ya Apollo ndiye utanza hivi karibuni Maska mkoani Dar es Salaam.

Balozi Pradhan amesema kati ya Oktoba na Novemba, mwaka huu wataarua kutafuta makandarasi wa hospitali hiyo ya saratani.

Alikuwa akizungumza katika kongamano lililoandaliwa na ubalozi huo jana Dar es Salaam ambalo mgeni rasmi alikuwa Waziri wa Mambo ya Nje na Ushirikiano wa Afrika Mashariki, Balozi Liberata Mulamula.

Balozi Mulamula alisema kutokana na Tanzania kupeleka wagonjwa wengi wa saratani katika Hospitali ya Apollo, wameamua kujenga hospitali hiyo nchini ili kurahisisha uotoaji wa huduma na kupunguza gharama.

Aidha, Balozi Pradhan alisema India na Tanzania zimekuwa na mahusiano mazuri ya kidiplomasia kwa muda mrefu ambayo yamejenga msingi imara katika biashara, uwekezaji na utamaduni kati ya nchi hizo.

Alisema India ni nchi ya tano kwa uwekezaji na biashara Tanzania kwani wawekezaji kutoka India wamewekeza mtaji wa kiasi cha Dola za Marekani bilioni 3.7.

"Biashara kati ya Tanzania na India imekuwa kutoka Dola za Marekani bilioni 1.2 hadi Dola za Marekani bilioni 2.2

sawa na asilimia 9.3 na tunatarajia kukua kwa soko kwa sababu tutaongeza usafinshaji wa zao la parachichi," alisema Balozi Pradhan.

Balozi Mulamula amesema zaidi ya Watanzania 4,500 wamenufaika na ufadhili wa kinaswimu uliotolewa na Scailali ya India katika sekta mbalimbali. Aidha, alisema watahikikiana na ubalozi huo kuhakikisha wanaendeleza Watanzania katika kutengeneza filamu nzuri zitakazouzwa ndani na rje ya nchi.

Alisema kongamano hilo linalenga kufanya tathmini ya mahusiano kati ya Tanzania na India kabla na baada ya Uhuru na namna ya kuendeleza ushirikiano huo.

"Tunaangalia tulipotoka, tulipo na tunapokwenda, kwani India imeweza kutuletea misaada mingi katika kuboresha sekta za maji, kilimo, afya, elimu na nyingine na Watanzania zaidi ya 4,500 wamenufaika na scholarship (ufadhili wa masomo) walizoitoka katika maceo mbalimbali," alisema Balozi Mulamula.

Alisema ubalozi huo pia unatarajia kuanzisha Taasisi ya Teknolojia ya Habari na Mawasiliano (Tehama) nchini ili kukuzwa teknolojia.

Naye Mkurugenzi wa Makumbusho na Nyumba ya Utamaduni, Achilles Bufure alisema makumbusho ina vielelezo mbalimbali vina-nyoashina mahusiano kati ya Tanzania na India kama vile picha, jahazi na ramani.

India iko tayari kusomesha Watanzania ubaharia

Na Francisca Emmanuel

BALIZI wa India nchini, Binaya Pradhan amesema ndiye yake iko tayari kufadhili vijana wa kutoka kuuza mawala mbalimbali ya bahari ili kuhakikisha usalama baharini unakuwepo na kukaza uchumi wa bahari.

Alisema katika nafasi 700 wazunguzo kufadhili mawala mbalimbali kila mwaka, hukuma vijana kutoka Tanzania wanakwama kuwama mawala vijana wanaoahusika bahari ikiwa ni pamoja na...

majiga ya watawazota kutoka India kwa ajili ya kujitua kwa mawala mbalimbali ya bahari ikiwa ni pamoja na...

"Tako tayari kufadhili vijana wengi wanakwama kuuza mawala mbalimbali zilizotokana na bahari katika nguzo mbalimbali ikiwa ni pamoja na...

Aliongeza kuwa India wanaotakiwa kutoa mipango katika mawala mbalimbali vijana wanaoahusika na uchumi wa bahari...

kutokana na utayari wa serikali jireba ambalo itachochea ukwaji wa uchumi wa bahari kwa kuongeza wotekezaji kuingiza bahari.

