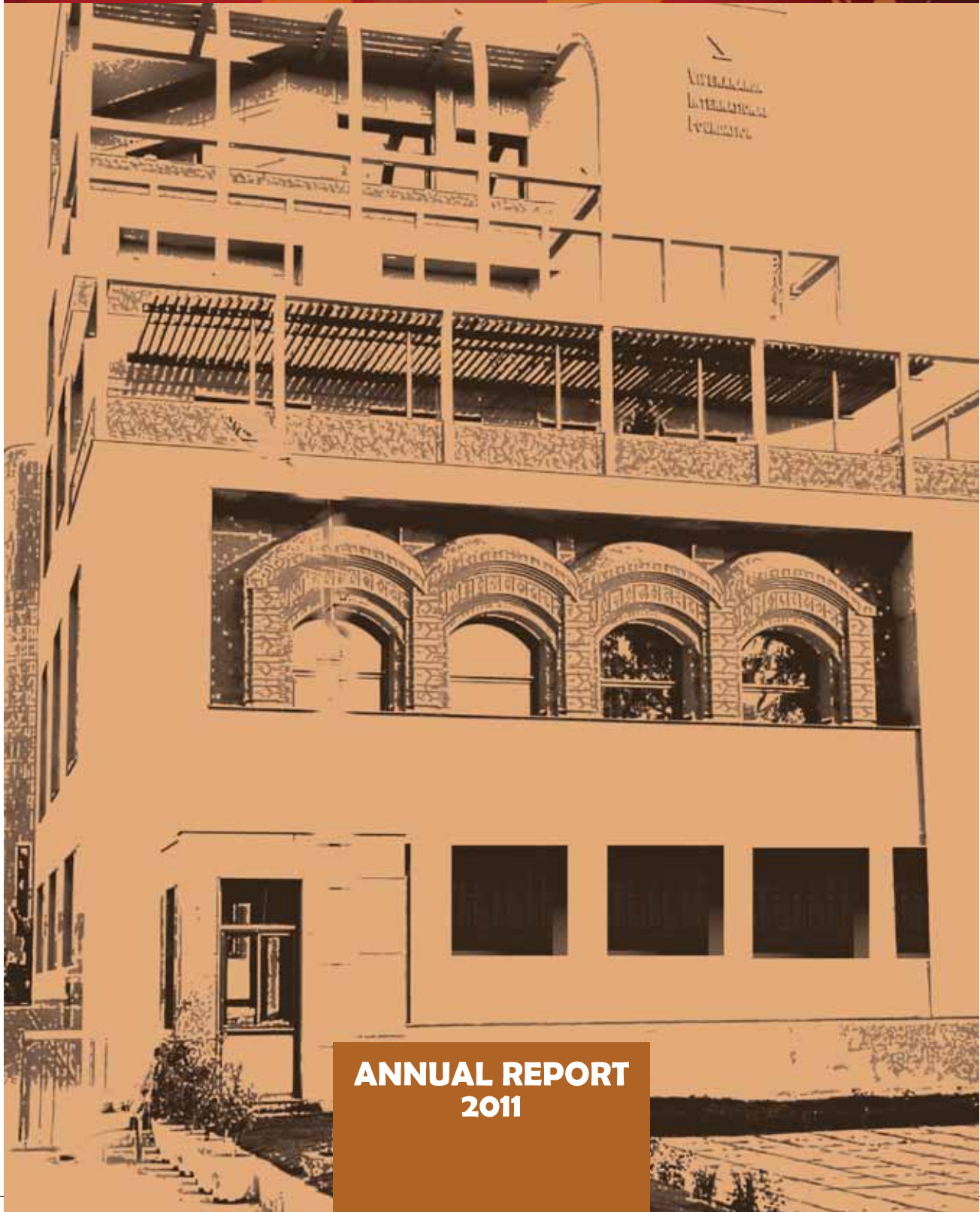




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'The solution of any problem can never be attained on racial or national or narrow grounds. Every idea has to become broad till it covers the whole of this world, every aspiration must go on increasing, till it has engulfed the whole humanity, nay, the whole of life within its scope.'

Swami Vivekananda

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Director's Report

It was in December 2009 that Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF) - an independent, non-partisan institution that promotes quality research and offers a platform for dialogue and conflict resolution – was launched in the heart of New Delhi. Since then through research, scholarship and interaction among domain experts, it has aimed at developing ideas and suggesting measures to tackle complex issues confronting the nation. Some of India's leading experts in the fields of security, military, diplomacy, governance, etc. have got together under the institute's aegis to generate ideas and stimulate action with a long term perspective of India's national interest.

Although just two years old, VIF has emerged as a preferred destination for India's strategic and security community, academicians, the civil society and the media. This has been possible because of VIF's deep and abiding commitment to its basic charter namely, to strive for a strong and self-reliant India through research, scholarship and dialogue aimed at improving governance, national security, the working of democratic bodies and the integration of India's foreign policy to the nation's long-term objectives.

2011 was a very busy year at VIF with a broad spectrum of events and activities that added up to showcasing the institution's seminal efforts in incubating and exchanging ideas and action points in the fields of national and international security, governance, democracy, civilisational and historical studies and culture and heritage.



During the year, VIF conducted several seminars and conferences on a wide range of issues from international and regional conflicts to internal security, governance, civilisational and cultural issues.

It was also a very fruitful year as regards bilateral dialogue with international think tanks, which will lead to long-term associations and collaborations. The 'Vimarsh' programme, which entails a lecture by an eminent guest followed by an interactive session, is a monthly event that has gained considerable popularity among thinkers and intellectuals in the capital.

We look ahead to 2012 with hope and confidence.

