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Director's Message

With the close of 2012, VIF completes three years of its existence. Though relatively a short period for a think tank, we look back at 2012 with considerable satisfaction. The Foundation was able to consolidate its gains and break new ground to achieve its organisational objectives. The expansion and intensification of its activities led to its greater engagement with scholars and academicians, researchers and analysts, professionals and think tanks both within the country and outside. A bevy of national and international strategic analysts, diplomats, professionals, government functionaries and most importantly, people at large participated in series of events organized by the VIF to deliberate on issues of national security, international relations, governance, history and civilization.

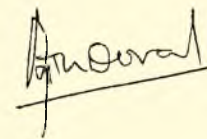
VIF has increasingly been gaining positive resonance amongst the national and international strategic community and diverse stake holders. Committed to its non-partisan character, VIF continues to follow an independent course on issues of India's national interest - striving to achieve academic excellence, objectivity, long term perspectives and holistic approach in addressing topical issues.



As can be gauged from the list of events and activities, 2012 was a busy year for the Foundation. It saw wider sweep of subjects covered, engagement with think tanks, collaboration with universities and interaction with the people. Besides strategic and security issues, international relations, governance, civilizational and historical issues received special attention. Non-traditional areas of security like disaster management, cyber threats, nuclear, biological and chemical threats also remained areas of special interest. Governance and public interest issues were intensely debated and deliberated upon. Vimarsha series of monthly talks by eminent persons evoked considerable interest among wide range of people, particularly the intellectual community, civil society leaders, students and youth.

The VIF team looks forward to the year 2013 with hope and promise, renewing its deep resolve and abiding faith in professional excellence, collective effort and national commitment.

We are also confident of the support and cooperation of all our well wishers who are the source of inspiration for all of us at VIF.



Ajit Doval



About 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. VIF is not aligned to any political party or business house. Focused on the country's long term strategic, developmental and civilisational interests, it aims to channelize 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. It has an Advisory Board and an Executive Council consisting of eminent persons from diverse fields with high professional accomplishment and long experience. The Director is the Chief Executive of the Foundation and he 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.

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.

Activities

The year saw intense and wide ranging intellectual activities with seminars on issues of national interest, interactions with international experts including foreign government functionaries and think tanks besides lectures from eminent persons in the Vimarsha series of talks. The Foundation held a series of seminars on contemporary issues to cover developments in our country and the neighbourhood and the ever changing international geopolitical environment. Through such activities, VIF continued to pursue its objective of projecting its views to national and international opinion makers in consonance with India's national interest.





Seminars & Conferences

March 10: State of Water Quality & Sanitation in India



At the conference on *State of Water Quality and Sanitation in India* Ms. Sunita Narain, Director General of the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) presented the report 'Excreta Matters' and outlined an agenda for sustainable and healthy cities. The presentation sought to set an agenda for enacting state legislations to protect urban water bodies and undertake rainwater harvesting. The deliberations were attended among others by Shri LK Advani, former Deputy Prime Minister of India, Shri Arun Jaitley, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Jaswant Singh, former Union Finance Minister, Shri Venkaiah Naidu, former Union Rural Development Minister, Shri Vijai Kapoor, former Lt Governor of Delhi, Dr Harshvardhan, former Health Minister, Govt. of Delhi, Prof Rajani Abbi, former Delhi Mayor and Ministers and Secretaries of various state governments.

April 12: Towards Reducing Earthquake Risks of India



A seminar on *Reducing Earthquake Risks of India* was organised in collaboration with the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in April. The conference was held against the backdrop of a powerful earthquake which shook the coast of Indonesia a day before and generated a major Tsunami warning. An array of technical experts, including representatives from the NDMA and the Indian Institute of Technologies participated in the discussions. Shri Tejendra Khanna, Hon'ble Lt Governor of Delhi and Shri M Shashidhar Reddy, Vice Chairman NDMA, inaugurated the proceedings. Among the notable speakers was Prof Tsuneo Katayama, former President, International Association for Earthquake Engineering and presently Director, World Seismic Safety Initiative, Japan. Prof CVR Murty, IIT Chennai, Prof Ravi Sinha, IIT Mumbai, Shri Anil Sinha, Vice Chairman, Bihar State Disaster Management Authority, Shri Mihir R Bhatt, Director, Disaster Mitigation Institute Gujarat and Shri KM Singh, member NDMA were among the other



speakers at the seminar. General (ret'd) NC Vij, former Chief of the Army Staff and former Vice Chairman NDMA gave the valedictory address.

April 26 - 27: The Mahabharata: It's Historicity, Antiquity, Evolution & Impact on Civilization



The Foundation hosted an International Seminar on *Mahabharata: Its Historicity, Antiquity, Evolution & Impact on Civilization* in April. The Seminar was inaugurated by Justice JS Verma, Former Chief Justice of India and was spread across seven sessions. Dr BB Lal, former DG - Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) delivered the keynote address in presence of Shri Suresh Goel, DG Indian Council for Cultural Relations. Among the distinguished scholars of civilisation and culture who participated in the seminar were Dr Dilip K Chakrabarti, Professor Emeritus, South Asian Archaeology, Cambridge University, Prof Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University, USA, Prof Viswa Adluri, The City University of New York, USA, Prof Narhari Achar,



University of Memphis, USA, Dr B R Mani ADG, ASI, Dr DP Tiwari, HOD, Dept of Archaeology & Ancient History, Lucknow University, Prof Michel Danino, Guest Faculty IIT-Gandhinagar, Prof Sibesh Bhattacharya, former Guest Fellow, IAS, Dr Nandita Krishna, Director CP Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation, Chennai, Dr Kavita Sharma, Director, IIC, New Delhi and Shri Gurcharan Das, eminent author. Smt Shiela Dixit, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi delivered the valedictory address.

April 30 - May 1: Perspectives on Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region (VIF - Heritage Foundation Bilateral Conference)



At the seminar on *Perspectives on Cooperation in the Asia Pacific Region* the Heritage Foundation, USA, was represented by Mr Walter Lohman, Director, Asian Studies Centre, Ms Lisa Curtis, Senior Research Fellow, Asian Studies Centre and Mr Dean Cheng, Research Fellow, Chinese Political & Security Affairs. The seminar focused on India - U.S - China relations in the 21st Century.