Kwa upande wake, Katibu Mkuu wa Chao cha Bandari Dar es Salaam (DMIL) Dr. Tazmiti Gaturamu alisema kuwa wazunguzo katika mawala mbalimbali wa bahari bora, wana uhitaji wa watawazota waliopita katika mawala ya bahari hivi, kuna inatolewa na utayari bora...

Alisema Wakala wa Mali Tanzania (TASA) ambao ndio watawazota mawala ya bahari, wana uhitaji wa watawazota waliopita katika mawala ya bahari hivi, kuna inatolewa na utayari bora...

Alisababisha kuwa kwa njia mwingi hukukumu na masitizi wa kuuza mawala ya bahari na kuuza mawala ya bahari...

bahari mawala kuanzishwa kuwa itatupa vijana wengi kwa ajili ya uchumi wa bahari na kuuza mawala ya bahari...

"Kwa mujibu wa Dr. Gaturamu ili kupata ofisi mwenye masitizi wa bahari mawala mawala...

Dr. Gaturamu alidhiha kuwa watawazota vijana wanaoahusika bahari wote wenyewe wote na waliokwama...

DAILY NEWS MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

Indo-TZ Meet: Preserve Culture for generations

By KAUNGA MAULID

TANZANIANS have been urged to remember, appreciate and respect their culture in order to help the future generations to know where they came from and where they are going.

This was reminded by the Executive Secretary at National Sports Council's (NSC) Keshari Mapana when closing the International conference on India-Tanzania relationship at the High Commission of India in Tanzania yesterday.

...communities who have carried their culture."

"In order to achieve this, it needs to send the culture and tradition to schools so as to be easily transformed from one generation to another through students in schools."

"In Tanzania we have many traditions and dances that are old but now we must not forget to send them to schools to help our children learn about our traditions and customs when they are still young," he added.

...will continue to cooperate in the preservation of antiquities and various things that have had a great history between the countries."

He also suggested the establishment of mobile and digital exhibitions that will be moved from one place to another.

In retrospect, Bafire said that they wish to have a special room or a museum that will involve various things that are related to cultural relations between these two countries.

...discussion between these two countries, we have agreed to cooperate in sports issues together with artist groups," he said.

He also added that despite India publishing a book in Kiswahili language, they are also in the process of preparing the Indian language to be taught in Tanzania.

On his side, the Head of the Institute of Arts and Culture (IASAC) in Bagamoyo Herbert Makoye who was representing the Minister of Culture Arts and Sports Mohamed Mchengeza said this event reminds of the cultural relationship between both countries.

"Through relationships, we should ask ourselves where our traditions are and how we carry our traditions from one community to another so that future generations know where they came from, where they are and where they are going," said Mapana.

Also, Mapana said that they plan to give priority to the cultural concerns that will be held in the country in all ages, especially our youth.

In addition to that, Mapana raised and captured the emotions of the people in the session immediately after providing a beautiful entertainment with a flavor of African nature using a flute.

"The Ministry will implement all that was discussed in this session that lasted two days for the benefit of both countries."

"So Tanzanians, especially artists, should recognize the value of their culture and embrace this opportunity for co-operation between these two countries," he said.

"In these two days of discussion, we have agreed to cooperate in sports issues together with artist groups," he said.

Nipashe HABARI KITAIFA

India kuisaidia Tanzania mkakati uchumi wa buluu

Na Romanus Malya

INDIA imesaidia miji yake ya kusaidia Tanzania kuuza mawala ya bahari kwa kuongeza wotekezaji kuuza mawala ya bahari...

Alisababisha kuwa kwa njia mwingi hukukumu na masitizi wa kuuza mawala ya bahari na kuuza mawala ya bahari...

...INDIA imesaidia miji yake ya kusaidia Tanzania kuuza mawala ya bahari kwa kuongeza wotekezaji kuuza mawala ya bahari...

Alisababisha kuwa kwa njia mwingi hukukumu na masitizi wa kuuza mawala ya bahari na kuuza mawala ya bahari...



