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## Preface

The year 2013 was marked by many lows and few highs both on the domestic and international fronts. On the domestic front, scams and corruption debilitated the government and led to political ruckus both within and outside the Parliament. Rising inflation, slump in investment and manufacturing, free fall of the rupee due to a wide current account deficit and slowdown in growth put question marks on India's success story.

On the international front, the US arriving at an interim nuclear agreement with Iran, the unresolved conflict in Syria, US preparations for the drawdown from Afghanistan and Chinese assertion of power dominated the scene. Edward Snowden's leaks on the NSA's activities created security apprehensions among the comity of nations and turned the heat on a cauldron of privacy concerns. India's neighbourhood witnessed a democratic transition of power with the election of Nawaz Sharif in Pakistan, re-election of Sheikh Hasina in early January 2014 in the midst of political turmoil and poll boycott by the principal opposition party, indecisive Constituent Assembly elections in Nepal and election of Abdullah Yameen in Maldives after dramatic twists and turns. The Tamil issue continued to cast its shadow on Indo-Sri Lankan relations, while efforts to deepen relations with our South East Asian neighbours saw steady progress. All these developments were closely studied and analysed by the VIF, particularly in terms of their impact on India.

While India's external and internal security environment continued to remain under strain, the pace of capacity building and political decisiveness left much to be desired. Uncertainty in Afghanistan about the post drawdown role of the US, the political setting following April 2014 elections and stalemate in talks with the Taliban remained causes of security concerns for India. US efforts to work out an effective exit plan that would







ensure security and stability in the Af-Pak region and contain Jihadi terrorism failed to make much progress. The dilemma of dealing with Pakistan, which could neither be ignored nor trustfully engaged, only compounded the problem. The expectations in Pakistan, generated after the first democratic transition of government, were subdued due to growing entrenchment of Jihadi and radical forces and Pakistan's low will and capacity to deal with them. Hopes of improved Indo-Pak relations through dialogue proved elusive in the wake of continued Pakistani patronage of terrorist groups targeting India and its unwillingness to take action against perpetrators of the 26/11 attacks in Mumbai. Frequent ceasefire violations and infiltration attempts along the LoC by Pakistan further marred peace prospects. The developments in Pakistan and Afghanistan evoked considerable interest and concern in the VIF and remained a focal point of its deliberations with the strategic community and visiting foreign delegations. Besides organising a number of interactions and discussions within, VIF delegations participated in several international deliberations on the subject in Washington, Herat, London, Bangkok, Lahore etc.

Notwithstanding accretion in trade relations, the year witnessed heightening of security concerns emanating from China. Frequent border violations along the LAC, militarization of Tibet and statements of Chinese leaders on Arunachal Pradesh were disquieting. China's emergence as a major power, its ambitious military modernisation programme and long disputed border with India, have security implications for us. Developments in 2013 pertaining to the presence of Chinese troops in POK, building of road and communication infrastructure on Indian territory illegally occupied by Pakistan, increased Pak- China nuclear cooperation, Chinese taking control of Gwadar port, etc are indicative of the deepening Sino-Pak strategic relationship undermining Indian interests and were viewed with concern in the VIF. China's posturing in India's neighbourhood and efforts to erode India's pre-eminence in the Indian Ocean Region were also seen as issues having adverse long term ramifications for India. VIF remained seized of these emerging





military and strategic challenges and focussed on analysing the new ground realities, with the aim of arriving at viable options to cope with them. Enhancing India's capabilities and providing credible deterrence remained focus areas of its studies. In addition, it interacted with strategic analysts, think tanks in India and abroad and participated in a number of international conferences to better understand the shifting geo-political landscape. Among others, interactions were held with China Institute for International Strategic Studies in Beijing, Royal United Services Institute in London, Prospects Foundation of Taiwan etc. VIF and US based Heritage Foundation initiated a QUAD Plus Dialogue in Canberra which saw the participation of leading think tanks from US, Australia, Japan, Philippines and Indonesia . The Dialogue, inter alia, underlined the import of early settlement of India's border dispute with China. VIF in collaboration with the Heritage Foundation also came out with a book, 'India-US Partnership: Asian Challenges and Beyond', further contributing to the discourse on the emerging security paradigm in East Asia.

On the internal security front, terrorism, insurgencies in North East, Left Wing Extremism, the situation in J&K, organised crimes and threat to cyber security remained important areas of VIF's study. Issues like India's defence preparedness, indigenisation of defence production, development of R&D were studied in depth during the year. Realising the seminal role of science and technology in strengthening India's defence capabilities, a new Centre for Scientific and Technological Studies was launched at VIF headed by Dr. V K Saraswat, former DG, DRDO & Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister.

Besides undertaking various studies, the members of VIF's faculty were invited to a large number of national and international conferences and seminars to share their perspectives on international relations, strategic and security issues. VIF members made concerted efforts to strongly present the Indian point of view during these interactions. Guest lectures to senior officers of the armed forces at the National Defence College, Army and Naval War Colleges, Southern Naval Command, senior IAS officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National



Academy of Administration etc. gave opportunities to the VIF to share its security and strategic perceptions with the country's strategic community. Talks and lectures at various educational institutions and public forums in different parts of the country during 2013 helped VIF in generating interest and awareness about India's security and other challenges among the public at large.

As will be evident from the report, a bevy of foreign delegations, ambassadors, domain experts, and senior professionals visited the VIF during the year. VIF also undertook joint studies with prestigious international think tanks like the Heritage Foundation and Japan Institute for National Fundamentals. In addition, VIF organised lectures under its Vimarsha series, where eminent persons delivered talks and interacted with members of the civil society on various topical issues of national importance.

In December 2013, VIF brought out the first five volumes of its eleven volume series on 'History of Ancient India'. Each volume contained well researched papers by eminent historians which were highly appreciated by the academic community. VIF also published a books such as 'Tibet: Perspectives and Prospects' and a number of other publications of topical interest during the year. The VIF website [www.vifindia.org](http://www.vifindia.org) as also the e-journal 'Vivek: Issues and Options' have over the years emerged as credible reference points for academics, specialists, students and the general reader alike on issues pertaining to diplomacy, governance, strategy, internal security, economy and historical and civilizational studies. The country's leading experts and intellectuals are among its contributors.

As will be borne out by the foregoing report, 2013 was a busy year for the Foundation. There was sharp accretion in its academic activities, engagement with foreign and Indian experts and public interactions, both within and outside the VIF. It also supported the activities of various other nationalist organisations and NGOs involved in nation building activities and worked in close cooperation with them. In addition, VIF keenly



engaged itself in trying to bring about greater cooperation among various think tanks dealing with national security, international relations and strategic affairs in the country. It was felt that greater convergence in the thinking and approach of the nation's strategic community will help in developing common national narratives on important strategic and security issues.

The year 2013 being the 150th birth anniversary year of Swami Vivekananda had a very special import for the VIF. It was an occasion to rededicate ourselves to Swamiji's vision of a strong and spiritually empowered India that could contribute to a world free from conflict and strife. VIF actively participated in nationwide programmes and events organised throughout the country by the 150th Birth Anniversary Celebration Committee, of which it had the privilege of being a member.

VIF team looks back at four years of its journey with a sense of satisfaction and pride. It was able to achieve most of the organisational goals that it set for itself, due to the support of Adm. (Retd) K K Nayyar, Chairman & other members of the Trust, Members of the Advisory Board and the Executive Council. I am also beholden to the dedicated team of the VIF for their untiring efforts. VIF looks forward to 2014 with new hope and optimism. It is going to be an important year for India as it may witness many developments within the country, the region and the world at large that could have a seminal impact on the political, strategic and security environment of the country. We hope and pray that we live up to your expectations..

February, 2014  
New Delhi

Ajit Doval  
Director - VIF



VIF is a non-partisan independent think tank focussing on study of contemporary India: its international relations, security problems, governance and civilisational issues from an Indian perspective. Monitoring the emerging trends, it aims at engaging experts, both within and outside the Foundation, to evolve informed policy options and working out alternative strategies. Through public discourse and interactions it strives to create greater awareness among the people and partner with the civil society to make people vital stakeholders in national affairs. Some of India's leading experts in the field of security, diplomacy, governance and economy have got together under the aegis of the Foundation to generate ideas and stimulate action that could lead to India's all round empowerment and its ability to contribute to regional and global security and stability. Independently funded, VIF is not aligned to any political party or business house. Dedicated to India's long-term strategic, developmental and civilisational interests, it aims to ideate on fresh ideas and channelize them to those responsible for managing affairs of the nation on one hand and people at large on the other. VIF works under the guidance of a registered Trust with eminent people in public life as its Trustees. It has an Advisory Board and an Executive Council comprising of distinguished persons from diverse fields with high professional accomplishments and long experience. The Director is the Chief Executive of the Foundation and is nominated by the Trust.