Ajit Doval, KC

What is VIF

VIF is a non-partisan institute for dialogue and conflict resolution from a nationalist perspective. Some of India's leading experts in the fields of security, military, diplomacy, governance, etc have got together under the institute's aegis to generate ideas and stimulate action for greater national security and prosperity. Independently funded, VIF is not aligned to any political party or business house. Focused at the country's long-term strategic, developmental and civilisational interests, it aims to channelise fresh insights and decades of experience into developing actionable ideas for the nation's stakeholders. VIF works under the guidance of a registered trust with eminent people in public life as its trustees. The Trust nominates the Director of VIF.

Objectives

VIF has embarked upon quality research and scholarship in a host of areas in the hope that such studies will improve governance, strengthen national security, integrate India's foreign policy to the nation's long-term objectives and bring about much-needed functional efficiency in Parliament and other representative bodies and in public institutions. Following are the objectives of the Foundation:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Events and Activities - 2011

Besides in depth study and analysis of various issues of national interest, seminars, interactions and 'Vimarsh' lectures on topical issues by eminent speakers, covered major part of VIF's activities during 2011. The Foundation held series of seminars on contemporary subjects across a wide political and security spectrum from national, regional and global perspectives, and interacted with well-known experts as well as practitioners of security in India and abroad. Through such activities, VIF sought to emphatically project its views to national and international opinion makers in tune with India's best national interest.

Seminars

Recent Developments in Nepal - The Way Forward

(6 - 7 Jan 2011)



Ever since Nepal became a republic in 2008, India's hopes and aspirations for better relations with its neighbour have been on a high. To chart the future course in the relationship, VIF organized a two-day seminar on '*Recent Developments in Nepal - the Way Forward*'. H.E. Sujata Koirala, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Government of Nepal inaugurated the seminar and Shri Ajit Doval,

Director VIF, delivered the keynote address. There were more than 40 participants including the current Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Baburam Bhattarai, current Finance Minister Shri Barsha Man Pun (earlier Deputy Commander of PLA), former Nepalese Army Chief General RM Katawal and many other senior political leaders, former Ambassadors, bureaucrats, academicians and journalists, both from Nepal and India.

The seminar, in six sessions, covered wide-ranging subjects such as strategy for political reconciliation, constitution writing, rehabilitation and integration of PLA combatants, Terai in Nepal politics, Nepal's economy, Indo-Nepal relations and in the end drew some comprehensive conclusions on the way forward. More details are available on the VIF website.

Aerospace Leadership in the Coming Decades

(3-4 Feb 2011)

Third “Jumbo” Majumdar International Conference on *‘Aerospace Leadership in the Coming Decade’* was jointly organised by Vivekananda International Foundation, the Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS) and Air Headquarters at the Foundation. Eminent speakers participated in the conference that was



attended by serving and retired officers of the armed forces, experts from abroad as well as senior representatives from the corporate world.

The seminar, in four sessions, covered the following sub topics: the Context for Aerospace Power, Aerospace Leadership for the Future, Leadership Perspective from other areas, and Aerospace Technology Leadership.

Air Cmde (retd) Jasjit Singh AVSM VrC VM, Director, CAPS, delivered the opening address while Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh DFC delivered the presidential address. Dr. M.M. Pallam Raju, Minister of State for Defence, Government of India, delivered the inaugural address and Air Marshal KJ Mathews AVSM YSM, Commander-in-Chief, Strategic Forces Command delivered the keynote. Among other distinguished speakers were Air Marshal Anil Chopra AVSM VM VSM, Air Officer Personnel, Air Headquarters and General Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff, United States Air Force and Shri Ajit Doval who delivered a special address. Air Marshal NAK Browne PVSM AVSM VM, Vice Chief of the Air Staff delivered the valedictory address.

Perspectives on Transforming India-Central Asia Engagement - Prospects and Issues

(14 -15 Feb 2011)



VIF held a seminar on '*Perspectives on Transforming India-Central Asia Engagement: Prospects and Issues*' in order to deliberate on India's growing engagements with the Central Asian Region (CAR). The seminar was noted for the presence of eminent experts from various Central Asian countries, Russia and India. Ambassadors of Central Asian countries in New Delhi took active

part in the seminar and gave their perspective on the various aspects of their countries' approach to internal and regional security issues including relations with India. Eminent research scholars from Russia and Central Asian countries also made their presentations. The proceedings of the seminar have been published by the Foundation for wider circulation

'Transparency and Accountability in Governance: International experience in the Indian context'

(1-2 Apr 2011)

A two day seminar on '*Transparency and Accountability in Governance - International experience in the Indian context*' was organised by VIF in association with well known civil society leaders and opinion makers like Dr. Subramaniam Swamy, Shri S. Gurumurthy, Professor R. Vaidyanathan and others. The seminar was inaugurated by Justice M.N. Venkatachaliah and was



addressed by luminaries like Justice J.S. Verma, Dr. Subhash Kashyap, Shri N. Gopalaswam, Amb Satish Chandra, Shri Vijai Kapoor, Professor M.D. Nalapat, Professor Arun Kumar, Shri Bhure Lal, Shri Arvind Kejriwal and Dr. Jai Prakash Narayan. Among the foreign delegates Rolland Lomme, World Bank, David Spencer of the Tax Justice Network and Nuria Molina, former Director, European Network on Debt and Development presented their opinions in the various panel discussions.

The Speakers at the convention focused on corruption as a core issue of mal governance affecting national interest in diverse ways, including national economy, its security and integrity. The Speakers emphasized on the menace of Indian black money that has been stashed – estimated at \$472 Billions – abroad much of it sourced in “corruption kickbacks and crime” and on the method of recovering back the money. The seminar suggested the formulation and enabling of various legislations and watch bodies against graft and mal governance.

Security and Development in North-East

(April 16-17 2011)

VIF in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture (VKIC), Guwahati organised a two day national seminar at Itanagar on '*Security and Development in North-East*' with a special focus on Arunachal Pradesh. Senior faculty members of VIF, led by its Director, travelled to Arunachal Pradesh and made presentations on this extremely important issue for the region and the country.