UNI **United News of India**
India's Multi-Lingual News Agency
Wednesday, Apr 19 2023 | Time 18:58 Hrs(IST)

Home News Photo Hindi Kannada Urdu Bangla About UNI Contact us JOBS PRESS RELEASES Login

India World Sports Business & Economy Entertainment States Parliament

States »
East

Posted at Mar 22 2023 4:14PM

BIMSTEC Silver Jubilee Meet to Focus on Food Security, Climate & People to People Contact

Kolkata, March 22 (UNI) Marking the 25th anniversary of its formation, BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) nations will get together here on March 25 for a two-day ministerial conference that will deal with issues like climate change, food security, communication and finding ways to increase people to people contact among other things.

Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Thailand and India form the BIMSTEC stakeholders working in close cooperation on various allied fields, according to a media statement here on Wednesday.

Please log in to get detailed story.

Tags: #BIMSTEC Silver Jubilee Meet to Focus on Food Security # Climate & People to People Contact

UNI Photo

KOLKATA, APR 19 (UNI)- Social groups serving hydration drinks to passers-by in the scorching heat in Kolkata on Wednesday. UNI

Other Links

UNIVARTA (News Agency)

THE WEEK MAGAZINE

MESSAGE US SUBSCRIBE

HOME INDIA WORLD BUSINESS SPORTS SCITECH LEISURE ENTERTAINMENT HEALTH EDUCATION VIDEOS MORE

Home Wire Updates NATIONAL

BIMSTEC meet in Kolkata from Mar 25 experts to discuss issues of regional cooperation

PTI | Updated: March 23, 2023 15:44 IST

Kolkata, Mar 22 (PTI) The two-day BIMSTEC ministerial conference, scheduled to be held in Kolkata from March 25, will deal with issues of climate change and food security, a press statement said.

Experts from various fields will discuss issues of regional cooperation among the seven members of 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC) -- which will form the bedrock of bilateral relations in the future, it said.

"This conference has been designed to address all persisting issues and challenges in BIMSTEC with a country-wise representation and perspective. This programme is a blueprint of the policies that can be implemented, and will highlight what has not worked in the past and what can be made better for future endeavours," said Arindam Mukherjee, the director of the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, one of the organisers of the event.

The inaugural session on March 25 will be attended by West Bengal Governor C V Ananda Bose, minister of State (external affairs) Rajkumar Ranjan Singh among others.

As India has embarked on its journey towards an empowered and inclusive 'Amrit Kaal' through the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' mantra, celebrating 75 years of Independence, the collective resolve has been to address a concerted multilateral goal with its valuable stakeholders, Mukherjee added.

(This story has not been edited by THE WEEK and is auto-generated from PTI)

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA Search... Subscriber Login PTI Videos

HOME NATIONAL INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS ENTERTAINMENT SPORTS LEGAL HEALTH & LIFESTYLE PRESS RELEASES BHASHA FACT CHECK

National

BIMSTEC meet in Kolkata from Mar 25; experts to discuss issues of regional cooperation

Updated: Mar 23 2023 3:25PM

Kolkata, Mar 22 (PTI) The two-day BIMSTEC ministerial conference, scheduled to be held in Kolkata from March 25, will deal with issues of climate change and food security, a press statement said.

Experts from various fields will discuss issues of regional cooperation among the seven members of 'Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation' (BIMSTEC) -- which will form the bedrock of bilateral relations in the future, it said.

"This conference has been designed to address all persisting issues and challenges in BIMSTEC with a country-wise representation and perspective. This programme is a blueprint of the policies that can be implemented, and will highlight what has not worked in the past and what can be made better for future endeavours," said Arindam Mukherjee, the director of the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, one of the organisers of the event.

Please log in to get detailed story.