Among the notable participants were Shri Ajit Doval, Director -VIF, Amb PP Shukla, Jt Director-VIF, Gen (retd) NC Vij, former Chief of the Army Staff, Amb Rajiv Sikri, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Amb Kanwal Sibal, former Foreign Secretary, Amb Satish Chandra, former Deputy National Security Advisor, Prof Sujit Dutta, Gandhi Chair - Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Milia Islamia, Brig (retd) Gurmeet Kanwal, Adjunct Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Washington D.C. Prof Srikanth Kondapalli, Centre for Chinese Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mr Thubten Samphel, Director, Tibet Policy Institute, Dharamshala, Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, Former DGMI and Vice Admiral (retd) Raman Puri, Former Chief of the Integrated Service Command.

June 3-4: Indo-Japan Cooperation for Security in the Asia Pacific (VIF- JINF Bilateral Conference)

VIF and the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals (JINF) have been holding periodic dialogues since 2010 with the aim of collaborating on a joint project on the South-Asian Security Scenario. As part of this dialogue, a senior level VIF team comprising of Shri Ajit Doval, Director-VIF Amb PP Shukla, Jt. Director-VIF, Gen (retd) NC Vij, Dean-Centre for Defence Studies and Vice Adm (retd) Raman Puri, Former Chief of the Integrated Service Command visited Tokyo between 3rd and 5th June, 2012. The VIF delegation held an interaction with the JINF team and with Mr Shinzo Abe, now the Prime Minister of Japan. A public meeting was also organised by JINF for the VIF delegation. Mr Shinzo Abe is a patron of the joint project from the Japanese side and Shri Purno Sangma, former Speaker of the Indian Parliament, is a patron from the Indian side.

On June 5, a symposium with the title 'India's Politics and Economy Today and Recommendations for Expanding India-Japan Relations' was organised by the Keizai Koho



Centre (Japan Institute for Social and Economic Affairs). VIF was represented by Shri Ajit Doval & Amb PP Shukla. The symposium saw participation from about 150 members of the Japanese academic and corporate community.



August 29: Perspectives from China on Af-Pak Situation and Counter Terrorism



A one day conference on the *Af-Pak Situation and Counter Terrorism* was organised by VIF. Scholars and experts from China gave out their perspectives on the evolving situation in the Af-Pak region and their approach to counter-terrorism. Among the participants from the Chinese side were Prof Li Jian, Vice President of China West Normal University, Sichuan, Dr Zhang Jiadong, Assistant Director of Centre for American Studies, Fudan University, Dr Shen Xiaochen and Dr Liu Jiawei of Sichuan University.

September 3: Strategic Posture: Sino-Indian Border

The Seminar on *Strategic Posture: Sino-Indian Border* saw a wide array of speakers making presentations on specific themes. Gen (retd) NC Vij, former Chief of Army Staff delivered the inaugural address. Papers were presented by Brig (retd) Gurmeet Kanwal, Lt Gen (retd) Gautam Banerjee, Air Marshal (retd) KK Nohwar, Lt Gen (retd) Vijay Ahluwalia and Maj Gen (retd) Dhruv Katoch.



The discussion focused on China's Strategic Posture in Tibet, Infrastructure Development in Tibet, Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh and PLA Air Force's Posture in Tibet. The deliberation was summed up by Amb. Kanwal Sibal.



As a follow up action, a multi- disciplinary team headed by Gen (retd) NC Vij and comprising of eminent experts from defence forces, diplomatic, academic and the strategic community was formed. The team brought out a report titled *China's Strategic Posture in Tibet Autonomous Region and India's Response*. Part-I of the report provides a holistic appreciation of China's overall strategic policy in Tibet. Part-II analyses and examines in detail China's military posturing in TAR and Indian responses thereof.



November 27: New Light and Fresh Perspectives on Our Ancient Heritage

A Seminar to throw new light and discuss fresh perspectives on India's ancient heritage was organised at VIF in November. Eminent archeologist Dr RS Bisht spoke on Rig Veda and its historical reference, Prof Makkhan Lal, Senior Fellow - VIF discussed Chronology in Ancient Indian History and Com Sureshwar Sinha shed light on Ambicotos, Alexander and the Imperial Guptas. A number of historians, archaeologist and academics like Dr BM Pande, Dr KN Dixit, Dr Minakshi Jain participated in the discussions.



November 30: Afghanistan Post - 2014: Perspectives from the Region

A Seminar on *Afghanistan Post 2014* was organized with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London and China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), Beijing. Mr Alexander Neill and Mr Mathew Willis represented RUSI, while the delegation from CICIR was led by their Vice President Dr Feng Zhongping and had as members Dr Hu Shisheng, Dr Fu

Xiaoqiang, Dr Wang Shida and Mr Han Liqun. VIF was represented by Vice Adm (ret'd) KK Nayyar, Amb. PP Shukla, Gen (ret'd) NC Vij, Lt Gen (ret'd) Ravi Sawhney, Amb. Satish Chandra, Air Marshal (ret'd) KK Nohwar, Shri CD Sahay, Amb Bhaskar Mitra, Amb Rajiv Sikri and Maj Gen Ramesh Chopra. As a follow up of this seminar, another conference is proposed to be organized in Beijing in 2013.





Interactions and Discussions

January 3: Interaction with Dr Vasabjit Banerjee on New Institutions and Old Rulers : Multilateral Foreign policy and US Decline



Dr Vasabjit Banerjee scholar from the Department of Political Science, Indiana University, Bloomington and currently a post-doctoral Research Fellow at the University of Pretoria, South Africa gave a talk on New Institutions and Old Rulers: Multilateral Foreign Policy and US Decline.

January 12: Discussion on Vision India 2025 - Issues of Governance

A round table discussion on issues of governance was held as part of the Vision India 2025 project. Shri Vijai Kapoor, Shri Ajit Doval, Amb PP Shukla, Amb Satish Chandra, Shri CD Sahay, Shri Trinath Mishra were part of the panel of experts who discussed the draft paper authored by Dr MN Buch, former Secretary to the Government of India.