## Objectives

- **Analyse** India's external and internal security environment to offer inputs to shape policies and response strategies.
- **Offer** policy alternatives to contain internal conflicts caused by India's socio-economic disparities and political rivalries.
- **Ideate** on economic policies and models that would facilitate the well being and prosperity of one and all.
- **Interact** with civil society and offer institutional support for exchange of ideas among conflicting groups.
- **Deliberate** on public policies, the working of national institutions and the democratic bodies and suggest measures for their revival and rejuvenation.
- **Evolve** benchmarks for good governance and efficiency in public institutions.
- **Reassess**, formulate and develop India's civilisational and cultural imperatives in an increasingly globalised world.
- **Promote** initiatives that further the cause of peace and global harmony.



2013 witnessed the emergence of VIF as a hub of intellectual and interactive activity, deliberating on wide range of issues pertaining to India's contemporary and long term interests. Apart from in-house study and research, it conducted discussions, seminars and talks on issues of national, regional and international importance. The year saw representatives of global think tanks, internationally and nationally renowned academics, experts and diplomats interacting with the VIF faculty on a wide range of security, strategic, international and socio-economic issues. The Foundation held a series of seminars on contemporary issues to understand their implications for India , its neighbourhood and the highly volatile global geopolitical environment. Besides, it also organised talks and public interactions on issues of topical interest with eminent persons under its Vimarsha series.

Through such activities, VIF pursued its objective of projecting its views to national and international opinion makers in consonance with India's national interest and her stature as an emerging world power.





# Seminars & Interactions

## International Relations & Diplomacy

### Taiwan Representative in India Calls on Director, VIF

Chung-Kwang Tien, Representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Center (TECC), New Delhi called on Ajit Doval, Director, VIF, on February 1.

### Seminar on Response to Terrorism and Situation in West Asia

A delegation from the Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI), Israel visited VIF on March 28 for a seminar on *Response to Terrorism and Situation in West Asia*. The seminar was addressed among others by Prabhat P. Shukla, Joint Director, VIF and Maj. Gen (retd) Dr. Baruch Levy, GIMI. The Seminar was divided into four sessions with specific focus on 'Global Terrorism: Response', 'Arab Spring: Implications and Ramifications', 'Af-Pak Post-2014 Scenario: Global & Regional Implications' and 'Geopolitics & Iran'.

### Interaction on India-Israel Cooperation: Prospects and Issues

Amb. Alon Ushpiz, Ambassador of Israel to India and the delegation from Galilee International Management Institute (GIMI), Israel visited VIF for an interaction on India-Israel cooperation on March 29. The session was chaired by Prabhat P. Shukla. Amb Ushpiz gave a holistic overview of the Indo-Israeli bilateral relations including a candid assessment of ground realities.



L to R : Adm. Shabtai Levy, Dr. Joseph Shevel,  
Kanwal Sibal



L to R : Amb. Alon Ushpiz, Prabhat P. Shukla,  
Maj. Gen (retd) Dr. B. Levy



# *International Relations & Diplomacy*

## **Interaction with an Academic Delegation from Taiwan**

On May 02 a seven member Taiwanese delegation discussed the implications of China's emergence as a major power to the regional and global strategic environment. The delegation led by Prof. Liu Fu Kuo of Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taiwan also shared their perspectives on Taiwan-China relations and the ramifications of US policy in Asia Pacific.



Members of Academic Delegation from Taiwan

## **Visit of Delegation from RCDS**

A delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) held a roundtable discussion with members of the VIF on May 14. The delegation was briefed on different aspects of India's economy, political situation, strategic environment and security concerns etc. Talks by Ajit Doval, Prabhat P Shukla, Gen (retd) NC Vij, Former Chief of Army Staff & Dean, Centre for Defence Studies-VIF and Satish Chandra, former Deputy National Security Advisor covered a wide spectrum of the contemporary global and regional situation. It was followed by a long question answer session that centred around developments in Pakistan and Afghanistan, terrorist threats faced by India and the regional security environment.



Members of the RCDS Delegation





P A Sangma & Ajit Doval,  
releasing the VIF-JINF Joint Study



David McKean with VIF Faculty

### **Release of VIF- JINF Joint Study**

A study on 'Framework for Indo-Japanese Strategic Partnership and Cooperation', jointly conducted with the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals (JINF) was released at VIF on June 4 by P A Sangma, former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and one of the Patrons of the Joint Study (the other being the Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe). Yasuhisa Kawamura, Charge d'Affaires, Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, Ajit Doval, Prabhat P Shukla and Gen (retd) N C Vij also spoke on the occasion. Prabhat P Shukla highlighted the various domestic constraints, as discussed in the Study, which impedes cooperation in finance, defence, and civil nuclear industries. Kawamura noted that the VIF-JINF joint study will contribute much to the development of ties between the two nations. He said that Japan and its people see India as the most promising partner globally and that Japan will seek to build its relations with India based on three pillars of economic, strategic and people-to-people exchange. Speaking on the occasion, Sangma appreciated the diligent efforts put in by members of the working group from VIF and JINF.

### **David McKean, Senior Advisor to the US Secretary of State, meets Director, VIF**

On June 25 David McKean, Director of Policy Planning in the US State Department & Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State called on Ajit Doval.



### **Interaction with the Ambassador of Iran to India**

In an interaction with VIF faculty on June 28, Ambassador of Iran to India, Gholam Reza Ansari expressed his views on India-Iran relations, Iranian Presidential elections and Iranian foreign policy with respect to Syria & Afghanistan. He highlighted the need to diversify trade in order to strengthen the partnership between the two countries.

### **Italian Ambassador to India visits VIF**

On August 1 Italian Ambassador to India, Daniele Mancini interacted with VIF experts.

### **VIF hosts Canadian High Commissioner to India**

High Commissioner of Canada to India, Stewart Beck visited VIF on August 14 for an interaction. The High Commissioner highlighted the trajectory of cooperation between the two countries ranging from the Colombo Plan to the present nuclear technology. Amb Beck answered several questions raised by members of the distinguished audience and expressed hope that the ties between the two Commonwealth nations would further strengthen in the days to come.



Amb. Daniele Mancini with VIF Team



Ajit Doval & Amb. Stewart Beck



Dr. Riyadh Kamel Abbas at the interaction



Brendan Sargeant



Ajit Doval with Dr. Tzong-Ho Bau,  
Dr Frances Chung-Feng Lee



The delegation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden



### **Syria, Islamic Radicalism figure in talks with Syrian Envoy**

A meeting with the Syrian Ambassador to India, Dr. Riyad Kamel Abbas on September 11 focused on various issues of mutual concern, including the ground situation in Syria, growing Islamic radicalism, and cross-border terrorism.

### **Interaction with Australian Associate Secretary of Defence**

A six member delegation led by Brendan Sargeant, Australian Associate Secretary & Chief Operating Officer in the Ministry of Defence interacted with VIF faculty on October 3. Both sides discussed the growing importance of the Indo-Pacific region, the threats posed by terrorism and recognised that India-Australian relations were developing satisfactorily.

### **Exchange of Ideas with Prospects Foundation, Taiwan**

A five member Taiwanese delegation led by Dr. Tzong-Ho Bau, Vice Chairman of the Prospects Foundation visited VIF on November 6 and exchanged views on issues such as internal stability in China, position of China's economy, progress of inner party democracy within the Chinese Communist Party and prospects of democracy in China. The two sides were unanimous in their view that India and Taiwan needed to bolster the level of their partnership with special emphasis on signing a free trade agreement and exchanging reciprocal visits between senior ministers of both countries.

### **Delegation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Asia Division, Sweden meets VIF Faculty**

On November 6 a delegation from the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs interacted with VIF faculty on current international issues including the situation in South Asia, Af-Pak etc. The delegation included Anders Sjoberg, Minister Counsellor, Ms Liselott Andersson, Minister Counsellor & Alexander Atarodi, Special Advisor, Department for Strategic Analysis.