B BENGAL NEWS24 রাজনীতি ▾ স্বাস্থ্য কৃষি গবেষণা অর্থ-বাণিজ্য টেক-গ্যাজেট ভ্রমণ আরও ▾

নিজস্ব প্রতিবেদক
বেঙ্গল নিউজ টোয়েন্টিফোর
২৫ মার্চ ২০২৩

f t w a e

বঙ্গোপসাগরের একটি কার্যকর আঞ্চলিক সংস্থা বিমস্টেক

2nd ISCS BIMSTEC CONFERENCE
BIMSTEC : 25 Years of Driving Force behind Neighbourhood Cooperation
25th March, 2023; Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata



খাদ্যসংকট দূরীকরণে বিমস্টেককে ভারতের অর্থ সাহায্য

Watch later Share

বাংলা

2nd ISCS BIMSTEC CONFERENCE
25 Years of Driving Force behind Neighbourhood Cooperation

বিমস্টেক সম্মেলন

আমাদের টুইটার হ্যাভেল : @DDBanglaNews

আমাদের ফেসবুক

5:06 PM

0:30 1:23

YouTube



Contact Privacy Policy Terms Advertisement

বুধবার, ১৯ এপ্রিল ২০২৩
সংস্করণ: বাংলা ০

সংবাদ সারাবেলা
মাঝের কথা বলে

সর্বশেষ প্রচ্ছদ বাংলাদেশ বিশ্ব রাজনীতি খেলা বিনোদন বাণিজ্য লাইফ স্টাইল চিত্রিত অন্যান্য -

বিমস্টেকের ২৫তম বার্ষিকীতে খাদ্য সংকটের উপর জোর ভারতের

আন্তর্জাতিক ডেস্ক
০৯ মার্চ ২০২৩, ১৬:৫৪ PM | ১০৯৫৫৫ ৯৯ ৯৯ ৯৯৯৯
১০ ৫৫ PM

2nd ISCS BIMSTEC CONFERENCE
BIMSTEC : 25 Years of Driving Force behind Neighbourhood Cooperation
25th March, 2023; Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata



ভারতের পররাষ্ট্র মন্ত্রণালয়ের মাননীয় প্রতিমন্ত্রী, রাজকুমার রনাল্ড সিং বিমস্টেকের ২৫ তম বার্ষিকী উপলক্ষে দুইদিনের বিমস্টেক বৈঠকের উদ্বোধন করেন। পরবর্তীতে তিনি সদস্য দেশগুলোর মধ্যে খাদ্য সংকটের সমাধানের জন্য ভারতের দুই উৎপাদনের উপর জোর প্রদান করেন।

বে অফ বেঙ্গল ইনিসিয়েটিভ ফর মাল্টি-সেক্টরাল টেকনিক্যাল অ্যান্ড ইকোনমিক কো-অপারেশনের (বিমস্টেক) উদ্বোধনী অধিবেশনের বক্তৃতায় তিনি বলেন, ভারতের প্রধানমন্ত্রী শ্রী চাফেই ওরফের সাথে দেখাছেন। শ্রী অলপাথু মহেশ্বরী একটি ফসল এবং এর পুষ্টিগুণ অনেক বেশি। শ্রী উৎপাদনে কম পরিমাণ জলের প্রয়োজন এবং এটি যেকোন পরিবেশেই জন্মাতে পারে। তাই খাদ্য খাটতি মেটোতে শ্রীর অনেক গুরুত্ব রয়েছে।

বিমস্টেকের স্বল্প আন্তর্জাতিক আইনি বাস্তব এবং ক্রমবর্ধমান গুরুত্ব দেখে আশঙ্কিত হন তিনি। বিমস্টেক সমন্বিতভাবে সমস্যার সমাধান করতে পারে, কাজ করতে পারে এবং এমনভাবে সহযোগিতা করতে পারে যা ভারতীয় এই অঞ্চলে টেকসই উন্নয়ন লক্ষ্যমাত্রা অর্জনে সহায়ক। ভারত সরকার বিমস্টেকের আঞ্চলিক সংস্থার প্রতি প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ। এই কারণেই ২০২২ সালে, শ্রীলঙ্কা সম্মেলনে বিমস্টেক সচিবালয়ের নারেন্দ্র মোদি আর্থিক সহায়ন নিয়েছেন। বিমস্টেক এখন বঙ্গোপসাগরের একটি কার্যকর আঞ্চলিক সংস্থা হয়ে উঠেছে।