January 15: Interaction with a Delegation from the International Republican Institute (IRI), USA

An Interaction was held with the International Republican Institute (IRI), USA delegation comprising of Amb Paula Dobriansky- Senior Vice President, Thompson Reuters (Former Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs in the Bush Administration), Constance B. Newman- Special Counsel for African Affairs, The Carmen



Group (Former Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs), Lorne W. Craner - President, IRI, Judy Van Rest - Executive Vice President, IRI etc. The discussion focused on VIF's perception of the emerging Global Scenario, AF-PAK situation, China factor, International Terrorism, Maritime Security and Cyber Threats etc.

January 23: Launch of War Comic Frozen Fury: Capt (hon.) Bana Singh PVC, Hero of Siachen

VIF hosted the launch of the war comic Frozen Fury: Capt (hon.) Bana Singh PVC, Hero of



Siachen by Gen (retd) V K Singh, Former Chief of Army Staff. A large number of students and Defence Personnel participated in the programme.



January 24: Discussion on the Concept of Comprehensive National Power



Brig (retd) Rahul Bhonsle gave a presentation on the Concept of Comprehensive National Power to the members of the VIF fraternity.



January 31: Interaction with Dr Binod Singh on the Internal Situation in China

Dr Binod Singh of Beijing Foreign Studies University gave a presentation to the VIF faculty on the prevailing internal situation in China.



February 7: Interaction with Mr Wenchi Ong on Taiwan - Post Election Scenario

Mr Wenchi Ong, the then Representative of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, New Delhi, held an informal interaction with a panel of eminent strategic experts at VIF. The



interaction primarily focused on the post election scenario in Taiwan, as well as a number of related subjects such as cross-strait relations, nuances of the 'one China policy', defence preparedness of Taiwan, and the bilateral relationship between India and Taiwan. Amb TCA Rangachari chaired the interaction.



February 8: Interaction with Mr Ribal Al Assad on Syria and the Arab Spring

Mr Ribal Al Assad, Chairman of the London based Organization for Democracy and Freedom in Syria and son of former Syrian leader Rifat al Assad, provided a rich insight into his country's current internal dynamics in the larger Arab context.



February 9: Interaction with a Senior Level Delegation from Ministry of Defence (MOD), UK



A delegation from the MOD, UK interacted with VIF faculty members on Afghanistan and connected issues. The delegation consisted of Mr Vincent Devine (Director Operational Policy, MOD UK), Mr Rob Musk (Director International Policy & Planning, MOD UK), Brig Nigel Williams, Defence Adviser, Lt Col Charlie Warner, Military Adviser and Mr. Chris Fitzgerald, Political Section of the British High Commission, New Delhi.



February 14: Interaction with a U.S. Delegation on US and India's Role in Afghanistan

Representatives from Monitor 360, a US-based consultancy firm visited VIF to understand perceptions among India's strategic elite regarding India's role in Afghanistan.



March 1: Interaction with Mr Michel Miraillet, Director Strategic Affairs, Govt. of France

Mr Michel Miraillet, Director Strategic Affairs in France's Ministry of Defence, held wide-ranging and intense interaction with VIF's policy experts. Mr Miraillet's visit was aimed at finding ways to

further broaden the scope for strategic convergence between the two countries. The VIF panel was led by Shri Ajit Doval and included among others, Amb PP Shukla, Shri Vijai Kapoor, Amb Satish Chandra, Vice Adm (retd) KK Nayyar, Shri CD Sahay, Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, Gen (retd) VN Sharma, Lt Gen (retd) SK Sinha and Gen (retd) NC Vij.





March 6: Interaction with Mr Shuja Nawaz

In a discussion with the VIF faculty Mr. Shuja Nawaz gave his assessment of the current situation in Pakistan and the shifting regional dynamics especially in the context of the 'end-game' in Afghanistan. Mr Nawaz spoke about the changing attitude in Pakistan towards India, including within the Pakistani military establishment. He however admitted that the Pakistani



establishment remains deeply divided on the approach towards India and said that it is too early to conclude if indeed there has been a paradigm shift in the policy towards India.

March 19: Interaction with Dr Joanna Spear, Associate Professor of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington DC



Dr Joanna Spear from the George Washington University had an interaction with Shri Ajit Doval, Amb PP Shukla and Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney at VIF. Dr. Spear is also Director of the Elliott School's Security Policy Studies Programme at the George Washington University.



March 19: Presentation by Cdr. Mukesh Saini on Malware and Cyber Security

Cdr. Mukesh Saini gave a presentation to the VIF faculty on Malware and Cyber Security.

March 22: Interaction with Dr Ashley J Tellis, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Dr Ashley J. Tellis, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace specializing in international security, defense, and Asian strategic issues had an interaction with senior strategic experts at VIF.

March 29: Interaction with the Students of Chanakya Institute of Public Leadership Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai



A group of about 17 students and 2 faculty members of the Chanakya Institute of Public Leadership, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai interacted with Shri Ajit Doval and Amb PP Shukla on issues revolving around the internal security scenario of the country.



April 23 : Talk on Sufism and Indian Islam by Hazrat Maulana Syed Mohammad Ashraf Sahab Kichhouchhawi, General Secretary, All Indian Ulama & Mashaikh Board



A talk on Sufism and Indian Islam was organized at VIF in collaboration with the Global Foundation for Civilizational Harmony (GFCH). The discussion aimed at understanding and projecting the Sufi legacy of tolerance and assimilation in India. Sufi leader Ashraf-e-Millat Hazrat Maulana Mohammad Ashraf Kichhouchhawi observed that Sufism is the real Islam and followers of the Islamic sect Wahabis are using biased literature and lethal weapons to propagate their own theorized Tauheed monotheism, which has become the reservoir of current terrorism the world over.

Dr Khawaja Ikram, Associate Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University's Centre of Indian Languages briefed the audience on the evolution of Sufism in India.

Shri Ajit Doval in his initial remarks stressed on the need for developing a greater understanding among all human beings, regardless of caste, creed or religion. He also underscored that Sufism, the inner, mystical dimension of Islam had contributed significantly to India's rich cultural and religious legacy.

May 9: Discussion on the Document Non Alignment 2.0



The panel discussion on the document 'Non Alignment 2.0' included two members of the expert group that authored the document, Lt Gen (retd) Prakash Menon, Military advisor, National Security Council Secretariat and Dr Srinath Raghavan, Senior Fellow at the Centre for Policy Research and lecturer of Defence Studies at Kings College London. VIF was represented by Amb PP Shukla, Amb Satish

Chandra, and Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney who presented their critique of the document.