L to R : Lt Gen (ret'd) Gautam Banerjee,  
Brig (ret'd) Vinod Anand, Tom Dodd &  
Helen Fazey



QUAD – PLUS Dialogue at Canberra

### **FCO Policy Advisor at VIF**

Tom Dodd, Head, ASEAN Department of Foreign and Commonwealth Office accompanied by Helen Fazey, Counsellor, ASEAN and Regional security Affairs at the British Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia had an interaction with VIF faculty on November 12. The discussions focussed on emerging environment in the Asia Pacific and responses of India and UK to the developments.

### **QUAD – PLUS Dialogue at Canberra**

VIF in conjunction with the Heritage Foundation organized a QUAD PLUS Dialogue on December 8-10 at Canberra, Australia. Leading international think tanks including Tokyo Foundation, Japan, Australian Strategic Policy Institute, Yuchengco Centre, De Salle University, Philippines and University of Sydney, Australia participated in the deliberations. The dialogue discussed among other issues Democracy and Regional Security, Maritime Security and International Law, Land Borders and Security, Quad Plus: Roles for other Regional Players and Reconciling Strategic Visions. VIF was represented by Kanwal Sibal, Former Foreign Secretary, Lt. Gen. (ret'd) Ravi Sawhney, Former DGMI and R. N. Ravi, Former Special Director, Intelligence Bureau.



## Release of joint Indo-US Study

On December 16 *India-US Partnership: Asian Challenges and Beyond*, joint study of VIF and Heritage Foundation, US, was released by K S Bajpai, Former Indian Ambassador to the US. The book has contributions from experts, including Ajit Doval, Kanwal Sibal, Prabhat P Shukla, Lisa Curtis, Jeff Smith, Walter Lohman, Lt. Gen. (retd) Ravi Sawhney, Dean Cheng, Brig. (retd) Gurmeet Kanwal, and Thubten Samphel. Prabhat P Shukla, Editor of the book, highlighted the relevance of the study in identifying hurdles in Indo-US strategic relations and in recommending ways for overcoming them.



Release of the Indo-US Joint Study





# National Security & Strategic Studies



K.P.S.Gill, Dr. Subramanian Swamy &  
Ajit Doval

## **Discussion on Refugees in their own Homeland: Travails of Kashmiri Pandits**

With a view to highlight the plight of the displaced Hindu minority of Kashmir, VIF in collaboration with the Patriots' Forum, New Delhi organised a discussion on the subject, '*Refugees in their own Homeland: Travails of Kashmiri Pandits*' on April 20. K.P.S.Gill, IPS (retd), former D G Police, Punjab, Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Former Union Minister, Lt. Gen (retd) J.F.R.Jacob, Prakash Singh, ex - D G Police, U P, A.K.Verma, Former Chief of RAW, Vishnu Hari Dalmia, Col Tej Tikku, an eminent author on Kashmir and D C Nath, President of Patriots' Forum took part in the deliberations.

## **Round Table Discussion on Chinese Intrusion in Ladakh**

A meeting to discuss the implications of the Chinese intrusion in Ladakh and India's possible response was held at VIF on April 26. Gen (retd) NC Vij briefed a select group of former diplomats and Army officers on the issue. The participants included Ajit Doval, Kanwal Sibal, Rajiv Sikri, Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, Brig (retd) Vinod Anand and Brig (retd) Gurmeet Kanwal.





### **Seminar on Defence Procurement Procedures (DPP) 2013**

A study group under Gen (retd) N C Vij, along with five senior officers of different Services was set up at VIF to examine DPP 2013. This effort culminated in a seminar on the subject on July 19, which was attended by over 120 participants from the three Services, both serving and veterans, former government officials, representatives of FICCI, CII and ASSOCHAM besides DRDO and DPSUS. The general consensus was that the issuance of DPP 2013 was an important and positive step towards the important goal of self reliance. Its success will entirely depend upon the quality and expediency shown in its implementation.



Gen (retd) N C Vij analysing the DPP

### **Release of Red Revolution 2020 and Beyond: Strategic Challenges to Resolve Naxalism.**

*'Red Revolution 2020 and Beyond: Strategic Challenges to Resolve Naxalism'* authored by Lt Gen (retd) V K Ahluwalia, former Army Commander, Central Command was released at the VIF on August 19 by Ajit Doval, Ved Marwah, former Governor of Manipur & Mizoram, Lt Gen (retd) K M Seth, former Governor of Tripura and Chhattisgarh and a highly Decorated officer who led the counter insurgency operations in Nagaland. The speakers emphasised the need for concerted action against the Naxalites and highlighted the need to restore the rights of the tribals and win the confidence of the local population.



Release of Red Revolution and Beyond



Lt. Gen. (retd) S K Sinha  
releasing Kishtwar Cauldron



Seminar on India's Nuclear Deterrence

### **Release of Kishtwar Cauldron: The Struggle against ISI's Ethnic Cleansing**

*Kishtwar Cauldron: The Struggle against ISI's Ethnic Cleansing*, authored by Maj. Gen. (retd) Dr G D Bakshi, SM VSM, was released on September 13 at VIF by Lt. Gen. (retd) S K Sinha, PVSM, former Governor of Assam and Jammu & Kashmir. The panellists including Lt. Gen. (retd.) Gautam Banerjee, Ms Sandhya Jain, Senior Columnist and Dr. Romesh Raina were critical of Article 370 while Lt. Gen. (retd) Sinha argued that no State or Central government can allow such a massive scale of ethnic cleansing.

### **Seminar on India's Nuclear Deterrence**

A Round-Table Discussion to deliberate upon the credibility of India's Nuclear Deterrence especially in the light of Pakistan's development of Tactical Nuclear Weapons (TNWs) was held at VIF on November 18. The discussion was chaired by Gen (retd) NC Vij. The participants included members of the strategic community comprising former diplomats, military personnel and representatives from think tanks. Ajit Doval underlined the importance of close integration of all the stakeholders viz the developers – scientists, decision makers – Nuclear Command Authority, and the users – Armed Forces, coupled with the constant upgradation of our nuclear arsenal for ensuring the efficacy of India's nuclear command and control apparatus.

### **Discussion on Creating National Security Awareness among the Youth**

Ajit Doval delivered a talk on '*Creating National Security Awareness among the youth*' at VIF on November 20.



# Neighbourhood Studies

## **Interaction with Lokendra Bahadur Chand, former PM Nepal**

Former Prime Minister of Nepal Lokendra Bahadur Chand visited VIF on February 22 and interacted with the VIF faculty on the prevailing situation in Nepal and other issues of mutual concern.

## **VIF Delegation Visits China**

On the invitation of Chinese Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), a VIF delegation, led by its Director, participated in a trilateral seminar on '*Afghanistan Post 2014: Perspective from the Region*'. A delegation of Royal United Service Institute (RUSI), under Prof. Malcolm Chalmers was the other participant. During the trilateral seminar post drawdown scenarios in Afghanistan was discussed. Possible avenues of cooperation between India and China to ensure stability and economic development in Afghanistan were also deliberated upon.

During the visit from March 13-15, the VIF delegation also held discussions with China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CIISS). During these interactions, VIF members, inter alia, highlighted Indian concerns about border violations by Chinese troops and the position taken by China on Arunachal Pradesh.



Lokendra Bahadur Chand & Ajit Doval



VIF team at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations





Members of CAIFC Goodwill  
Delegation at VIF

### **Interaction with Chinese Goodwill Delegation**

On March 18 a VIF team led by Prabhat P. Shukla interacted with members of a Goodwill Delegation from the China Association of International Friendly Contacts (CAIFC), Beijing led by Xu Jialu, Senior Advisor. Among other things, it was unanimously agreed that opening Buddhist cultural centres in India and China could lead to an increase in cultural exchanges and tourism.



Amb. Richard Olson & Ajit Doval

### **Interaction on Situation in Pakistan and Regional Security**

A delegation led by Amb Richard Olson, US Ambassador to Pakistan interacted with members of VIF faculty on April 17. The discussion revolved around developments in Pakistan and the overall security situation in the region. The Ambassador also touched upon some aspects of US perspective on the evolving situation in Afghanistan.



### **VIF highlights India's developmental efforts in Afghanistan**

At an interaction with Shaida Mohammad Abdali, Afghanistan's Ambassador to India on April 18 VIF members highlighted India's interest and objectives in Afghanistan and the developmental efforts which have won popular support.

### **Political Assertion of Radical Forces in Bangladesh: Impact & Implications for India**

On April 28, Gen. (retd) Shankar Roychowdhury PVSM, AVSM, former Chief of Army Staff, Amb. Satish Chandra, Ajit Doval, Vikramjit Banerjee, Advocate Supreme Court & Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Scholar of civilisational studies spoke at a discussion on *'Political Assertion of Radical Forces in Bangladesh: Impact and Implications for India'*.