উদ্বোধনী অধিবেশনে বক্তৃতাকালে, বিমস্টেকের মহাসচিব তেনিটান লেকফেল বলেন, বঙ্গোপসাগরে অদ্বিতীয় পঞ্চম বিমস্টেক শীর্ষ সম্মেলনের এক বছর পর এই মাসের শুরুতে অদ্বিতীয় ১৯ তম বিমস্টেক মন্ত্রী পর্যায়ে বৈঠকের পরপরই সম্মেলনটি অনুষ্ঠিত হচ্ছে। ব্যাংককে ৬ষ্ঠ বিমস্টেক শীর্ষ সম্মেলন অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। বিমস্টেকের ১৪ টি সহযোগিতা ক্ষেত্রে ৭ টি উপায়ে বিভক্ত করা হয়েছে এবং প্রতিটি সদস্য দেশ এই উপায়ে তাদের দায়িত্ব গ্রহণ করবে।

বিমস্টেক কনভেনশন অন ফৌজদারি বিষয়ে পারস্পরিক আইনি সহায়তা, কূটনৈতিক একাডেমিক্যালের মধ্যে পারস্পরিক সহযোগিতার বিষয়ে সমঝোতা স্মারক, কলম্বোতে বিমস্টেক প্রযুক্তি স্থানান্তর সুবিধা প্রতিষ্ঠার বিষয়ে এমওইউ এবং পরিবহন সংযোগের জন্য বিমস্টেক মাস্টার প্রান গ্রহণ দেখায় যে বিমস্টেক সঠিক পথে এগিয়ে যাচ্ছে।

১৯ তম মন্ত্রী পর্যায়ের বৈঠকটিতে বিমস্টেক মেরিটাইম ট্রাফিক পোর্ট কো-অপারেশন চুক্তি অনুমোদিত হয়েছে, যা সদস্য রাষ্ট্রগুলোকে উল্লেখযোগ্যভাবে উপকৃত করবে কারণ এটি নৌকায় বিনামূল্যে প্রবেশাধিকার দেবে এবং সদস্য দেশগুলোর মধ্যে পণ্য ও পণ্যসম্পদের বাণিজ্য ও পরিবহন বৃদ্ধি করবে।

আইএসসিএস ডিরেক্টর শ্রী অরিন্দম মুখার্জি বলেন, এই সম্মেলনটিতে দেশভিত্তিক প্রতিনিধিত্ব এবং দৃষ্টিভঙ্গি সহ বিমস্টেকের সমস্ত স্থায়ী সমস্যা এবং চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলার জন্য কি কি পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করতে হবে সবকিছু নিয়ে আলোচনা করা হবে। এই প্রোগ্রামটি কেবল ঐ নীতিগুলো বাস্তবায়ন করা যেতে পারে তার একটি নীলনকশা নয়, বরং অতীতে কোন কাজগুলো করা হয় নি এবং ভবিষ্যতে কোন পদক্ষেপগুলো গ্রহণ করতে হবে সে বিষয়েও আলোচনা করবে।

উল্লেখ্য বিমস্টেক ১৯৯৭ সালের জুন মাসে প্রতিষ্ঠিত। তখন এটি বিই-ইসি নামে পরিচিত ছিল। এর প্রতিষ্ঠাতা সদস্য দেশ বাংলাদেশ, ভারত, শ্রীলঙ্কা এবং থাইল্যান্ড এর নামে এ নামকরণ করা হয়েছিল।

পরবর্তীতে ১৯৯৭ সালে মিয়ানমার এতে যোগ দেয়। ২০০৪ সালের ফেব্রুয়ারিতে যোগ দেয় নেপাল এবং ভূটান। বিমস্টেকের সদস্য দেশ বাংলাদেশের চাকার। ২০১৪ সালে বাংলাদেশের প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনা এ সদস্যপদের উদ্বোধন করেন। ২০২২ সালের মার্চ মাসে, কলম্বোতে পঞ্চম শীর্ষ সম্মেলনে, বিমস্টেক সদস্য দেশগুলো স্বাক্ষর করে এবং পরবর্তীতে এটি গৃহীত হয়।