H.E. General (retd) J.J.Singh, Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of the Indian Army inaugurated the seminar and Shri Jarbom Gamlin, Power Minister, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, delivered the Chief Guest's address. The conference saw a large gathering of eminent citizens, experts, civil society leaders as well as youth from all over the region.



India Defence Vision 2025

(25-26 May 2011)



With an eye on futuristic requirements for the Indian military against the backdrop of rapidly changing geo-strategic environment, VIF organized a seminar on '*India Defence Vision 2025*', spread across six sessions over two days. The seminar gained salience in view of the fact that as India progresses in the new millennium, the country's aspirations for peace and prosperity

at par with developed nations will also increase. One of the important routes of transforming these dreams and aspirations into reality is articulating well thought out national and defence visions looking beyond the horizon of immediacy. Serving officers from the defence services (two and three star generals) presented papers on the occasion. A large number of senior and middle ranking officers of the three services attended the deliberations. Summary of the proceedings are available on VIF website.

Tibet in the Aftermath of Devolution of Political Authority

(6-7 Sep 2011)

The conference, '*Tibet in the Aftermath of Devolution of Political Authority*', focused on issues like Tibetan politics and new leadership, the Chinese and Indian perceptions of the Tibet problem, China's policy in Tibet and its strategic implications for India, socio-political developments in Tibet, human right issues, significance of Tibet to the Asian environmental and water



security and other related themes. The presence of H.E. Dr. Lobsang Sangay, Kalon Tripa of the Central Tibetan Administration (CAT) delivering the keynote address was the high point of the conference. This was Dr. Sangay's first formal public interaction after his assumption of the high office of the Kalon Tripa on August 8, 2011. Mr. Penpa Tsering, Speaker of the CAT Parliament was one of the key speakers at the conference and a number of experts and scholars on Tibet from India and abroad attended the two day proceedings. The conference ended with Amb Lalit Man Singh recommending the way forward and presenting policy options for India.

Transcripts of some of the main speeches of the conference are available on VIF's website and a book based on the proceedings of the seminar is due to be published in early 2012.

Myanmar in Transition: Asian Perspectives

(19 Sept 2011)

Spread across three sessions in a single day, the seminar '*Myanmar in Transition*' provided perspectives on a range of complex issues concerning Myanmar: the beginning of a democratisation process in Myanmar – the related constraints and opportunities; civil-military relations; nuclear, economic, ethnic and external factors and most importantly India's approach to its



Southeast Asian neighbour given that country's strategic significance. Some of the prognostications made in the seminar are turning out to be true in the current evolving situation in Myanmar. Among the key participants who shared their views were Amb Kanwal Sibal, Amb Rajiv Sikri, Mr. Bertil Lintner, Dr. Tint Swe, Dr. Udai Bhanu Singh, Shri C.S. Kuppuswamy, Shri P.M. Heblikar and Amb Bhaskar Mitra.

India-Bangladesh Relations

(12-13 Oct 2011)



With the spotlight on finding ways to further improve ties between India and Bangladesh, especially making the upward trajectory in relationship an irreversible process, a seminar was held over two days and three sessions, with a session each devoted to Bangladesh's security, economy and bilateral affairs with India. Among the participants in the seminar, including guest speakers

were Lt. Gen Harun-Ar-Rashid, former Chief of Bangladesh Army and Dr. Abul Barkat, President Bangladesh Economic Association and Chairman Janata Bank, Bangladesh. The discussions gave out in-depth perspectives on outstanding issues between the two countries, including the issue of illegal migration from Bangladesh, border management, water sharing, trade imbalance etc in a holistic manner. Besides VIF Director, former ambassadors – Muchkund Dubey, Kanwal Sibal, Satish Chandra, Rajiv Sikri and former Chief of the Indian Army General N.C. Vij were prominent among the Indian speakers.

Towards a Stable Afghanistan: The Way Forward

(Oct 31-Nov 1, 2011)

VIF and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) collaborated in a project on the Afghanistan situation. VIF faculty was led by Shri Ajit Doval, Amb Prabhat Prakash Shukla, Amb Satish Chandra and Lt. Gen Ravi Sawhney. Sir John Scarlett, Senior Associate Fellow of RUSI and former Chief of the Secret Intelligence Service headed the RUSI delegation which included



Professor Malcolm Chalmers, Director of Research and Director, UK Defence Policy at RUSI, Dr. Jonathan Eyal, Director of International Security Studies at RUSI and Dr. Alexander Alderson, Director of the Land Forces Stability Operations and Counterinsurgency. In a follow up to the first visit experts from the two think tanks met in London in November 2011 to continue the deliberations. A joint policy document based on the discussion has been released and is available on VIF website.



Disasters Risk Reduction: Another Important Route to Poverty Alleviation (24 Nov 2011)



A day long seminar on '*Disasters Risk Reduction: Another Important Route to Poverty Alleviation*' was organized in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA). Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam, former President of India, Dr. (Ms.) Syeda S. Hameed, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India, Shri M. S. Reddy, Vice Chairman, NDMA, Mr. Aslam

Pervaiz, Head of the Disaster Risk Management System at the Asian Disaster Preparedness Centre, (ADPC), Bangkok, Dr. Mohan Kanda, former Chief Secretary Andhra Pradesh and former member NDMA and Prof. V K Menon, former member NDMA were among the prominent speakers. During the discussions the experts, while underlining India's rising vulnerabilities against both natural and man-made disasters, also spelt out steps that could be taken to enhance the country's capacity to cope with such challenges.

Interactions

Interaction with Amb. Robert Blackwill

(6 Jan 2011)

Ambassador Robert Blackwill, former United States Ambassador to India (2001–2003), and United States National Security Council Deputy for Iraq (2003–2004) visited VIF on January 2011 for a discussion on American foreign and defence policies, international terrorism and the growing Indo-U.S. ties.