### **Nepalese leaders visit VIF**

Former Prime Minister of Nepal Sher Bahadur Deuba and former Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal K P Sharma Oli met and interacted with VIF members on June 13 and 14 respectively and discussed among other things the present state of India-Nepal relation & the situation in South Asia.

### **Seminar on India-Pak Relations**

VIF organized a two day seminar on *'Pakistan after elections and prospects of relations with India'* on August 5-6 which focussed on the challenges faced by the new Government in Pakistan and prospects for India-Pakistan relations among other key issues. Some of the experts who participated in the deliberation were Lalit Mansingh, Former Foreign Secretary, K S Bajpai, Former Ambassador to U.S. and Jaydev Ranade, Former Addl. Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, GOI.



Shaida Mohammad Abdali



Ajit Doval & K P Sharma Oli



Former Army Chief Gen. (retd)  
Shankar Roychowdhury



L to R: Adm. K K Nayyar, Lalit Mansingh,  
K S Bajpai & Ajit Doval at the seminar on  
India - Pakistan relations.



### **Interaction with Sri Lankan High Commissioner to India**

On August 8 the High Commissioner of Sri Lanka to India Prasad Kariyawasam interacted with the VIF faculty on relations between India and Sri Lanka. Reiterating the Sri Lankan President's view that 'for Sri Lanka, India is a relation while the rest are just friends', he said ties between the two countries goes thousands of years back in history. Despite some differences, Kariyawasam asserted that the Indo-Lankan ties have now reached a state of irreversible excellence.



Amb. Prasad Kariyawasam

### **Bangladesh Envoy at VIF**

The High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India Tariq A. Karim interacted with VIF faculty on August 23 on the present state and future prospects of India-Bangladesh relations. According to Amb Karim, for Bangladesh, India remains the most important neighbour and strategic partner. Amb Karim also stressed that a strong and stable Bangladesh would be equally important for India, especially considering its 'Look East' policy.



Amb. Tariq A. Karim with Ajit Doval





L to R : Prabhat P. Shukla, Ajit Doval with  
Amb. Glenn White

### **Interaction on Political Developments in Nepal**

Amb Glenn White, the Australian Ambassador to Nepal, shared his assessment of the ground situation in Nepal with VIF experts on September 3. Both sides highlighted the need for peace, stability and progress in the Himalayan country.

### **VIF at Herat Security Dialogue –II**



Herat Security Dialogue –II

Lt. Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney Distinguished Fellow and Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow represented VIF at the Second Herat Security Dialogue on October 5-6 at the invitation of the Afghan Institute of Strategic Studies. Around 80 delegates from countries of the region and beyond and a similar number of Afghan delegates participated in the conference. Despite specific security threats, seven Indian delegates participated in the conference to not only show solidarity with the Afghan organisers but also demonstrate India's abiding commitment to peace, security and stability of Afghanistan, which was the underlying theme of the Dialogue.



Discussion on Afghanistan

### **Round Table Discussion on Afghanistan**

VIF organized a round table discussion on Afghanistan on October 11. The discussants included Ajit Doval, Gen. (retd) N. C. Vij, Lt. Gen. (retd) Ravi Sawhney, G. Parthasarathy, Former High Commissioner of India to Pakistan, Satish Chandra, Prabhat P Shukla, Arvind Gupta, Director General IDSA, New Delhi, Vivek Katju, Former Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, T.C.A. Rangachari, Former Indian Ambassador to France & Germany, Maj. Gen. (retd) S. Thapliyal, Brig. (retd) Rahul Bhonsle, Brig. (retd) Vinod Anand and Sushant Sareen. The presentations focused on the political equations and environment in Afghanistan and its periphery, keeping in mind the upcoming elections and the Western draw-down. Also assessed were the security situation and the levels of insurgency in Afghanistan. The position that India must enhance its assistance to the Afghan Government in order to ensure that the democratic forces survive was agreed upon in course of the discussion. The situation in Pakistan and its engagement with Afghanistan was also discussed.



H H the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Trinley Dorje releasing 'Tibet: Perspectives and Prospects'

### **Release of Book on Tibet**

*Tibet: Perspectives and Prospects*, a VIF publication was released by His Holiness the 17th Gyalwang Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje on November 6. In his remarks, Ajit Doval highlighted the strong bonds of fraternity India has always shared with Tibet. Prabhat P Shukla, the Editor of the book, discussed its contents especially the dimension of India's security concerns. His Holiness expressed his gratitude towards VIF for publishing a book that holistically takes up the cause of Tibet and its people. He strongly emphasized on the civilisational relationship that people of India and Tibet share.



Adam Thomson

### **VIF experts interact with British Envoy to Pakistan**

Adam Thomson, the British High Commissioner to Pakistan visited VIF on November 26 for an interaction. The roundtable focused on the evolving political situation in Pakistan. Emphasis was laid on the development of equations between the civilian government and the security establishment in Pakistan and its likely impact on India, Afghanistan and the entire region.



### **International Conference at RUSI, London on Afghanistan**

VIF participated in a two day conference on '*Afghanistan: 2014 and Beyond*' hosted by Royal United Service Institute (RUSI) London on December 4-6. The trilateral conference was also attended by a Chinese delegation led by Dr. Hu Shisheng, Director, Institute of South and South-East Asian Studies. The conference discussed the contemporary situation in Afghanistan, regional security dynamics, reconciliation process in Afghanistan, future of Afghan economy and role of Pakistan etc. The VIF delegation also held meetings with the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Commons, Senior officials of the Ministry of Defence, senior policy advisors of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office where the contemporary situations in South Asia, particularly Af-Pak region, was discussed.

### **Interaction with Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Member of Pakistan's National Assembly**

An interaction was held with Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Member of Pakistan's National Assembly and President of Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam (Fazal-ur-Rehman group) on December 17. The Maulana shared his perspectives on several issues related to Indo-Pak relations and the emerging situation in Afghanistan. The interaction was chaired by Ajit Doval and attended by members of VIF faculty. Maulana Mahmood A Madani, Executive Member of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind was also present on the occasion.



The VIF Delegation at RUSI, London



Maulana Fazal-ur-Rehman, Ajit Doval & Maulana Mahmood A Madani





## **Talk on Chinese Economy**

Gordon G. Chang, China expert, lawyer and a renowned author from the US, spoke on '*The Coming Collapse of China and What It Means for India*' at VIF on January 8. He gave a succinct analysis of the economic situation in China and argued with fact and figures that the Chinese economy is faltering on account of structural impediments in its growth model.

## **Talk on Recent Developments in the Indian and Chinese Economies**

Dr V Anantha Nageswaran, noted economist, author from Singapore and VIF Visiting Fellow, spoke on the myths and realities of China's growth story and the Indian economic situation on August 1. Pointing out that it was China's economy that has supported its rise as the region's political and military power, Ajit Doval said it is vital to understand the dynamics of the Chinese economic growth and its various hidden undercurrents. In his presentation, Dr. Nageswaran argued that the real GDP growth rate figures being proclaimed by China are contradictory to certain other figures such as the nominal GDP growth, credit to output ratio, real lending rates, and export trends. He mentioned that whenever China faced a situation of slowing growth rate, they have expanded their credits.

## **Seminar on Indian Economy**

On December 10 VIF organized a daylong seminar to critically examine various aspects and undercurrents of the Indian Economy. The main speakers included Vijai Kapoor, former Lt. Governor of Delhi, Dr. Surjit Bhalla, Chairman, Oxus Investments, Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran Dr. Bibek Debroy, noted economist and author, Dr. Arvind Virmani, former Chief Economic Advisor to the Finance Ministry, Sandip Sabharwal, Consultant and Investment Advisor and Dr. S. Narayan, former Secretary to the Prime Minister and former Finance Secretary.



Gordon G. Chang on Coming Collapse of China



Dr V Anantha Nageswaran speaking  
on Indian and Chinese economies



Vijai Kapoor, Prabhat P Shukla &  
Dr. Surjit Bhalla at the Indian Economy seminar



Dr. S. Narayan and other panelists at the  
Indian Economy Seminar



# Governance and Political Studies

## **Talk on Higher Education Bill**

Dr Bhagwati Prakash, Pro-President, Pacific University, Udaipur, delivered a talk on '*The National Accreditation Regulatory Authority for Higher Education Bill 2010*' on March 20.