May 17: Interaction with Dr Amer Latif on Indo-US Military Cooperation in the Context of South Asian Security Perspectives and the Way Ahead

Dr Amer Latif, Visiting Fellow with the Wadhvani Chair for U. S. - India Policy Studies at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington D.C. spoke on Indo-US Military Cooperation in the Context of South Asian Security Perspectives and the Way Ahead.





May 18: Interaction with a Taiwanese Military Delegation



Members of a Taiwanese military delegation spoke on the implications of the likely leadership changes in the PRC and on the issue of PLA Strategy in the South China Sea. The delegation comprised of Dr Cheng-kun Ma, Professor and Director of PLA Studies Division, National Defense University (NDU), Taiwan, Major James Peng, Instructor at the NDU and Col Hui-shin Chen, Director,

Defence Division of Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, New Delhi.

May 18: Interaction with an American Delegation on Indo-U.S. Relations and Situation in Afghanistan

A U.S. delegation led by Dr Peter R. Lavoy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Asian and Pacific Security Affairs and Mr Frank J Ruggiero, Senior Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan visited VIF to discuss Indo-U.S. relations and the situation in Afghanistan.





June 27: Interaction with the Australian High Commissioner H.E. Mr Peter Varghese

The Australian High Commissioner H.E. Mr Peter N Varghese addressed and interacted with the VIF faculty on Australia-India Strategic Partnership in the Asian Century.



June 28: Interaction with Mr Jason Isaacson & Ms Patty Friedman Marcus of the American Jewish Committee (AJC)



Mr Jason Issacson, Director of Government and International affairs at the American Jewish Committee (AJC), Washington, D.C. held an intense interaction on *Indo-US Relations: Global Partnership*. Mr Jason was accompanied by Ms Patty Friedman Marcus, Director of the Asia Pacific Institute at the AJC.

August 6: Interaction with Amb Nasir Ahmad Andisha, Afghanistan's High Commissioner to Australia



Afghanistan's High Commissioner to Australia, Amb Nasir Ahmad Andisha spoke on the current situation in Afghanistan and prospects for peace and stability in the region.

August 21-28: Round Table Series on Nepal

In August VIF's panel of eminent strategic experts held a series of individual interactions with important political leaders, constitutional experts, opinion makers and scholars from Nepal in order to understand the contemporary situation and its complexities.

The themes that were touched upon during the course of the series were : August 21 - Mr Bhimarjun Acharya (Constitutional Expert) on Constitution Drafting, Unresolved Issues, Elections, Role of President. August 22 - Dr Ram Saran Mahat (Senior NC Leader) on Political developments-Conflicting Positions-NC's Position on Crucial Issues-Possible Resolution. August 23 - Mr Upendra Yadav (Senior Madhesi Leader) on Political Developments-Madhesi Aspirations and Elections. August 24 - Mr Pradeep Gyawali (Senior UML Leader) on Political Developments-Conflicting Positions-UMLs Position on Crucial Issues-Possible Resolution.



August 28 - Prof Hari Sharma (Political Thinker and Analyst) on Options before Nepal-Will the Democratic Experiment Succeed-Role of Civil Society-Presidential Options.

Based on the deliberations a publication titled 'Nepal: Contemporary Political Scenario and Portents for Future' was brought out by VIF. Shri CD Sahay, Distinguished Fellow- VIF and Brig (retd) Vinod Anand, Senior Fellow VIF compiled and edited the report. The publication was disseminated to a large number of political leaders, defence officials and government functionaries.





September 5: Interaction with Mr Jon B Alterman on Implications of US Re-balancing Strategy in Asia in General and West Asia in Particular



Dr Jon B Alterman, Zbigniew Brzezinski Chair for Global Security and Geostrategy and Director, Middle East Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, D.C. held an informal interaction with a select group of security analysts and foreign policy specialists at VIF. The interaction focused on the implications of US Rebalancing its Strategy in Asia, in general, and West Asia, in particular.

September 20: Interaction with Dr Ing-Wen Tsai, Former Chairperson, DPP, Taiwan

Dr Ing-Wen Tsai, former Chairperson of the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), Taiwan and Presidential Candidate from the DPP for the 2012 elections, held an interaction on the political, economic and security situation in and around Taiwan. Dr Tsai was accompanied by Mr Antonio Chiang, columnist and former Deputy Director, National Security Council, Taiwan.





October 15: Dr Christian Wagner calls on Director-VIF

Dr Christian Wagner, Head- Asia Research Division of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) called on the Director -VIF. Dr Wagner also served as a Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Development Research at the University of Bonn and as Assistant Professor at the Institute for Political Science and Administrative Studies, University of Rostock.



October 31: Interaction with the Cross-Strait Interflow Prospect Foundation

The Prospect Foundation was represented by their President Mr Kuang Chung Liu, Vice-President Mr Yang-Ming Sun, Dr Tuan-Yao Cheng, Ms Tsun-Tzu Hsu, Mr Shih-Wei Yao and Ms Yu-Chen Chung. Some of the topics which came up for discussion were the security of East and South Asia, the economic integration of the Asian nations, relations between India and Taiwan and the forthcoming political transition in China.



December 17: Meeting of the Think Tank Directors' Forum



To co-ordinate activities, share important information on events and discuss issues of national importance the second meeting of the Heads of Delhi based think tanks was hosted by VIF. The meeting was attended by Amb Rajiv K Bhatia (ICWA), Air Commodore (retd) Jasjit Singh (CAPS), Dr Arvind Gupta (IDSA), Maj Gen (retd) Dhruv C Katoch (CLAWS), Maj Gen (retd) PJS Sandhu (USI), Vice Admiral (retd) Pradeep Kaushiva (NMF), Dr Suba

Chandran (IPCS), Mr Samir Saran (ORF) and Shri Ajit Doval (VIF).

December 19: China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS)

A five-member delegation from the China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS) visited the Foundation for an exchange of views on the political change over in China and other bilateral issues. The delegation was led by Maj Gen (retd) Huang Baifu, Vice Chairman - CISS and also included - Mr Zhu Guorong, Senior Research Fellow, Maj Gen (retd) Miao Pengsheng Senior Advisor, Mr Yu Hanmin, Senior Research Fellow and Mr Zhu Jie.