Panel Discussion on 'Breaking India: Western Interventions in Dravidian and Dalit Faultlines'

(9 Feb 2011)



'Breaking India – Western Interventions in Dravidian and Dalit Faultlines' a book jointly authored by Rajiv Malhotra, chief of the Princeton based Infinity Foundation and Distinguished Fellow, VIF and Shri Aravindan Neelakandan, intellectual activist, columnist and popular science writer from Tamil Nadu, was released at the VIF auditorium on 9th

February, 2011. A galaxy of speakers participated in the panel discussion on the theme of the book. Among the prominent speakers were Professor Upendra Baxi former Vice-Chancellor, Delhi University, Shri S. Gurusamy, noted public intellectual, columnist and financial analyst, senior jurist Ram Jethmalani and Vice Admiral (retd) Raman Puri. Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Shri Aravindan Neelakandan introduced the book.

Interaction with Mr. Andrew J. Shapiro, US Assistant Secretary of State (11 Feb 2011)



US Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Andrew J. Shapiro visited VIF for an interaction with senior members of the Foundation. A range of issues, including the strategic dimension of the India-US bilateral relations, defence trade between the two countries, relations between the two militaries and the regional and global

strategic perceptions of the two great democracies, were discussed in a free and frank manner during the interaction.

Interaction with Maulana Fazlur Rehman (16 February, 2011)

Maulana Fazlur Rehman, President of Jamiat Ulema-i-Islam (JUIF) and a prominent politician in Pakistan, visited VIF on February 16, 2011. Former Tourism Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Attaur Rehman, Senator Dr Khalid Soomro and Maulana Mahmood A. Madani, M.P. (Rajya Sabha) accompanied the leader. During a two and a half hour long interaction with senior faculty



members of VIF, Maulana Fazlur Rehman gave his perception of the state of relations between India and Pakistan, the political situation inside Pakistan, developments in Afghanistan and the problems created by the presence of foreign forces in that country and the rise of fundamentalism in Pakistan.

Interaction with Ambassador Niclas Trouve, Swedish Special Envoy to Af-Pak

(3 Mar 2011)



The Indian view on the situation in Afghanistan and the future of the country was examined. In addition to the Indian perspective, the views of other countries, like Pakistan, Iran, Russia and Central Asian countries on the current situation in Afghanistan were also highlighted. The influence of Pakistan in the stability of Afghanistan was also analysed in great detail and internal

developments in Pakistan as well as its interference in the pursuit of its policy of strategic depth in Afghanistan were deliberated upon.

RTD on the weakness of Japanese diplomacy in prospects of Indian-Japanese ties

(18 Mar 2011)

Professor Michimi Muranushi, Department of Law, Gakushuin University, Tokyo, spoke on the weaknesses of Japanese diplomacy against the backdrop of Senkaku island dispute between China and Japan. While attributing Japan's diplomatic weaknesses to the inexperienced Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) he discussed the lack of a structured decision-making body



within the government and the Chinese government's hesitation to suppress the anti-Japanese protests etc. Professor Muranushi also cited the influence and counter force of interest groups such as the Chinese and the American, which resulted in the indecisiveness of the Japanese response to China's aggressive postures.

Interaction with Dr Jonah Blank

(22 April 2011)

Dr Jonah Blank, Chief Policy Advisor for South Asia, Central Asia, and Southeast Asia, Committee on Foreign Relations US Senate and Gregory M. Kausner, Professional Staff Member Committee on Foreign Relations Committee, US Senate visited VIF on 22 April 2011. They held an exhaustive interaction with the faculty at VIF with the aim of exploring perceptions among India's strategic elite regarding the US-India relationship in the security sphere as well as their views on Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as a regional threat to India and Pakistan as well as its activities in Afghanistan and global threats emanating from it.



Interaction with RCDS Delegation

(9 May 2011)



A delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS), London, comprising senior defence and civil service officers from countries like UK, France, Germany and Brazil, visited VIF on May 9, 2011. Senior members of VIF'S faculty briefed members of the delegation on the nuances of India's foreign policy, economic growth, security challenges etc.

Interaction with Swedish Defence Delegation

(11 May 2011)



A high-level delegation from Sweden led by Dr. Hans-Christian Hagman, Senior Advisor, Secretariat for Strategy & Security Analysis, Swedish Ministry of Defence had a comprehensive interaction with the Director and faculty members of VIF. The discussion focused on global strategic and security environment, regional

setting, India's foreign policy concerns and priorities, and India's possible future role in the wake of its emerging as a new power centre in a multi-polar world.

Interaction with the Chief of General Staff - British Army

(18 May 2011)

Chief of the General Staff, British Army General Sir Peter Anthony Wall KCB CBE ADC Gen held an extensive discussion on Afghanistan's future prospects with a select panel of experts at VIF. In course of the discussion, the British Army Chief expressed his hopes of finding solutions to the vexed Afghan issue. The discussion,



among other issues, also focused on the foreseeable changes in Western strategies towards the region in the aftermath of Osama Bin Laden's killing.

Interaction with H.E. Tariq Ahmad Karim, Bangladesh High Commissioner (1 Jun 2011)

H.E. Tariq Ahmad Karim, Bangladesh High Commissioner held a closed-door interaction with experts at VIF lasting over three hours. The High Commissioner provided a comprehensive expose of the progress made in taking forward and implementing the various understandings arrived at and encapsulated in the India-Bangladesh joint communiqué



issued during Sheikh Hasina's visit to India in January 2010. He underlined the game changing nature of the joint communiqué and enumerated the cooperation it had engendered between the two countries in diverse areas. Amb Muchkund Dubey, Shri B.G. Verghese, veteran journalist and Shri S.K.Dutta former Governor of Nagaland, attended the interaction among others.