## **Release of Book on MPLADS**

*Public Money, Private Agenda – The Use and Abuse of MPLADS*, authored by Dr.A.Surya Prakash, Distinguished Fellow, VIF was released at VIF by Shivraj Patil, Governor of Punjab on August 22. The former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Purno Sangma presided over the function Kishore Chandra Deo, Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs and Arun Shourie, former Union Minister spoke on the book, which takes a comprehensive look at the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS), launched twenty years ago in 1993. Among those who attended the release included Jaipal Reddy, Union Minister of Science and Technology, Dr.Subramanian Swamy, Venkaiah Naidu, Saugata Roy and D.P.Tripathi.

## **Release of 'Beyond A Billion Ballots'**

On September 24 '*Beyond A Billion Ballots*' by Dr Vinay Sahasrabuddhe was released at VIF by former Chief Election Commissioner Dr S Y Quraishi, Political Commentator B V Rao and Ajit Doval. Speaking on the occasion, Quraishi said while Indian democracy had certain shortcomings, it also has several achievements to its credit such as granting of equal voting rights to women, a right for which women in other advanced democracies such as US and UK had to struggle for over a century.





Dr Bhagwati Prakash & Basavraj Patil, MP Rajya Sabha  
at the talk on Higher Education Bill



Release of 'Beyond A Billion Ballots'



Release of 'Public Money, Private Agenda'



# Historical and Civilisational Studies



Dr. Anita Bose Pfaff at the interaction

## Interaction with Dr Anita Bose Pfaff

On February 3 Dr Anita Bose Pfaff, German economist and daughter of freedom fighter Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose interacted with a distinguished gathering at VIF on the INA leader's legacy and the contemporary socio-economic and political situation in the country and the world.

## Release of 'Character – the Power Supreme'

*Character – the Power Supreme*, the last book authored by late B P Singhal, former Director General of Police, Uttar Pradesh and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, was released at VIF by former Deputy Prime Minister L K Advani on September 8. Prakash Singh, former DG, BSF & Member-Advisory Board, VIF, presided over the function.

## Release of 'Debating Culture'

*'Debating Culture'*, authored by Dr Anirban Ganguly was released at VIF on October 8 by Prof. Dilip Kr Chakrabarti, Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge, Prof. Kapil Kapoor, Former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and Ajit Doval. Initiating the discussion, Ajit Doval observed that nations need to initiate and continue the exploration of their civilisational and cultural identity. Prof. Chakrabarti read out some relevant passages and observed that the book discusses some crucial issues and questions regarding our cultural awareness and identity. Prof. Kapoor, in his address, dwelt at some length on the process of deculturisation and observed that the book had discussed all of these while examining the cultural debate in India.



Release of 'Debating Culture'



### **Release of History of Ancient India (5 volumes)**

The first five volumes of the 11 volume series on 'History of Ancient India' being prepared under the aegis of VIF were released by former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani on December 23 at the VIF Auditorium.

Prof. Dilip K. Chakrabarti, Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge and Editor of the series, outlined the details of each volume. He underlined that since the country attained independence, many multi-volume projects on history and archaeology were undertaken by many governmental and non-governmental agencies but most failed to proceed beyond a few initial volumes. He expressed the hope that the remaining six volumes will also be published within the stipulated time frame.

Arun Shourie, S Gurumurthy, Prof Kapil Kumar, Ajit Doval and Prof Makkhan Lal also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the importance of the project and hoped that it will meet the long felt need of projecting Indian history in proper perspective.







# Reaching Out

## Vimarsha



Dhanendra Kumar

### **Swami Vivekananda on Women: Meeting the Contemporary Challenges**

A talk on '*Swami Vivekananda on Women: Meeting the Contemporary Challenges*' was organized on January 28, with Dhanendra Kumar, former Secretary Culture, Govt. of India and former Executive Director World Bank as the chief speaker. Dhanendra Kumar underscored that Swami Vivekananda had reposed great faith in the power of youth to bring about the right transformation within the society. Quoting from Swami Vivekananda, Kumar said that women empowerment and mobilization of youth power were among the essential ingredients for making India a great nation.

### **Security Implications of Contemporary Political Environment in India**

Giving his assessment of the contemporary political environment in India, Dr. Sudhir S. Bloeria, Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Jammu and Former Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir, in his talk on February 22, highlighted a remarkable increase of opportunism, political game of power and one upmanship, which he held responsible for the setback in India's success story. Dr. Bloeria stressed upon the urgent need to keep matters of national security above party politics and argued that an orderly functioning Parliament, fine-tuned with an effective Executive and Judiciary is a necessity today.



Dr. Sudhir S. Bloeria & Ajit Doval





## Decolonising the Indian Mind

On March 16 Prof. Kapil Kapoor, former Pro-Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Editor in Chief of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism, in his talk on '*Decolonising the Indian Mind*' argued that re-structuring our education system is the key to begin the process of decolonisation of the Indian mind. In his comments, Ajit Doval stated that 'Minds' will be the future tools of establishing control and therefore it is very important to understand how the colonised Indian mind functions today.



Prof Kapil Kapoor & Ajit Doval

## Islamic Radicalism in South Asia – Implications for India

Eminent author and columnist Hiranmay Karlekar, in his talk on May 28, assessed the long term strategy of organizations such as Al Qaeda. Analyzing their psyche and doctrine, Karlekar emphasized that their strategy will be to strengthen their control, firstly, in the Middle East and in Northern Africa, following which they will target entire Africa and Europe. He also maintained that Al Qaeda would attempt to spread and diffuse its bases of operations.



Hiranmay Karlekar



R N Ravi

### **Conflict along India-China Border: Myth & Reality**

On June 28 R N Ravi, former Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau, was invited to speak on the conflict along India-China Border. Seeking to bust the myth that the Sino-Indian border was undefined, Ravi argued that nothing can be farther from truth and that maps till 1930s did show our delineated border with Tibet and China. Ravi concluded his talk by stressing the need to understand the Chinese actions strategically and to establish our own strategic vision.



Mahesh Jethmalani

### **Institutional Subversion in India –Implications for the Nation & its Security**

In a sharp indictment of the ruling UPA, Senior Advocate Mahesh Jethmalani in his talk on June 20 accused it of polarizing polity on religious grounds by demonizing the Opposition and keeping minorities in a perpetual state of insecurity. He also charged the UPA with portraying Hinduism and its political manifestations, both internationally and domestically, as irrational, militant, extremist and dangerously violent. The noted jurist asserted that 'nationalism requires Hindu spirituality and those who deny it are doing a disservice to the society.



## **Indigenising Technology and Production in Defence – India's Survival Need**

Arguing that self-reliance in Defence technology and production was vital for India's survival, Dr. V. K. Saraswat, former Director General of DRDO and former Scientific Advisor to the Ministry of Defence, in his talk on November 11 suggested numerous measures including setting up of a Commission on the lines of ISRO focused specifically on the development of technology and production for both defence and civilian purposes. He also called for an increase in investment in the R&D sector and suggested rational taxation or exemption to encourage greater investment in the sector. Dr Saraswat said it was beyond comprehension as to why the Indian Government could not get Indian private sector involved in defence technology and production, while it is ready to import defence equipments from foreign private manufacturers.

## **Democracy and People's Participation**

In his talk on December 27, Dr. S. Y. Quraishi, the former Chief Election Commissioner of India, highlighted the measures adopted by the Election Commission of India to keep a check on fraud, intimidation and violence at the time of voting. He also listed the numerous legal and constitutional provisions that have been put in place to ensure the conduct of inclusive, free and fair elections. He said that the campaign to increase voter awareness has been a great success, resulting in historic voter turn outs across different states of the country.