Reaching Out

Vimarsha

The Vimarsha series of talks by eminent persons and experts is another key feature of VIF's regular activities. During the year a number of prominent speakers were invited to deliver talks on political, economic, security, governance, historical and civilisational issues. Vimarsha has created a positive resonance among a wide cross-section. The talks are webcast live for the benefit of a larger audience.

March 30: Shri P A Sangma on Functioning of Parliamentary Democracy in India



Shri Purno A. Sangma, Former Speaker of the Lok Sabha spoke on the *Functioning of Parliamentary Democracy in India*. Shri Ajit Doval chaired the session and Shri A Suryaprakash noted journalist



and Distinguished Fellow, VIF also spoke on the occasion. Among those who attended the talk were Dr Subhash C Kashyap, former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, Shri AK Verma, Ex-Chief RAW, Shri Ved Prakash Marwah, former Governor of Manipur, Mizoram and Jharkhand and Shri Vijai Kapoor, former Lt Governor, Delhi.

Shri Sangma observed that the biggest challenge facing India today is the crisis of national leadership. He also stressed that electing a Prime Minister from the Lower House of the Parliament remains one of the key responsibilities of the elected MPs.

May 29: Shri Suresh Prabhu on India's Biggest Challenge - Water Management



In May, Shri Suresh Prabhu, Former Union Minister for Power, Heavy Industry and Environment & Forest delivered a talk on *India's Biggest Challenge - Water Management*.



Shri Prabhu saw water and its management to be the toughest challenge for our nation from the perspectives of agriculture, industry, food security, power, social security, land management etc.

Among the various issues, Shri Prabhu also mentioned rising sea-levels as the cause for salination of fresh water bodies.

June 29: Smt Saroj Bala on Scientific Dating of Ancient Events from 2000 to 7000 B.C

Smt Saroj Bala, Member - Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction, Ministry of Finance - Govt. of India & Director - Institute of Scientific Research on Vedas gave a talk based on her research on the scientific dating of ancient events from 2000 to 7000 BC. Smt Bala argued that it was scientifically possible to ascertain the exact dates of events mentioned in the Vedas, Epics and other ancient Indian texts. Summing up the discussion, Shri Ajit Doval observed that national identity is derived from various templates and India's identity is essentially linked to her composite civilization which is several millennia old.





July 31: Amb JC Sharma on The Role of Diaspora in India's Foreign Policy, National Security and Economic Development



Amb JC Sharma, S.M. IFS (retd), former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs & former Member Secretary of the Govt. of India appointed High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora delivered a talk on the *Role of the Indian Diaspora in India's Foreign Policy, National Security and Economic Development*. Amb Sharma observed that the Indian Diaspora spread across 110 countries remains a huge asset for India. He also underscored the fact that members of the Indian Diaspora have been active in safeguarding India's interests on a number of crucial occasions but regretted that India's policy towards this community has remained largely inconsistent.

September 24: General VK Singh on National Security: Challenges and Responses

Former Army Chief, General (retd) VK Singh addressed a distinguished gathering at VIF on the security challenges currently faced by India and touched upon a wide spectrum of national



security issues including the Af-Pak situation, militancy in Jammu & Kashmir and insurgency in India's Northeast. Gen Singh stressed on the need for being well prepared to meet the likely security challenges.

November 27: Amb PP Shukla on Transition in America and China: Implications for India

Amb PP Shukla, former Ambassador to Russia & former Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister made a presentation on the *Transition in America and China and its implications for India*.

Amb. Shukla analysed in great detail the 2012 US Presidential elections and the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

While summing up he said that with China, India has a serious unresolved border dispute, on which China has, till date, not shown any serious intent to move forward. On the other hand, with America, India has just one real conflict of interest which is Pakistan. The US has the potential of



being one of India's major strategic partners in the long run. This alone would call into question the validity of the doctrine of non-alignment being pressed by some in the face of the emergence of China.



Extension Programmes

Outreach to Universities



Realising the need for a close linkage between national think tanks and Universities in terms of research and academic activities VIF decided to come together with Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University (DDUGU), Gorakhpur to further co-operative faculty research, training of post graduate research students, to conduct national & international conferences/workshops and run short & long term post graduate courses in the special areas of Defense and Strategic Studies and Disaster Management. As a first step towards achieving this objective, VIF has inked an MOU with the Department of Defense and Strategic Studies (DDSS) of the DDUGU on October 16, 2012.





VIF Scholars' Outreach

As a think tank dedicated to India's long term national interests, VIF has been making concerted efforts to reach out to the academia, professionals, experts, youth and the common people and to engage them on issues having a bearing on the nation's vital interests. VIF strongly believes that success of any state, particularly the democracies, requires a high degree of public awareness, participation and capacity of the civil society for informed discourse. It also considers it necessary to participate in various international events to present before the world the Indian point of view in proper perspective, correct contrived perceptions and counter motivated propaganda.

In pursuance of these objectives, in 2012, members of VIF participated in a large number of seminars, conferences and discussions both within and outside the country. The senior members were also invited for delivering talks at various prestigious forums; an opportunity that they seized to create a broad spectrum of awareness and present a nationalist perspective on various topical issues. Some of the notable events in which VIF members participated include the following:

1. 5th January: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies-VIF**, delivered a special address on 'Reducing Poverty through Mainstreaming of Disaster Management into Governance' at a conference organised by the Centre of Latin American Studies, Goa University and International Centre Goa.
2. 6th January: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow - VIF**, made a presentation on 'India-Sri Lanka Relations' at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi.
3. 31st January: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow - VIF**, made a presentation on 'The Role of



- Army in Nation-building' in a conference organised by the Army Central Command at Meerut.
4. 1st February: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF**, chaired a seminar on North East India at the Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi.
 5. 9th February: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered the inaugural address for the course organised by the Bureau of Police Research and Development for Senior IPS officers on 'National Security Challenges and the Police Response'.
 6. 12th February: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered the keynote address at the Plenary Session on 'Whither India – Anger and Hope' organised by the Rotary International, Mumbai on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations.
 7. 16th February: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies-VIF** delivered a keynote address on 'Chemical, Biological Radiation and Nuclear Disaster Management' at a seminar organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in collaboration with their counterpart in UK.
 8. 28th February: **Lt. Gen. Ravi Sawhney, Distinguished Fellow -VIF** made a presentation on Indo-Pak Relations in the Chaophraya Dialogue 9-10 held at Colombo and organised by the Australia-India Institute.
 9. 2nd March: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow - VIF** made a presentation on 'Armed Conflicts in South Asia and Peace Audit' at a conference organised by the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi.
 10. 6th March: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered a talk at the Advanced Centre for



American Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, on 'Indo-US Strategic Partnership in the Context of India's Security Concerns'.