Interaction with Members of US Congressional Staff Delegation (8 Jun 2011)



A Congressional Staff Delegation from the United States comprising Kevin Fitzpatrick, Director, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia, Mr. Jeremy Haldeman, Staff Director on Oversight and Investigations and Mr. Ed Stein, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Middle East and South Asia visited the Foundation for a closed door interaction on India-

Afghanistan/Pakistan and regional affairs. The discussion also focused on the role Pakistan had been playing in Afghanistan, especially using terrorism as a negative leverage in order to gain concessions for itself against India.

RTD on Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

(20 Jun 2011)



Against the backdrop of the Tenth Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the Kazakh capital, Astana, a Round Table Discussion (RTD) was organized especially with a view to examine the outcome of the summit as also India's prospects for gaining its full membership. The RTD concluded that transport, energy and connectivity are a few among other

drivers behind India's desire for establishing better ties with the Central Asian Republics. However, a full membership for India by the SCO at this point in time remains a speculative issue largely because of strong Chinese resistance.

Interaction on 'European Perspective on Afghanistan Situation'

(22 Jun 2011)

An interaction on the evolving dynamics in the Af-Pak region from a European perspective took place between VIF's research faculty and Dr Klaus Lange and Dr Klara Knapp from the Institute of Transnational Studies, Munich. The interaction squarely focused on Europe's declining interest in managing global affairs especially in the wake of the ongoing financial crisis. A



A growing trans-atlantic divide on several issues including the continued relevance of NATO under the present geo-strategic dispensation were among other issues which figured prominently during the interaction.

Interaction with Dr. Lobsang Sangay

(22 Jun 2011)

A select group of experts held an informal closed door interaction at VIF with Dr. Lobsang Sangay, the Prime-Minister elect of the Central Tibetan Administration (CAT) on the subject '*Tibet: Assessment of Recent Developments*'. While underlining Tibet's cultural and strategic significance, especially for India, Dr. Sangay also spoke at length about the significance of His

Holiness the Dalai Lama's decision to hand over political authority to a new incumbent. He struck a chord with the audience almost instantly when revealing his strong personal bond with India and her age-old tradition.



Interaction with H.E. Daulat Kuanyshhev, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to India

(24 Jun 2011)



H.E. Daulat Kuanyshhev, Ambassador of Kazakhstan to India, discussed issues brought up at the Tenth Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) at Astana and Kazakhstan-India bilateral relationship with members of VIF's research team. Underlining India's growing economic influence regionally as well as internationally, the Ambassador expressed his

desire for New Delhi's robust engagement with the Central Asian region.

Interaction with H.E. John Tucknott - UK's Ambassador to Nepal

(28 Jun 2011)



The Ambassador of United Kingdom to Nepal H.E. John Anthony Tucknott visited the Foundation for an interaction on Nepal's internal dynamics. The interaction, inter alia, focused on Nepal's uncertain transition to democracy, the ongoing constitutional deadlock, intra-party rivalry among various political parties in Nepal, integration of

former Maoist rebels into Nepal's Army and India's key role in Nepal's present political processes.

Interaction with Col (retd) Thomas M. McNamara, Deputy Director of Intelligence, USPACOM

(29 Jun 2011)

The interaction with Col (Retd) Thomas M. McNamara, Deputy Director of Intelligence, US Pacific Command (USPACOM) and Member, India Strategic Focus Group (India SFG) focused on the US exit strategy from Afghanistan and its larger implications for the region. Col McNamara also shared with the members of VIF's faculty his perceptions of the US government and the general public's attitude towards the long war in Afghanistan and spelt out the major drivers of US exit strategy in Afghanistan.



Interactions

Interaction with a DPP Delegation

(11 Aug 2011)

In a first-ever visit to India by officials of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) of Taiwan to India, a five-member delegation led by DPP Member of Parliament Ms. Chen, Chiech-Ju and Ms Huai-Hui Hsieh, Deputy Director, Department of International Affairs DPP and Dr I-Chung Lai, Director of Foreign Policy Studies, Taiwan, visited the foundation

to interact with senior faculty members on the regional security dynamics.



Interaction with US Congressional Staff Delegation

(21 Oct 2011)



Leading a four-member delegation of the Oversight and Investigation for the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States House of Representatives, Chief Council Mr. J Harold Rees visited the Foundation for an interaction on the situation in Afghanistan. He was

accompanied by Ms. Janice V. Kaguyutan, Deputy Chief Council and two other members of the committee - Ms. Sarah Leiby and Mr. William Hawkins.

Interaction with a Taiwanese Delegation

(18 Nov 2011)



The members of VIF faculty held a closed door interaction with members of the Taiwan-based Cross-Strait Interflow Prospect Foundation. The delegation was led by Mr. Kuang-Chung Liu, President of the Prospect Foundation. The interaction focused on the security dynamics in the Asia-Pacific region against the backdrop of an

increasingly assertive China; cross-strait relations between Mainland China and Taiwan, and prospects for an improved relationship between India and Taiwan.

Vimarsha

Vimarsha, the monthly series of talks which is open to the general public by invitation, is another key feature of VIF's regular activities. Prominent speakers are invited to deliver talks on issues of specific importance across the entire national spectrum – political, economic, social, cultural and civilisational etc. With a large, varied and enthusiastic audience, Vimarsha has already defined its place in the intellectual map of the capital.

A summary of the speeches of the lecture series are available on the VIF website.

Vision India 2025: Need for Legal, Judicial and Constitutional Reforms (15 Jan 2011)



The talk by eminent jurist and former Attorney-General of India Shri Soli Sorabjee outlined the grand vision of the founding fathers of the Constitution to eradicate poverty, hunger and exploitation and render justice to all, which are enshrined in its Preamble.

India Grows at Night when the Government Sleeps (26 Feb 2011)



Noted author, commentator and public intellectual Shri Gurcharan Das delivered a talk on '*India Grows at Night when the Government Sleeps*'.