বর্তমানে বিমস্টেক সদস্য দেশগুলোর মধ্যে প্রযুক্তিগত এবং অর্থনৈতিক সহযোগিতার উদ্দেশ্য নিয়ে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এর প্রধান উদ্দেশ্য হলো বাণিজ্য, বিনিয়োগ ও শিল্প, প্রযুক্তি, মানবসম্পদ উন্নয়ন, পর্যটন, কৃষি, জ্বালানি, এবং অবকাঠামো ও পরিবহন যাতে নির্দিষ্ট সহযোগিতা প্রকল্প চিহ্নিতকরণ ও বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে দ্রুত উন্নয়ন।

কারা-কাহিনি

সংগ্রামের সঙ্গে কারাগার শব্দটি প্রায় অবিচ্ছেদ্য ভাবেই জড়িয়ে। পৃথিবীর সব প্রান্তেই সংগ্রামীদের জেলবন্দি করার ইতিহাস অপরিচিত নয়। দক্ষিণ আফ্রিকাতেও বর্ণবিষেবের বিরুদ্ধে লড়াই করার জন্য ২৭ বছর জেলে কাটাতে হয়েছিল প্রাক্তন প্রেসিডেন্ট নেলসন ম্যান্ডেলা। এ বার নেলসন ম্যান্ডেলা আন্তর্জাতিক দিবস উপলক্ষে কারাগারের ইতিবৃত্ত নিয়ে এক আলোচনাসভা আয়োজিত হতে চলেছে ইনস্টিটিউট অফ সোশ্যাল অ্যান্ড কালচারাল স্টাডিজ-এ। অনুষ্ঠানের শিরোনাম 'কারা কাহিনি'। ১৮ জুলাই, সোমবার, বিকেল ৬টায় আইসিসিআর-এর পঞ্চম তলের সম্মেলন কক্ষ-১ এ অনুষ্ঠানে মুখ্য বক্তা ইনস্টিটিউটের পরিচালক অরিন্দম মুখোপাধ্যায়। তাঁর কথায় উঠে আসবে মধ্য ভারত মহাসাগরীয় অঞ্চলের নানা ঐতিহাসিক কারাগারের বিবরণ।

Ei Samay

কারা-কাহিনি

প্রতি বছর ১৮ জুলাই পালিত হয় নেলসন ম্যান্ডেলার জন্মদিন, তাঁর নামাঙ্কিত আন্তর্জাতিক দিবস হিসেবে। সামাজিক ন্যায়ের পক্ষে তাঁর সংগ্রামের অচ্ছেদ্য অংশ ছিল কারাবাস। প্রাচীন কাল থেকে শুরু করে আজও সমান প্রাসঙ্গিক কারাগার, দুর্বই তার ভার। ১৮ জুলাইয়ের আবহে আন্দামান-নিকোবর, মায়ানমার, ভিয়েতনাম, তানজানিয়া-সহ এশিয়া ও আফ্রিকার ঐতিহাসিক কয়েকটি কারাগার নিজে ঘুরে দেখার কথা বলবেন অরিন্দম মুখোপাধ্যায়, আগামী সোমবার সন্ধ্যা ৬টায়, আইসিসিআর-এর পঞ্চম তলের সভাকক্ষে; সভামুখ্য চয়ন মুখোপাধ্যায়। ইন্ডিয়ান ইনস্টিটিউট অব সোশ্যাল অ্যান্ড কালচারাল স্টাডিজ (আইএসসিএস বাংলা)-এর উদ্যোগে এই অনুষ্ঠান, 'কারা কাহিনি'।

Anandabazar Patrika

Justice Sivagnanam was born in 1963. In 1986, he started as a lawyer with the Tamil Nadu Bar Council. He became a judge in 2000 and was made a permanent HC Judge in 2011. The Supreme Court Collegium had on February 9 recommended the appointment of Justice Sivagnanam as Calcutta High Court chief justice. Chief Justice Prakash...

va, in his farewell speech on Thursday, said he was proud to be part of this high court and remembered the support of his family to help him face the pressures which come with the office of the chief justice. He said whether he succeeded in his work will be determined by how well he is remembered by the HC lawyers.