11. 15th March: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director - VIF** delivered the keynote address during a two-day International Conference on 'Imagining India as a World Power – Asian Politics, the Indian Ocean and Balancing Forces' organised by the Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
12. 20th March: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow-VIF** delivered a talk on the 'Internal Situation in Pakistan' at BSF HQ, Jalandhar.
13. 28th March: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow-VIF** presented a paper on 'Balochistan - Current Situation and Prognosis' at the Centre for Land Warfare Studies, New Delhi.
14. 30th March: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow-VIF** made a presentation during a national seminar organised by HQ 16 Corps and the University of Jammu on 'Endgame in Afghanistan and Pakistan's Game-plan' at Jammu.
15. 31st March: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow-VIF** presented a paper on 'Security Situation in South Asia' at an international conference organised by the South Asia East Asia Research Group, Singapore.
16. 7th April: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** addressed a national seminar on 'India Rising – Perception, Reality or Myth' organised by the Bharat Vichar Manch, Ahmedabad and Spoke on "India's Internal and External Security Vulnerabilities".
17. 22nd April: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies- VIF**, delivered two talks on 'CBRN Emergency and How to Respond - South Asia' and 'Earth Quake in Pakistan and



Response' during the US-South Asia Leaders Engagement Programme organised by the Near East South Asia Centre for Strategic Studies (Harvard University) and the Pentagon, US.

18. 14th May: **Amb. PP Shukla, Joint Director - VIF** delivered the key note address at the seminar on 'Emerging Geo-political Trends in Asia: Prospects and Challenges for India-Russia Relations' organised by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.
19. 14th May: **Lt. Gen. Ravi Sawhney, Distinguished Fellow- VIF** chaired a session and made a presentation on 'Emerging Geo-political Trends in Asia: Prospects and Challenges for India-Russia Relations' at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.
20. 14th May: **Brig. Vinod Anand, Senior Fellow- VIF** made a presentation on the 'Indian Perspective on Af-Pak Situation' at a conference organised at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.
21. 21st May: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow- VIF** addressed the faculty and students of the College of Defence Management, Hyderabad on 'Geo-political Imperatives and India's Foreign Policy Towards Pakistan'.
22. 5th June: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director-VIF and Amb. PP Shukla, Jt. Director -VIF** delivered talks on 'Indian Polity: Its Strength and Vibrancy' and 'Indian Economy: the Success Story Continues' respectively at Japan's apex organisation of commerce, industry and trade the Keizai Koho Centre, Tokyo.
23. 19th June: **Brig. Vinod Anand, Senior Fellow - VIF** presented a paper on 'Democratisation Process in Myanmar and its Implications' at the Institute of South East Asian Studies, Yunnan University, Kunming, China.



24. 25th June: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** addressed 102 Senior Defence officers, including 25 from foreign countries, at the National Defence College on 'Global Terrorism'.
25. 7th August: **Shri Ajit Doval Director VIF** delivered a talk on 'Technology Platforms for Secure City Initiatives by States' at a conference organised by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
26. 27th August: During the India China Dialogue on 'Evolving Security Environment in the Af-Pak Region', **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** chaired a session and delivered a talk on 'Pakistan and the Challenge of Terrorism'.
27. 27th September: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow - VIF** made a presentation on 'Af-Pak: Present and Future' at the Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi.
28. 13th September: **Shri Ajit Doval Director VIF** addressed the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce at its 8th Indo-US Economic Summit on 'Critical Infrastructure and Cyber Protection'.
29. 13th September: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow-VIF** presented a paper on 'Situation in Sri Lanka' at the ICWA-MEA Core Group on Sri Lanka and Maldives, New Delhi.
30. 14th September: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow -VIF** made a presentation on 'Internal Security Situation in the North-Eastern States: External Linkages', as part of the 'National Security Workshop' organised by the Centre for Land Warfare Studies, New Delhi.
31. 26th September: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow - VIF** made a presentation on 'Security Strategies: An Appropriate Legal Framework' at a seminar organised by the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi .



32. 3rd October: **Lt. Gen. Ravi Sawhney, Distinguished Fellow, VIF** made a presentation on the “Dialogue of Civilizations” at the World Public Forum at Rhodes.
33. 19th October: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered a talk on “Internal Security Challenges” at the course of senior IAS officers at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.
34. 20th October: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies - VIF**, delivered the valedictory address at an international seminar organised by the Institute of Asian Studies Hyderabad and Osmania University on 'Disaster Management in India – Way Ahead'.
35. 29th October: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow- VIF**, made a presentation on 'India-Sri Lanka Relations: A Reality Check' at a discussion organised by the Association of Indian Diplomats, New Delhi.
36. 1st November: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies – VIF** chaired a session and delivered a talk at a seminar organised by the United Services Institute of India (USI) on 'Trade, Commerce and Security Challenges in the Asia – Pacific Region'.
37. 6th November: **Shri Sushant Sareen, Senior Fellow- VIF** presented a paper on 'Survival of Democracy in Pakistan: Imperatives and Obstacles' at the South Asia Conference held at the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi.
38. 9th November: **Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Research Fellow - VIF** presented a paper on 'Swaraj and Culture' at a national seminar organised by the Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, New Delhi held at the India International Centre.
39. 15th November: **Brig. Vinod Anand, Senior Fellow- VIF** presented a paper titled 'India-



China Cultural Interface: An Agenda for Future' at the Fourth China-South Asia Cultural Forum organised by the Shenzhen University, China.