Globalisation and National Identities

(25 March 2011)



Eminent scholar of Buddhist and Cultural studies Dr. Lokesh Chandra spoke on '*Globalisation and National Identities*'. In his address, Dr. Lokesh Chandra focused on "globalization – a deadly cancer that is affecting the world today." His main argument was that globalization is ushering an era of uniformity and decimating diversities of identities and expressions.

Strategizing Jammu & Kashmir Policy: Factoring in the Past Experience & Future Portents

(29 Apr 2011)



Shri Arif Mohammed Khan, a veteran leader and former Union Minister for Civil Aviation and Energy, spoke on '*Strategizing Jammu & Kashmir Policy: Factoring in the past Experience & Future Portents*'.

Maratha Rule 1674-1761: an Appraisal

(30 Jun 2011)



Shri Shanti Prasad Agrawal, an eminent scholar of Maratha history gave an appraisal of the '*History of Maratha Rule (1674-1761)*', Shri Agrawal argued that Shivaji's concept of a sovereign state had a broad pan-Indian identity. He further brought out that the great Maratha pursued a policy of religious tolerance towards all. Besides the rules of good governance, some of the attributes of modern warfare, especially espionage and asymmetric warfare could be traced back to Shivaji. Dr. Bharat Gupt chaired the session.

Role and Relevance of Saints and Religious Leaders in Constitutional Polity

(29 Jul 2011)

Highlighting the moral and ethical void across the entire political spectrum of India, Dr. Bharat Gupt, an eminent scholar of civilisational studies, deliberated upon the '*Role and Relevance of Saints and Religious Leaders in Constitutional Polity*'. Dr. Gupt spoke of the need to develop an inclusive approach in dealing with the problem. He argued that the denial of political space to religious leaders demonstrated that something was wrong with the present cultural fabric of India.



The Study of Ancient India: Erroneous Perceptions and the Reality

(31 Aug 2011)



Dr. Dilip K Chakrabarti, Professor Emeritus of South Asian Archaeology, Cambridge University and Distinguished Fellow, VIF, made a strong case for removing the colonial bias from the study of ancient Indian history. *'The Study of Ancient India: Erroneous Perceptions and the Reality'* as the title of his talk suggests, discussed in some detail historians' prejudices as well as political influences that have willfully distorted the examination of India's ancient history.

Communal Violence Bill

(30 Sep 2011)



Mr. R.N.P. Singh, a former senior officer of Intelligence Bureau, Government of India and currently a Senior Fellow at VIF, talked about the implications for social harmony of the proposed legislation on *'Prevention of Communal and Targeted Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill, 2011'*. His talk was highly critical of the policy of appeasing minority sentiments at the cost of the majority community.

India 2021: Hazarding Guesses, Guessing Hazards

(7 Nov 2011)



Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, former Governor of West Bengal, portrayed a diverse image of India in his visionary talk '*India 2021: Hazarding Guesses, Guessing Hazards*' – the image of a relatively young nation right on a high trajectory of economic growth, yet impatient, angry, and demanding a leadership more representative of its age.

India-Slowing Down an Under-Heated Economy

(30 December 2011)



Dr. Bibek Debroy, eminent economist and member of VIF's Executive Council, delivered a perceptive talk '*India-Slowing Down an Under Heated Economy*', featuring India's tremendous future economic potentials against the backdrop of perceivable bottlenecks.

Areas of Research and Study – 2011


Having identified important areas of national and international concerns, VIF has undertaken intensive studies in the following areas: international relations and diplomacy, neighbourhood studies, national security and strategic studies, governmental and developmental studies and historical and civilization studies.

- Geopolitical and geo-strategic aspects of developments in Nepal, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Central Asia
- India's Defence Vision 2025 and Defence Preparedness
- Geostrategic Environment in the Asia Pacific and Implications for India
- Chinese Strategic Weapons Development – Implications and Options for India
- Outer Space Weapons Development – Implications and Options for India
- Missile Warfare Capability as Core Component of India's National Security and Military Strategies
- Impact, Spread and Manifestation of Islamic Radical Thought on Indian Muslim Society
- Efficacy of Government Funding in Combatting Terrorism

History Project

VIF has undertaken a multi-volume research publications programme on the History of India. It has become important because the first comprehensive efforts to incorporate all historical evidences known till then were made in the late 1940s and early 1950s. Since then over a period of 60 years a huge body of new evidence has been discovered which throws a new light on the History of India. The present multi-volume series will incorporate these new data. Different chapters and sections in each volume will be written by reputed scholars/experts in the respective research areas.

In the First Phase 11 volumes will be brought out which will deal from the earliest times (Stone Age) to 12th Century A.D. In this series, the first two volumes (I and II) have been made ready. "*Prehistoric Roots*", the first volume in the series, deals from the beginning of human cultures in India about 17 lakhs years ago to the Mesolithic period which lasted in some parts of India up to 5,000 B.C. Volume II, "*Protohistoric Foundations*", deals with the beginning of food production



(Neolithic period) which began about 8000 B.C. to the beginning of the Iron Age about 2000 B.C. The Volumes contain chapters and sections written by 42 reputed scholars who have carried out original researches in their respective areas.

Now volumes III, IV, V are under preparation. These volumes shall deal with Political History and Administration from the Vedic times to 12th Century A.D. It is expected that in a phased manner volumes will be ready in November 2012, March 2013, and June 2013.

The VIF Website

The website, <http://www.vifindia.org>, is VIF's gateway to the world and hosts features such as op-eds, articles, working papers, occasional papers, monographs, seminar reports, country briefs etc. Besides, VIF's website also carries live streaming of some of the events hosted by the Foundation. Efforts are presently underway to make the website more interactive and user-friendly with inclusion of features like databases, discussion boards, and cross-referral links with other think tanks who share common security concerns with VIF.

E-Journal

Vivek, VIF's monthly e-journal was first conceptualized in September 2011 and put on a trial run for the first three months. The e-journal which has now been in regular publication since January 2012 is being posted to the website and disseminated to a select group of readers through e-mail. The Foundation hopes that experiences gained through e-publishing the journal will eventually fructify into a print version of *Vivek*. The journal is under constant review for improvement both in style and in content.