Dr. V. K. Saraswat



Dr. S. Y. Quraishi



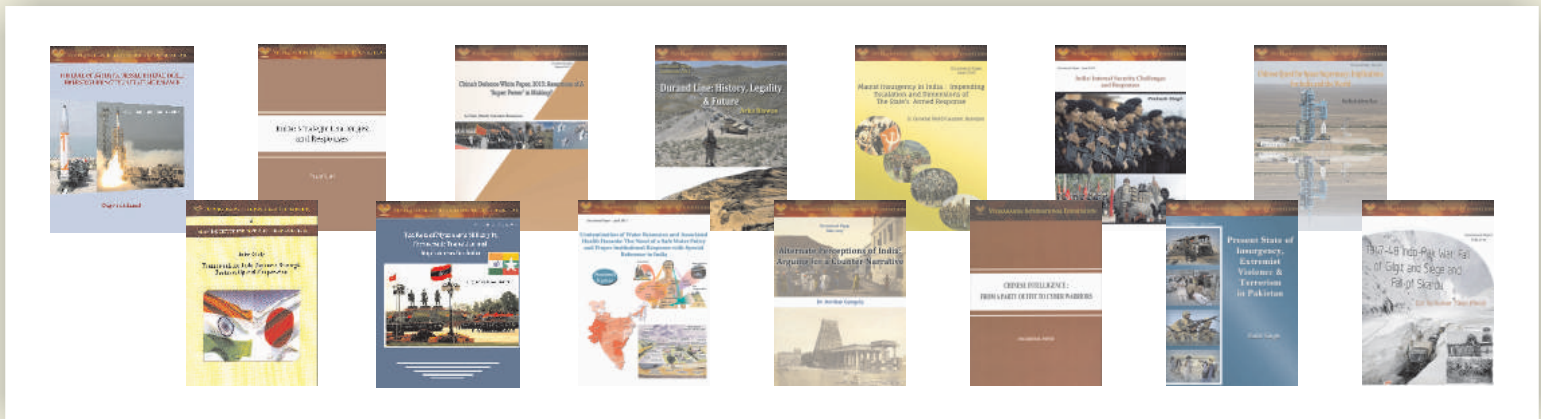
# Publications



Books



VIF Publications



Occasional Papers





# Scholars' Outreach

- 9-11 January** Sushant Sareen attended the SAFMA Regional Conference, Aitsar and Lahore.
- 16 January** Dr A Surya Prakash addressed students and faculty of the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kuvempu University, Karnataka on Media Law and Ethics.
- 17 January** Dr A Surya Prakash delivered a special Lecture on '*Parliamentary Democracy in India*', Kuvempu University, Karnataka.
- 24 January** Dr A Surya Prakash spoke on Demographic Change and its impact on Democracy at the Rashtrottana Parishat, Bangalore.
- 31 January** Ajit Doval delivered a lecture on '*National Security and Nation Building*' at Management Development Academy, Jaipur.
- January 2013** Prabhat P Shukla delivered Saturday Club talk at IIC New Delhi on Russia.
- 8 February** Prof. Makkhan Lal delivered a talk on 'Secularism and Education in India' at the Think. edu Conclave organised by the Indian Express Group of Newspapers, Chennai.
- 11-12 February** Ajit Doval participated in a seminar at Udyamiti Vidyapeeth in Chitrakoot on the subject, '*Swami Vivekananda Ji Ke Sapno Ka Bharat*' (India of Swami Vivekananda's Dreams).
- 14 February** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Talibanisation of Pakistan: Can the State withstand the Onslaught?*' at the CLAWS Seminar: *Pakistan: Is there Hope?*
- 22 February** Dr A Surya Prakash delivered a Special Lecture titled '*Indian Parliament – A Critique*' at Tumkur University, Karnataka.



- 24 February** Ajit Doval delivered a guest lecture on '*International Terrorism and its Impact on Global Trade*' during the Global Professional Peace Summit 2013 organized by IIT Delhi.
- 27 February** Ajit Doval participated in an orientation programme on '*Understanding India's Security Strategy with Special Reference to J&K and North East*' at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini, Mumbai.
- 4 March** Ajit Doval addressed Senior Air Staff Officers at the Air Headquarters on the subject '*LWE as a Paradigm of Fourth Generation Warfare*'.
- 6 April** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Internal dynamics of Pakistani society*' at the Shravan Tandon Memorial Seminar organised by ARSIPSO.
- 10 April** Gen (retd) N C Vij chaired a session on *Cyber Warfare* at the USI.
- 10 April** Dr A Surya Prakash spoke on '*The Indian Parliament – Institutional Evolution*', at a seminar on The Indian Parliament and Democratic Transformation organised by the India International Centre & Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, at IIC, New Delhi.
- 15 April** Gen (retd) N C Vij delivered a keynote address on '*Role of Army in Inculcating Discipline among the Country's Youth*' at the Central University of Jammu.
- 6 May** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Election Prospects of Main Parties*' at the Round Table on Pre-Election analysis of Situation in Pakistan organised by IDSA.
- 7 May** Ajit Doval delivered a talk on '*External Threats to National Security*' at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy, Hyderabad.



- 7 May** Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney attended a meeting held at Finish Ambassador's residence, New Delhi to meet Erkki Tuomioja, Foreign Minister of Finland. Agenda of discussion included Af-Pak relation and India's views on China, Iran and Middle East.
- 13 May** Brig (retd) Vinod Anand made a presentation on '*Af-Pak Imbrolio: Future Trends and Impact on the Region*' to select Indian and foreign military officers attending Higher Defence Orientation Course at Army War College, Mhow.
- 16 May** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Political Implications of Election Results*' at the CLAWS Seminar on Pakistan Post Elections.
- 23 May** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Making Sense of the Electoral Verdict*' at the Round Table on Post-Election Challenges in Pakistan, organised by IDSA.
- 28 May** Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney made a presentation on the current state of Afghanistan at a conference on 'Afghanistan - The US Withdrawal and Beyond', organised by Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi.
- 30 May** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Political and Governance challenges before the new government in Pakistan*' at the Forum for Strategic Initiative(FSI) seminar on '*Pakistan: Post Elections*', New Delhi.
- 31 May** Ajit Doval provided his perspectives on the '*Role of Voluntary Organizations in Internal Security*' at a seminar organized by Jan Abhyan Parishad of the Government of Madhya Pradesh in Bhopal.



- 31 May** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on 'Report Card of Political Parties' at the IPCS Seminar on Pakistan Elections.
- 10 June** K G Suresh addressed the open forum on '*Combating Corruption –Citizen Speaks*' organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi.
- 20 June** Sushant Sareen presented a talk on '*State of Pakistan Economy*' at the ICWA Core Group on Pakistan.
- 24 June** Ajit Doval delivered a lecture on '*The Emerging Threat of Global Terrorism*' at the National Defence College, New Delhi.
- 25 June** Ajit Doval delivered a guest lecture at the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi on the subject, '*Threats to India's National Identity and Security*'.
- 26 June** Lt General (retd) Ravi Sawhney attended a Round Table conference on Afghanistan and interacted with Amb James Dobbins, US Special Representative for Af- Pak Region at New Delhi
- 22 July** Ajit Doval spoke on the subject, '*Islamic Radicalism in South Asia: Implications for Regional Security*' at the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington D.C.
- 23 July** Ajit Doval was the Guest Speaker at a conference on Consequences of US Withdrawal from Afghanistan held at the Capitol Hill, Washington D.C.
- 11 August** K G Suresh addressed 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Swami Vivekananda organized by Vivekananda Kendra at Ghaziabad, UP





- 13 August** Ajit Doval delivered a talk on Global Terrorism at Headquarters 11 Corps in Jalandhar.
- 18 August** K G Suresh delivered a talk on 'Challenges before Media' organized by Indian Media Centre at Dehradun.
- 24 August** Lt General (retd) Ravi Sawhney participated in a seminar on Afghanistan organised by Asia Centre, at Bangalore.
- 27 August** Lt General (retd) Ravi Sawhney interacted with Sir Glenn Torphy, Senior Military Advisor on "BAE SYSTEMS" at the British High Commission, New Delhi.
- 31 August** Brig (retd) Vinod Anand made a presentation on '*Overview: India's Defence Forces*' to the students and faculty of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, NOIDA Campus.
- 5 September** Ajit Doval chaired a session on LWE during the Internal Security Workshop: 2013 organized by Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), New Delhi.
- 5 September** Brig (retd) Vinod Anand presented a paper on '*Opportunities and Challenges of BICM Corridor*' at a conference organized by Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Yunnan University, Kunming, China.
- 16 September** K G Suresh was the keynote speaker at Universal Brotherhood Day celebrations in Nagpur.
- 19 September** Brig (retd) Vinod Anand presented a paper on '*Myanmar Military's Role in Transition*' during a seminar on '*Understanding Myanmar: Internal Dynamics and the Regional/International Context*' organized by Institute for Transnational Studies, Germany at Gurgaon.