Amul Taaza
₹54* / 1 L
500 mL: ₹27* | 15g Protein
*MRP (incl. of all taxes, transportation and mailing charges excluded). Availability varies by city. For any promotional enquiries, please contact us on WhatsApp: 022-23822122 | Email: 022-2382210001 | Khargapur: 022-23821937

Supported by

Day Long Seminar on
BIMSTEC SECURITY COOPERATION
on
31st March, 2023 at 10:00 am to 5:20 pm
ICCR, 9A, Ho Chi Minh Sarani, Kolkata - 700071

TOPICS

Review To BIMSTEC Maritime Framework and Future Orientations

BIMSTEC: Countering Terrorism and Radicalization

BIMSTEC: An Instrument Towards Energy Security Cooperation

Participation by Invitation

Times of India (Kolkata), 31st March, 2023

Cops recover, return ₹1 lakh lost in power bill fraud

PLAINT LODGED 8 MONTHS AGO

Kolkata: A computer teacher and founder of a computer training centre at Behala has complained that his social media accounts were hacked while he was researching on the upcoming versions of ChatGPT, it was said.

He had clicked on certain links that led to his accounts being hacked and redirected to a profile of a woman with fake photos.

The teacher, Mihir Mallick, has lodged a complaint with the cyber cell on Thursday. "I was browsing Facebook and clicked on a sponsored ad related to ChatGPT. I was logged out within minutes. The browser showed the name of a woman," Mallick said.

Rohan Chatterjee, cyber expert and special public prosecutor said hackers are using the popularity of OpenAI's artificial intelligence chatbot to dupes people. "One shouldn't click any link as there is high risk it's a hoax," Chatterjee said. "Those looking to use ChatGPT without getting accustomed should go to the OpenAI website - https://openai.com/ or AI chatbots like 'Bard' and 'Google Gemini'."

Teacher's social media accounts hacked

CYBER FRAUD

Kolkata: A computer teacher and founder of a computer training centre at Behala has complained that his social media accounts were hacked while he was researching on the upcoming versions of ChatGPT, it was said.

He had clicked on certain links that led to his accounts being hacked and redirected to a profile of a woman with fake photos.

The teacher, Mihir Mallick, has lodged a complaint with the cyber cell on Thursday. "I was browsing Facebook and clicked on a sponsored ad related to ChatGPT. I was logged out within minutes. The browser showed the name of a woman," Mallick said.

Rohan Chatterjee, cyber expert and special public prosecutor said hackers are using the popularity of OpenAI's artificial intelligence chatbot to dupes people. "One shouldn't click any link as there is high risk it's a hoax," Chatterjee said. "Those looking to use ChatGPT without getting accustomed should go to the OpenAI website - https://openai.com/ or AI chatbots like 'Bard' and 'Google Gemini'."

Organized by

2nd ISCS BIMSTEC CONFERENCE

25 Years of Driving Force behind Neighbourhood Cooperation

25th & 26th March, 2023 | Hotel Taj Bengal, Kolkata

Chief Guest
Mr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
Hon'ble Minister of State, MEA
Government of India

Guest of Honour
Mr. Tenzin Lephell
Hon'ble Secretary General
BIMSTEC Secretariat, Dhaka

Entry by Invitation only

Partner

GOLD & SILVER ARE TESTED BY MACHINE WITHOUT MELTING

WE BUY OLD GOLD & SILVER AGAINST CASH

ADYAMA GOLD JEWELLERY

GARIBAT	98303 30106
KALIGHAT	98303 30108
BHAVANIPUR	98303 30109
HATBAGAN	98303 30119
BHALA	98303 30181
CHITRA STREET	98303 30180
AMANKAN	98303 30182
TIRANAI	98303 30183
CA	98303 30184

Times of India (Kolkata), 25th March, 2023



Kolkata Declaration

Roadmap for a Rejuvenated BIMSTEC 2nd ISCS BIMSTEC Conference

March 25-26, 2023, Taj Bengal, Kolkata, India

- The Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) organised the 2nd ISCS BIMSTEC Conference: 25 Years of Driving Force behind Neighbourhood Cooperation, in Kolkata, India on 25th and 26th March, 2023. The conference was the second in the series organised by the ISCS and hosted participants from all seven BIMSTEC countries.