Research Resource Centre

A knowledge resource centre remains central to the scheme of things for any research-oriented organization, more so for the VIF. The Foundation achieved the completion of a physical infrastructure required for setting up a modern state-of-the-art research resource centre within its premises. Plans are also afoot to meet the staffing and other requirements for the same. It is hoped that the centre will form a hub for all research related activities at VIF in future.

Agenda for the Future

VIF began the year 2012 with a noteworthy event. A joint report of the VIF and RUSI of the UK titled “Towards a Stable Afghanistan: The Way Forward” was published in London and New Delhi. The report has found positive resonance in national and international circles.

It is proposed to undertake further projects not only with RUSI but also with some other international think tanks. Bilateral exchanges with a Japanese think tank on the regional security situation are planned for the middle of year. Similarly a multilateral dialogue with U.S., Australian and Japanese think tank on the ‘emerging strategic environment in Asia-Pacific and its implications for India and other powers’ is also in the pipeline.

As VIF marches ahead, there is growing disposition to look more closely at the Indian neighbourhood for which a number of events are being planned. In consonance with our objectives a seminar on defence preparedness is also planned to be held in the first half of the year.

The shifting global axis warrants that East Asia has become the cynosure of all eyes. Hence, a seminar on China is also planned to be held in the third/fourth quarter of the year. VIF resolved to continue with the same vigour and vitality to focus on the developments across the globe and foreign and security policies of the US, European Union, Central Asia, Japan, Taiwan and Iran. More over, a renewed effort is being made to focus on India’s neighbourhood, especially China, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka.


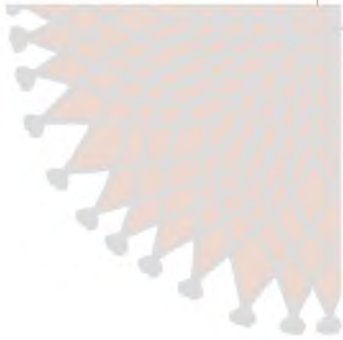
Security and strategic issues are one side of the coin, India’s future and prosperity hinges on preserving the core of our existence and identity. VIF will also strive to concentrate on internal security, counter-terrorism, economic development, governance as well as our culture and civilisation. The events of the past year reflected the vision and goals of Vivekananda International Foundation and VIF would strive, in the forthcoming year, to contribute its mite to fulfill India’s destiny.

Research Team

With focus on quality rather than on numbers, VIF has formed a strong team of practitioners and researchers, drawn from diverse backgrounds – media, intelligence, military, foreign and civil services, among others. While bulk of the research activities is carried indoors, projects are also outsourced to specialists who may be working outside VIF's domain.

- **Ajit Doval, KC**, former Director Intelligence Bureau and Director VIF – National Security – Issues and Options, Assessment of Long Term Strategic Threats, Terrorism and Internal Conflicts,
- **Satish Chandra**, former Deputy National Security Advisor and Distinguished Fellow – National Security Reforms, International Relations, South Asian Studies, Nuclear Issues, FMCT and NPT.
- **C D Sahay**, former Chief of R&AW and Distinguished Fellow – Strategic Studies, South East Asian Studies including Myanmar, Intelligence Reforms and Threat Assessments.
- **Lt General (retd) R K Sawhney**, former Deputy Chief of Army Staff and Distinguished Fellow – Military Studies and Strategy, Afghanistan and India's Defence Preparedness.
- **PP Shukla**, formerly Ambassador to Russia and Joint Director – India's Foreign Policy, Economic and Defence Diplomacy, Indo-US Relations, China.
- **Vice Admiral (retd.) Venkat Bharathan**, former Vice Chief, Indian Navy and Distinguished Fellow – Indian Oceanic Studies and Maritime Rivalries, Indian Naval Preparedness and Planning for the Future, Higher Defence Decision Making, Defence Production and Procurements – Policies and Issues.
- **Prof Dilip. K. Chakrabarti**, Professor Emeritus, Department of South Asian Archeology, Cambridge University and Distinguished Fellow – Historical and Civilisational Studies
- **Dr Mahesh N Buch**, Former Secretary to Government of India and Visiting Fellow - Governance, Administrative Reforms, Centre-State Relations, Development Policies and their Execution.

- **Dr R Vaidyanathan**, Head of Department of Finance, IIM Bangalore and Visiting Fellow– Public Finance and Monetary Policies, Budget, Corruption in Government.
- **Radha Krishna Rao**, Research Fellow – Technology in Indian’s Defence Build up, Defence Production, Cyber Security
- **A Surya Prakash**, Senior Fellow – Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, Democratic Institutions and their Functioning, Analysis of Political Developments, Demographic Studies.
- **Brig. Vinod Anand**, Senior Fellow - Military And Strategic Affairs, Missile Defence, Weapon Systems, Defence Budget, Comparative Study of Defence Forces in Asia.
- **Sushant Sareen**, Senior Fellow - Pakistan and Afghanistan Studies – Security Issues, Internal Developments, Relations with India, Foreign Relations, Economy.
- **Prof. Makkhan Lal**, Senior Fellow - Historical and Civilisational Studies.
- **RNP Singh**, Senior Fellow – Socio-Political Conflicts and Communal Issues.
- **Dr. N Manoharan**, Senior Fellow - Internal Security Policies, Terrorism, Insurgencies, Left Wing Extremism and Functioning of Internal Security Agencies.
- **Dr. Prem Mahadevan**, Senior Research Associate – International Terrorism, Intelligence Studies, ISI’s Covert Strategies and Tactics.
- **Chietigij Bajpae**, Senior Research Associate – South East Asian Studies, China’s Maritime Policies and Naval Build up, China’s Foreign Policy in South East and Far East Asia.
- **Vasabjit Banerjee**, Senior Research Associate – International Relations and American Studies.
- **Anirban Ganguly**, Senior Research Associate - Civilisational and Cultural Studies, Indian Political Thought, Contemporary Indian Political History, Philosophy of Education