- 25 September** Ajit Doval was the guest speaker at the Universal Brotherhood Day Celebrations at Shri Ram College of Commerce, New Delhi where he spoke on the Ideals of Swami Vivekananda.
- 26 September** K G Suresh was the Chief Guest and keynote Speaker at the Universal Brotherhood Day celebrations at PGDAV College, Nehru Nagar, New Delhi
- 27 September** K G Suresh judged the Debating Matters India programme organized by the British Council, New Delhi.
- 28 September** K G Suresh was the keynote speaker at Vimarsha on '*Rashtraneeti – Rajneeti Se Pare*' at the M S University, Vadodara.
- Sept. 2013** Prabhat P Shukla spoke on '*Future of Asia*' at Valdai Club, Russia.
- 1-3 October** Ajit Doval participated in an International Security workshop at Casablanca and Paris.
- 1 October** K G Suresh was the Guest of Honour at National Conference on Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi.
- 2 October** K G Suresh was the keynote Speaker at National Workshop on Media at Bhopal.
- 4 October** Gen (retd) N C Vij chaired a session at the seminar on Disaster Management at the National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi.
- 7 October** K G Suresh participated in Second Asian Youth Leaders' Summit organized by Commonwealth Youth Programme at British Council, New Delhi.



- 8 October** K G Suresh delivered the keynote address on *'The Essence of Universal Brotherhood in Present Context'* at Institute of Information Technology and Management, Janakpuri, New Delhi.
- 10 October** Gen (retd) N C Vij chaired a session at a seminar on *'India-China Relationship: Remembering the Past to look into the Future'* at CLAWS, New Delhi.
- 14 October** K G Suresh addressed *'Vijay Hi Vijay'* Youth Convention at Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh.
- 15 October** Ajit Doval chaired a module on Internal Security organized for Senior IAS Officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.
- 18 October** K G Suresh addressed workshop on *'News Writing in Media'* at Prerna, NOIDA.
- 22 October** Ajit Doval participated at a National Conference on the Role of Think Tanks in Policy Making held at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA).
- 22-23 October** Lt General (retd) Ravi Sawhney was a panelist and chaired one of the plenary session for the National Seminar on *'Visionary Leadership'* organized by College of Defence Management at Secunderabad (AP).
- 23 October** K G Suresh delivered a talk on *'Is Social Media Becoming Anti-Social?'* Communal Riots at Alliance Francaise, New Delhi.
- 24 October** K G Suresh was Chief Guest at PRISM-2013, the annual media festival of Jagannath International Management School (JIMS), New Delhi.



- 28-29 October** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on '*Domestic and cross-border terrorism: challenges and threats*' at the FES seminar on India-Pakistan Peace Process, Dubai.
- 1 November** Gen (retd) N C Vij delivered the keynote address on '*Role of Leadership in Disaster Management*' at IIM, Raipur.
- 8 November** K G Suresh delivered keynote address on '*Role of Youth in Nation Building*' at Banarasi Das Chandiwalla Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi.
- 9 November** Dr A Surya Prakash spoke on '*The Majority-Minority Issue in Indian Politics*' at a conference organised by the Bharatiya Samskrutika Parishad, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Ashram, Bangalore
- 9 November** K G Suresh addressed symposium on '*A Faith Denied: Persecution of the Bahais in Iran*' organized by Human Rights Defense International at the Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
- 10 November** Dr A Surya Prakash delivered a public lecture on the '*Changing Profile of the Indian Elector and its Impact on Electoral Politics*' at Manthana, Mysore
- 11 November** Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney gave a talk on Implication of '*Afghan Situation and its influence on our Security Environment*' to the officers of Southern Naval Command at Kochi.
- 13 November** K G Suresh addressed Media Panchayat at SPANDANX 2013 on '*Editorial Freedom Vs Commercial Interest*' at Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi.
- 15 November** Gen (retd) N C Vij chaired the '*National Awards Committee*' in New Delhi for nominating various organisations/institutes in the country for contributing significantly towards disaster relief during occurrence of actual disasters.





- 27 November** K G Suresh was the Chief Guest at the Orientation programme at Heritage Institute of Management and Communication, New Delhi.
- 22-28 Nov.** Ajit Doval participated in an Education Seminar for Indian Opinion Leaders organized by Project Interchange in Israel.
- 29 November** R N P Singh chaired the release function of the Intervention Paper '*Hindus Betrayed*' (Religious Cleansing in Bangladesh) organised by India Policy Foundation, New Delhi.
- 29 November** Prabhat P Shukla delivered a talk on Indian Foreign Policy at the Naval War College, Goa.
- 2 December** Brig (retd) Vinod Anand presented a paper on '*Strategic Dynamics in Asia-Pacific and Implications*' at an international conference 'BRIDEX 2013' held at Brunei Darussalam.
- 9 December** Sushant Sareen made a presentation on the '*Evolving situation in Afpak Region*' at the IPCS briefing for a delegation of German MP's.
- 9-10 Dec.** Prof. Makkhan Lal chaired the concluding session at the seminar on '*Sanskrit Inscriptions on the Silk Route*' organized by Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 11 December** Sushant Sareen presented a paper on the '*Kashmir issue and India-Pakistan relations*' at the Korean Embassy Seminar on Terrorism.
- 15 December** K G Suresh chaired a technical session at International Seminar on '*Public Discourse and New Media*' organized by Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication and Asian Media Information and Communication Centre at Bhopal.



- 19 December** Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney participated in a Round Table conference on Afghanistan with US Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for Asian and Security Affairs (APSA), Dr. Peter Lavoy and Janet Blac, SRAP representative.
- 21 December** Ajit Doval gave a talk on '*Role of Education for Nation Building*' at Punarutthan Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad.
- 23 December** K G Suresh was a panelist at the seminar on '*Taking Indian Higher Education to Global Knowledge Economy*' at 1st SkillTree Education Evangelist of India-2013 Convocation Ceremony, New Delhi.
- 28 December** Prof. Makkhan Lal and K G Suresh spoke at a meeting in memory of U Kiang Nanbah, freedom fighter from Meghalaya, on his 151st death anniversary, at the Constitution Club, New Delhi.



# Resource Research Centre & Library

Setting up of a Digital Library and Resource Research Centre for the benefit of VIF scholars and researchers was envisaged immediately after VIF was inaugurated in December 2009. The project has since been successfully implemented. Documentation of resources, both print and electronic, are underway. Resources are being stored in the database under three categories – Books, Journals and E-Resources. The database presently has 263 E-books and 4,600 other E-resources which include reports, monographs, journals, articles etc. About 1200 quality books in print form, relevant to the subjects of studies, have been added to the VIF Library. VIF expresses its gratitude to Prof. R. Vaidyanathan, Vijai Kapoor & Vice Adm (retd) K K Nayyar for donating their books to its library.





# *Website and E-Journal*

**www.vifindia.org**, the website of Vivekananda International Foundation, has over the years become a reference point for scholars, strategists, students and people at large across the world to get an Indian perspective of international relations, military affairs, internal security, governance, historical and civilisational studies, economy and media. From a few thousand hits initially, the number of hits has crossed the one million mark, reflecting the growing popularity of the website.

Apart from highlighting the activities and programmes at VIF, the website offers in depth perspectives through peer reviewed articles, occasional papers & monographs on a wide range of national and international issues written by eminent experts, strategists and scholars etc. The VIF Viewpoint section highlights the Foundation's stand on key national and international issues. In 2013, the website started hosting book reviews of publications pertaining to the different areas of study undertaken by the VIF. The website has also started displaying links to news items relevant to its different areas of study.

**Vivek – Issues and Options**, VIF's E-Journal carries articles by distinguished scholars on diplomacy, strategy, governance, defence, neighbourhood, economy, media, history, science and technological Studies.

Selected articles from VIF website are also featured regularly in the e-journal.

Apart from being uploaded on VIF website, the journal is also e-disseminated to a large number of interested persons across the globe.

Vivek has been receiving invaluable feedback and we look forward to reaching out to a larger audience in 2014.