40. 16th November: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** was a distinguished speaker at the 10th Hindustan Times Leadership Summit and delivered a talk on 'Security in South Asia – What Next?'
41. 23rd November: **Gen. NC Vij, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies – VIF** delivered the valedictory address on 'India-China Relationship: Remembering the Past to Look into the Future' organised by the Centre for Land and Air Warfare Studies.
42. 30th November: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered a talk on 'Prospects for Cooperation in Countering Extremism and Terrorism' at an international conference in Oman organised by the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS), London and the Near East South Asia Centre for Strategic Studies (NESA), USA.
43. 5th December: **Lt. Gen. Ravi Sawhney, Distinguished Fellow- VIF** made a presentation on Indo-Pak Relations at the Neemrana Dialogue at Islamabad.
44. 15th December: **Shri Ajit Doval Director VIF** delivered the keynote address at a conference of intellectuals in Kanpur on 'India's Internal Security'. The event was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of Kanpur University.
45. 21st December: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** addressed the 19th Joint Civil Military Programme on National Security organised by the National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie on 'India's National Security: Challenges of Tomorrow and Agenda for Action'.
46. 23rd December: **Shri Ajit Doval, Director VIF** delivered a talk on 'Swami Vivekananda's

Vision of India and Realities of Today' while inaugurating the Annual Conference of Canara Bank Officers Organisation in Bengaluru.

47. 27th December: **Dr. N. Manoharan, Senior Fellow - VIF** made a presentation on 'GMR Issue and implications on India-Maldives Relations' at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi.
48. 29th December: **Shri RNP Singh, Senior Fellow - VIF** chaired a session and delivered a talk at a discussion organised by the India Policy Foundation, New Delhi on 'Chinese Navy in the Indian Ocean and Strategic Implications for India'.

Ms. Ju Myoung Kim, a B.A. candidate for History at the Brown University, USA, interned for a period of two months (Nov – Dec 2012) under Amb. PP Shukla, Jt. Director – VIF and Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Research Fellow -VIF. As per her inclination Ju was exposed to the fundamentals of Indian history, society in ancient India and Indian culture.

Shri Yogesh Parale from the University of Pune joined VIF as an intern for a period of three months (Dec 2012 to Feb 2013) under Amb. PP Shukla, Jt. Director -VIF. His area of focus is internal political developments in China.





Research and Studies

During 2012 VIF's research efforts were focused on India's concerns arising out of political & security developments in the neighbourhood, situation in Af-Pak region, China's massive upgradation of infrastructure in Tibet and its ongoing military modernisation, evolving political situation in Nepal and developments in Myanmar. Disturbing security and political developments in Maldives, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Bhutan were also analysed in various publications brought out by the Foundation.

Apart from deepening its expertise on issues concerning the United States, South-east Asia, China and Russia, VIF expanded its research interests on matters relating to Africa, West Asia, East Asia, and Central Asia. Global and regional trends particularly the unfolding of America's pivot to Asia and Indo-US relations were the other areas of research. Deliberations on evolving Indo-ASEAN relationship and India's 'Look East Policy' were also undertaken during the year. The Fukushima disaster became a catalyst for paying additional attention to India's capacities in the field of disaster management.

Military developments in India's neighbourhood and the need for the modernisation of Indian armed forces was analysed in considerable detail and inputs provided to decision-makers and stakeholders on the way forward.

So far as India's internal security issues are concerned some of the key issues for research included the Bodo Issue, Counterfeit Currencies, Illegal Migration, Left-wing Extremism, China's Involvement in India's Internal Security Threats, Urban Terrorism, Legal Aspects of Counter-



Terrorism, Terrorism in India's hinterland, Counter-Terrorism Cooperation, Border and Coastal Security and Cyber Security. Given the importance, more studies will be undertaken in the coming years to deepen the conceptual and empirical understanding of the subject in the Indian context for better policy inputs.

Governance received special attention in 2012. Some of the important papers that were published on the subject include Corruption, Electoral Politics, Secularism, Integrity and Ethics in Governance, Indian Constitution, Political Parties, Parliament, Judiciary, Federalism, Law and Order, Education and Communalism.

In the areas of history and civilizations, 2012 saw studies being undertaken with a special focus on Indian traditions, culture, heritage and education .

VIF produced 267 Articles, 3 Monographs and 9 Occasional Papers during the year 2012

History Project

VIF has undertaken a multi-volume research publication programme on the History of India. The present multi-volume series will incorporate all the new data for the different periods of Indian history that have come to light over the last six decades. Reputed scholars and experts are contributing chapters for this multi volume publication.

The first two volumes are in the final stages of publishing. The first volume 'Prehistoric Roots' deals with the beginning of human cultures in India from about 17 lakh years ago to the Mesolithic period which lasted in some parts of India till about 5,000 B.C. Volume two 'Protohistoric Foundations' deals with the beginning of food production (Neolithic period) from about 8,000



B.C. to the beginning of Iron Age (about 1,800 B.C.) These volumes contain contributions from 42 scholars.

Preparation for Volumes III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII are underway. These volumes will deal with the Vedic texts, developments of social, political, economic and religious institutions and systems in ancient India.

Resource Research Centre





The inauguration of a modern state-of-the-art Resource Research Centre & Library on April 27, 2012 was a landmark achievement for the Foundation. VIF gratefully acknowledges the donation of Rs. 60 Lakhs given by the Neotia Foundation for its Research Resource Centre & Library. The Centre was inaugurated by Justice JS Verma, former Chief Justice of India, Shri Suresh Neotia, Trustee, Neotia Foundation graced the occasion. The function was attended by a host of dignitaries including Shri Vijai Kapoor, former Lt. Governor Delhi, Admiral (retd) KK Nayyar, former Vice Chief Indian Navy, Shri Nripendra Mishra, former Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Lt Gen (retd) NS Malik, former Deputy Chief of Army Staff.

Documentation of resources - print and electronic - including cataloguing, installation of library automation software are presently underway as part of the initial operational plan.

VIF Website

The Website <http://www.vifindia.org> 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. More features have been added to the website in the year 2012 to make it more informative, interactive and user-friendly. Some of them include documents, tags, social media, bookmarks, cross-referral links, images, advanced search option, content diversification and technological up gradation. Better outreach of the website content has been achieved through content mailing. During the year, the website page views have increased by over six times. A new feature 'VIF View Point' on various contemporary issues has been added.