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- **Neha Mehta**, Research Assistant - Bangladesh
 - **Uddhab Pyakurel**, Research Assistant – Nepal
 - **Sanjay Kumar** – In charge Research Resource Centre
 - **Harshit Pandey** – Research Assistant

Administrative and Technical Team:

- Manas Bhattacharjee - Assistant Secretary
- Anuttama Ganguly - Administrative Officer and Financial Controller
- Hardik Mehta – Technical Officer (IT) and Software Engineer
- Kalpna Mehta – Technical Officer (IT)
- Krishan Redhu – IT Assistant
- Madhavan Kutty - Manager Maintenance and House Keeping
- Dharmendra Gaur – Executive Assistant

Annual Audit Report:

Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), created under the aegis of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari was registered as a Trust on March 25, 2010 at New Delhi. The Trust holds its meetings periodically. In its meeting on June 27, 2011 it adopted the Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2010-11 which is presented as Appendix 'A'.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2011

| PARTICULARS | SCHEDULE | CURRENT YEAR'S FIGURES | PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES |
|---|----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u> | | | |
| Capital Fund | "A" | | |
| - VIF Corpus Fund | | 492,702.75 | - |
| | | TOTAL Rs. | |
| | | <u>492,702.75</u> | <u>-</u> |
| <u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u> | | | |
| Fixed Assets | "B" | 681,018.00 | - |
| Current Assets | "C" | | |
| - Advances, Deposits & Receivables | | 104,773.50 | - |
| - Cash & Bank Balances | | 881,330.25 | - |
| | | <u>986,103.75</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Less: Current Liabilities | "D" | | |
| - Sundry Creditors | | 2,689.00 | - |
| - Advances & Deposits | | 15,266.00 | - |
| - Other Liabilities | | 1,156,464.00 | - |
| | | <u>1,174,419.00</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | (188,315.25) | - |
| | | TOTAL Rs. | |
| | | <u>492,702.75</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Notes on Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies | "E" | | |

Signed in terms of our Report of even date.
For PUROHIT & PUROHIT (FRN:03282N)
Chartered Accountants

CA. K.K. Purohit, LL.B, FCA
Partner

Membership No.054763



For Vivekananda International Foundation

Ajit Doyal
Director

A. Balakrishnan
Trustee

Mukul Kanitkar
Secretary

Delhi, This 31st day of May, 2011

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2011

| PARTICULARS | CURRENT YEAR'S FIGURES | PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| (A) INCOME | | |
| Donations | 11,513,201.00 | - |
| Bank Interest | 108,724.00 | - |
| Misc. Receipts | 190.00 | - |
| | - | - |
| Total Rs. | <u><u>11,622,115.00</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> |
| (B) EXPENDITURE | | |
| - Bank Commission & Charges | 7,493.00 | - |
| - Books, Journals, Papers & Periodicals | 59,790.50 | - |
| - Depreciation | 147,832.75 | - |
| - Gardening Expenses | 45,500.00 | - |
| - Honorarium, Salaries & Professional Fees | 6,757,589.00 | - |
| - Hospitality Expenses | 25,047.00 | - |
| - Library Membership & Subscription | 5,157.00 | - |
| - Office Expenses | 283,730.00 | - |
| - Repairing & Maintenance Expenses | 245,118.00 | - |
| - Security Services Expenses | 165,681.00 | - |
| - Seminars & Conferences, Functions & Activities | 1,329,153.00 | - |
| - Website Renewal & Registration Charges | 6,877.00 | - |
| - Filing fees | 154.00 | - |
| - Interest - TDS | 92.00 | - |
| - General up-keep and Cleaning Expenses | 575,060.00 | - |
| - Audit & Consultancy Fees | 55,702.00 | - |
| - Postage & Courier Expenses | 4,184.00 | - |
| - Power, Fuel Charges & Expenses | 924,314.00 | - |
| - Printing & Stationery | 97,972.00 | - |
| - Telephone, Mobile & Internet Expenses | 140,265.00 | - |
| - Travelling & Conveyance Exp. | 253,701.00 | - |
| Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year | 491,702.75 | - |
| Total Rs. | <u><u>11,622,115.00</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> |

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Signed in terms of our Report of even date.

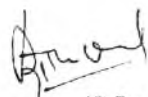
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Delhi, The 31st day of May, 2011

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- A K Verma, former Secretary (Research and Analysis Wing), Cabinet Secretariat
- General Shankar Roy Chowdhury (Retd) PVSM, AVSM, Former chief of Indian Army.
- Prakash Singh, former Director General, Border Security Force
- Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VM& Bar, ADC
- Air Chief Marshal S P Tyagi (Retd), PVSM, AVSM, VM, ADC
- Kanwal Sibal, former Foreign Secretary
- S Gurusurthy, author and financial expert
- R Vaidyanathan, Professor of Finance

Executive Council

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- Anil Bajjal, former Home Secretary
- Dr Upendra Baxi, former Vice Chancellor Delhi University
- Satish Chandra, former Deputy National Security Advisor
- Lt General Shontanu Choudhary, Vice Chief of Army Staff
- Dr Bibek Debroy, economist and author
- Air Marshal S G Inamdar (Retd), PVSM, VSM
- Lt General V G Patankar (Retd), PVSM, VYSM
- A Surya Prakash, author and scholar of contemporary studies
- Nripendra Mishra, former Chairman, Telephone Regulatory Authority of India
- TCA Rangachari, former Indian Ambassador to France and Germany
- C D Sahay, former Secretary (Research and Analysis Wing), Cabinet Secretariat
- Lt General R K Sawhney, PVSM, AVSM
- Rajiv Sikri, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs



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