**Ajit Doval, KC - Director** (Former Director of Intelligence Bureau)

**Prabhat P Shukla, Joint Director** (Former Ambassador to Russia)

## DEANS:

- **Dr M N Buch**, Dean, Centre for Governance and Political Studies  
(Former Secretary to Government of India)
- **Satish Chandra**, Dean, Centre for National Security and Strategic Studies  
(Former Deputy National Security Advisor)
- **Gen (retd) NC Vij, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM**, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies  
(Former Chief of the Army Staff & Founder Vice Chairman, National Disaster Management Authority)
- **Dr V K Saraswat**, Dean, Centre for Scientific & Technological Studies  
(Former DG, DRDO & Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister)
- **Dr Dilip K. Chakrabarti**, Dean, Centre for Historical and Civilisational Studies  
(Professor Emeritus, Department of Archaeology, University of Cambridge)
- **Kanwal Sibal**, Dean, Centre for International Relations and Diplomacy  
(Former Foreign Secretary)
- **Dr Bibek Debroy**, Dean, Centre for Economic Studies  
(Economist and Author)

## DISTINGUISHED FELLOWS:

- **C D Sahay** (Former Secretary-Research and Analysis Wing, Cabinet Secretariat)
- **Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, PVSM, AVSM** (Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff & Former DGMI)
- **Vice Adm (retd) Raman Puri** (Former Vice Chief of Naval Staff)
- **Dr. A Surya Prakash** (Author and Scholar of Contemporary Studies)



#### SENIOR FELLOWS:

- **P K Mishra**
- **RNP Singh**
- **Brig (Retd) Vinod Anand**
- **Sushant Sareen**
- **Dr. B C Upreti**
- **Prof. Makkhan Lal**
- **K G Suresh**

#### VISITING FELLOWS:

- **R Vaidyanathan**  
(Professor of Finance and UTI Chair Professor in the area of Capital Market Studies at IIM, Bangalore)
- **Lt Gen (reted) S A Hasnain, PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM (BAR), VSM (BAR)**  
(Strategic Analyst and Former GOC 15 Corps & Military Secretary)
- **Brig (reted) Gurmeet Kanwal**  
(Adjunct Fellow, Wadhvani Chair in US India Policy Studies, CSIS)
- **Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran**
- **Radhakrishna Rao**
- **Dr Prem Mahadevan**
- **Dr. Vasabjit Banerjee**



Senior Research Associate:

**Rohit Singh**

Research Associate:

**Neha Mehta**

**Arka Biswas**

Resource Research Centre & library:

**Sanjay Kumar, Asst. Librarian**

**Abhijit Biswas, Library Assistant**

**Naresh Kumar, Assistant**

Administrative Team:

**Manash Bhattacharya**, Assistant Secretary

**Anuttama Ganguly**, Administrative Officer & Financial Controller

**Dharmendra Gaur**, Executive Assistant

**Harshit Pandey**, Executive Assistant

**Krishan Redhu**, IT Assistant

**Abhinandan Rai**, Administrative Assistant

**Alka Sahasrabudhey**, Front Office Assistant

**Dinesh Singh**, Maintenance Assistant

## Advisory Board:

- **Gen (retd) V N Sharma PVSM, AVSM, ADC**, *Former Chief of Army Staff*
- **A K Verma**, *Former Secretary (R&AW)*
- **Gen (retd) Shankar Roychowdhury, PVSM, AVSM**, *Former Chief of Army Staff*
- **Prakash Singh**, *Former Director General, Border Security Force*
- **Air Chief Marshal (retd) S Krishnaswamy, PVSM, AVSM, VM & Bar, ADC**, *Former Chief of Air Staff*
- **Kanwal Sibal**, *Former Foreign Secretary*
- **S Gurumurthy**, *Author and Financial Expert*
- **R Vaidyanathan**, *Professor of Finance, IIM, Bangalore*
- **Arif Mohammad Khan**, *Former Union Minister*
- **Prabhat Kumar**, *IAS (retd), Former Cabinet Secretary*
- **Lt Gen (retd) SK Sinha**, *Former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir and Assam*

## Executive Council :

- **Ajit Doval KC**, *Former Director, Intelligence Bureau*
- **Prabhat P. Shukla**, *Former Ambassador to Russia*
- **Anil Bajjal**, *Former Home Secretary*
- **Prof. Kapil Kapoor**, *Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University*
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- **Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney**, *Former DGMI & Former Vice Chief of Army Staff*
- **Rajiv Sikri**, *Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs*
- **Lt Gen(retd) Gautam Banerjee**, *Former Chief of Staff (Central Command)*
- **Dhanendra Kumar**, *IAS(retd), Former Secretary , Govt of India*





# Financials

Vivekananda International Foundation created under the aegis of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari was registered as an autonomous trust on March 25, 2010 at New Delhi.






The trust meets periodically.

In its meeting on April 29, 2013 it adopted the Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2012-13 which is presented here as annexure -I & II.

Statutory Auditors :

**M/S Purohit & Purohit**  
Chartered Accountants  
New Delhi

## Annexure - I

VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION 3, Institutional Area, San Martin Marg, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi - 110 021			
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2013			
PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR'S FIGURES	PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES
<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>			
Capital Fund	"A"		
- VIF Corpus Fund		772,368.44	4,721,110.36
	TOTAL Rs.	772,368.44	4,721,110.36
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Fixed Assets	"B"	602,103.00	726,786.00
Current Assets	"C"		
- Advances, Deposits & Receivables		180,012.25	84,574.00
- Cash & Bank Balances		1,336,061.69	5,201,608.36
		1,516,073.94	5,286,182.36
Less: Current Liabilities	"D"		
- Other Liabilities		1,345,808.50	1,291,858.00
		1,345,808.50	1,291,858.00
	TOTAL Rs.	170,265.44	3,994,324.36
		772,368.44	4,721,110.36
Notes on Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies	"E"		
Signed in terms of our Report of even date. For PUROHIT & PUROHIT (FRN:003282N) Chartered Accountants			
 CA. K.K. Purohit, LL.B., MBF, FCA Partner Membership No.054763		For Vivekananda International Foundation  Aji Doyal Director  A. Balakrishnan Trustee  (Kishor Tokekar) Secretary	
			
Delhi, The 25th day of April, 2013			



# VIVEKANANDA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

3, Institutional Area, San Martin Marg,  
Chanakyaपुर, New Delhi - 110 021

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2013

PARTICULARS	CURRENT YEAR'S FIGURES	PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES
<b>(A) INCOME</b>		
Donations	14,956,000.00	29,006,000.00
Grants - from MEA-Govt of India	200,000.00	-
Bank Interest	341,782.00	460,872.00
Other Interest	607.00	-
Miscellaneous Receipts	2,254.00	1,805.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	3,948,741.92	-
<b>Total Rs.</b>	<b>19,449,444.92</b>	<b>29,468,677.00</b>
<b>(B) EXPENDITURE</b>		
Audit Fees	30,899.00	28,090.00
Bank Commission & Charges	11,129.00	2,689.00
Books, Journals, Papers & Periodicals	10,268.00	34,454.50
Depreciation	215,748.00	360,161.00
Gardening Expenses	144,621.00	141,115.00
Honorarium, Salaries, Fees & Stipend	9,306,156.00	9,051,096.00
Hospitality Expenses	4,967.00	9,395.00
Library Expenses	249,466.00	65,501.00
Office Expenses	515,775.00	432,692.00
Repairing & Maintenance Expenses	623,932.75	510,940.00
Security Services Expenses	292,232.00	262,688.00
Conferences, Seminars, Vimarsha & Other Activities	1,654,569.38	1,680,886.00
Website Renewal & Registration Charges	7,320.00	-
Rates, Taxes & Fees	708,620.00	-
Interest - TDS	236.00	2,005.00
General up-keep and Cleaning Expenses	717,924.00	759,533.00
Legal & Professional Fees	38,203.00	32,585.00
Postage & Courier Expenses	24,385.00	5,279.00
Power, Fuel Charges & Expenses	2,219,424.29	1,930,264.39
Printing & Stationery	176,740.00	171,050.00
Telephone, Mobile & Internet Expenses	151,142.50	164,704.00
Travelling & Conveyance Exp.	546,917.00	499,671.00
History Project Expenses	1,274,158.00	2,389,164.00
Project Outsourcing	-	300,000.00
Publication Expenses	262,500.00	279,125.00
Donations - for Library Project to VKI	-	6,000,000.00
Water Charges	207,112.00	127,161.00
Registration & Membership Fees - Universities	25,000.00	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	-	4,228,407.61
<b>Total Rs.</b>	<b>19,449,444.92</b>	<b>29,468,677.00</b>

Notes on Accounts and Significant  
Accounting Policies

"E"

Signed in terms of our Report of even date.

For PUROHIT & PUROHIT (FIRN-90382N)

Chartered Accountants

CA. K.K. Purohit, LL.B., M.B.F., FCA

Partner

Membership No. 054763



For Vivekananda International Foundation

Ajit Doshi  
Director

A. Balakrishnan  
Trustee

(Kishor Tibkekar)  
Secretary

Delhi, The 25th day of April, 2013

Annexure -II





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