- The salient points and suggestions as of the outcome of the deliberations based on the thematic sessions are as follows:

Strengthening Regional Solidarity through Transport Connectivity

- BIMSTEC can act as an enabler for the landlocked member states Nepal and Bhutan to access the region's vast maritime networks.
- The BIMSTEC nations have acquired successful implementation of the Agreement for Maritime Transport initiative and have also gained significant momentum in the Master Plan for Transport Connectivity initiative for road, railways, air, and maritime transport.
- Bridging South and Southeast Asia through connectivity will open many avenues to facilitate a robust ecosystem for commerce. Focusing on the hard and soft infrastructure is critical to the way forward.
- Conduct regular workshops to monitor the status of ongoing projects.

Food Security and Value Chain Approach

- Myanmar is the lead country for the agricultural and food security sector and has been envisaging agricultural modernisation and value addition. The focus remains on intensifying food security, promoting cost efficient cultivation through technological innovation while enhancing farmers' income.
- BIMSTEC member states must explore opportunities in food processing and value addition for strengthening the agricultural pillar of cooperation.





- The member states should focus on growing climate resilient crops with high nutritional value to address the prevailing food crisis across the region.
- BIMSTEC should address food insecurity by increasing awareness, promoting relevant policies to curb food wastage, and enhancing agricultural development to support and attain SDG targets.

Imperatives and Initiatives on Climate Change

- Bhutan, the lead country for the environment and climate change sector has managed to preserve and increase forest cover, however, such efforts need to be taken at the regional level to avert the impacts of climate change. Green initiative and other energy initiatives are being proposed to encourage a sustainable future.
- Focus should be on cultivating clean energy through developing technologies in solar, nuclear and hydrogen sectors.

People-to-people Connect

- The various modes that are being adopted to enhance people-to-people connectivity include cultural exchanges, sports diplomacy, and tourism, among others.
- The BIMSTEC region that has capability of earning USD 200 billion tourism revenue by 2024 has enriching cultural links that can strengthen people-to-people connectivity. Fast tracking implementation and developing an ease in transportation across the region with propositions such as the Buddhist and temple circuits are the need of the hour.
- Sports diplomacy has the power to transcend cultural differences and bring people together.





Educational Cooperation

- Encourage and enhance the research community to develop a culture of common resolution-based thinking, including mutual exchange of data in academia through joint institutions such as BIMSTEC University and BIMSTEC Centre for Coastal and Climate Disaster Management.
- Member states must stress on establishing a multi-disciplinary approach to educational cooperation. Technology Transfer Facility, Task Force on Traditional Medicine and human resource development are the prime components of educational cooperation.
- Youth exchange programs and cultural programs regarding the scope of BIMSTEC and its underlying issues related to the environment, economics, society, and politics need to be facilitated.
- To increase the organisation's visibility, member states must increase research funding and work with local universities to create electives on BIMSTEC.

Cultural Exchanges

- The region has historical links that paves way to forming enriching cultural diversity and a unique mix of identity. Several existing pilgrimage sites where people across the region share and connect with overlapping cultural and historical stories provides an opportunity to forming everlasting links with each of the member states.
- BIMSTEC can provide funding and support to cultural institutions, such as museums, galleries, and performing arts centres for the preservation of heritage and hosting cultural events. Additionally, BIMSTEC can establish a committee to oversee and coordinate these programs to ensure that they are effective and beneficial to all member states.



**TEAM ISCS CELEBRATING
AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV, 2022**



ISCS PARTNERS

NATIONAL



INTERNATIONAL



इ

स

स



Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, India

48/2, Dr. Suresh Sarkar Road
Kolkata- 700 014

dofficeiscs@gmail.com
www.iscskolkata.org