E-Journal

Vivek, VIF's monthly e-journal started its regular publication in January 2012. It is being posted on our website besides being e - disseminated to a large group of readers. The Journal hosts various articles on national security, strategic, economic and civilisational issues and is under constant review.



Agenda for the Future

The coming year promises to be a very fruitful one with the Foundation looking forward to cementing its institutional exchanges with renowned think tanks in the U.S., Japan, China, Australia and other countries. Global and regional trends indicate that the evolving situation in the Af-Pak region, the rise of an assertive China and the U.S. policies in Asia Pacific will demand our attention.

The ongoing project with RUSI on Post-2014 Scenario in Afghanistan and its implications for the region's security has been expanded to include the Beijing based think tank China Institute for Contemporary International Relations (CICIR). Bilateral exchanges with the Tokyo based think tank- the Japan Institute for National Fundamentals (JINF) were consolidated last year and it is proposed to take forward the institutional relationship in the current year. In addition, in the latter half of the year, a quadrilateral dialogue with U.S., Japanese and Australian think tanks has been planned. Meanwhile, a security and counter terrorism dialogue has been planned with a leading Israeli think tank.

India's neighbourhood also remains in a constant state of flux; in addition to Af-Pak, particular attention would be given to the political and security situation in Nepal, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Maldives. Further, developments in Central Asia, West Asia, South China Sea and East Asia in the coming year would have implications for India's interests. These would be the other areas of attention with renewed vigour. Internal security threats and challenges, economic development, governance, civilisational and historical issues would remain important and a considerable research effort would be made on these subjects. Conferences on some of these issues shall be organised during 2013. As part of the ongoing celebrations of Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary, VIF proposes to organize an international conference in the third quarter of 2013.

VIF remains committed towards upholding India's national interest and civilisational objectives.





The Team

With focus on quality, VIF has formed a strong team of practitioners and researchers, drawn from diverse backgrounds such as media, intelligence, military, foreign and civil services and academia.

Ajit Doval, KC, Director

Ambassador Prabhat P. Shukla, Jt. Director

Deans:

1. **Dr M N Buch**, Dean, Centre for Governance and Political Studies;
2. **Ambassador Kanwal Sibal**, Dean, Centre for International Relations and Diplomacy
3. **Gen (retd) NC Vij**, Dean, Centre for Defence Studies
4. **Ambassador Satish Chandra**, Dean, Centre for National Security and Strategic Studies;
5. **Dr Dilip K. Chakrabarti**, Dean, Centre for Historical and Civilisational Studies;
6. **Dr Bibek Debroy**, Dean, Centre for Economic Studies;

Distinguished Fellow:

1. Lt. Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, PVSM, AVSM, Former Deputy Chief of Army Staff
Areas: Military Studies and Strategy, Afghanistan and India's Defence Preparedness.



2. CD Sahay, Former Chief of R&AW
Areas: Strategic Studies, South East Asian Studies including Myanmar, Intelligence Reforms and Threat Assessments.
3. A. Surya Prakash, Author & Journalist
Areas: Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies, Democratic Institutions and their Functioning, Analysis of Political Developments, Demographic Studies.

Senior Fellow:

1. Dr. Makkhan Lal
Areas: Historical and Civilisational Studies.
2. PK Mishra
Areas: North East, LWE, Border Management & Police Studies
3. Brig. Vinod Anand
Areas: Military and Strategic Affairs, Missile Defence, Weapon Systems, Defence Budget, Comparative Study of Defence Forces in Asia.
4. Sushant Sareen
Areas: Pakistan and Afghanistan Studies – Security Issues, Internal Developments, Relations with India, Foreign Relations, Economy.
5. RNPSingh
Area: Socio-Political Conflicts and Communal Issues



6. Dr. N. Manoharan

Areas: Internal Security Policies, Terrorism, Insurgencies, Left Wing Extremism and Functioning of Internal Security Agencies.

Research Fellow:

- Dr. Anirban Ganguly

Areas: Civilisational and Cultural Studies, Indian Political Thought, Contemporary Indian Political History, Philosophy of Education

Visiting Fellow:

1. Dr. R. Vaidyanathan, Professor of Finance and Control and UTI Chair Professor, IIM Bangalore

Areas: Public Finance and Monetary Policies, Budget, Corruption in Government.

2. Brig. Gurmeet Kanwal, Former Director- Centre for Land & Warfare Studies

Areas: Military, Strategic & Geo-Political Affairs

3. Dr. V. Ananth Nageswaran, Senior Economic Advisor-Bank Julius Baer & Co. Ltd, Singapore & Consultant- Economist - Asianomics, Hongkong

Areas: Asian Economies, Currencies and Markets

4. Dr. Prem Mahadevan, Independent Analyst

Areas: International Terrorism, Intelligence Studies, ISI's Covert Strategies and Tactics.

5. Radhakrishna Rao, Defence Analyst

Areas: Technology in India's Defence Build up, Defence Production, Cyber Security, Space Technology and Aeronautics.

6. Dr. Vasabjit Banerjee, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow and Guest Lecturer at the University of Pretoria, South Africa

Areas: International Relations and American Studies

7. Chietigij Bajpae, Independent Analyst

Areas: South East Asian Studies, China's Maritime Policies and Naval Build up, China's Foreign Policy in South East and Far East Asia.

Research Associate:

1. Arka Biswas
2. Neha Mehta
3. Rohit Singh

Resource Research Centre & Library:

- Sanjay Kumar, Asst. Librarian
- Abhijit Biswas, Library Assistant
- Naresh Kumar





Administrative Team:

- Manash Bhattacharjee - Assistant Secretary
- Anuttama Ganguly - Administrative Officer and Financial Controller
- Dharmendra Gaur – Executive Assistant
- Harshit Pandey- Executive Assistant
- Krishan Redhu – IT Assistant
- KS Gopalakrishnan – Manager- Maintenance
- Sub. Kuldeep Singh – Supervisor- House Keeping & Security

Financials

Vivekananda International Foundation (VIF), created under the aegis of Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari was registered as an autonomous trust on March 25, 2010 at New Delhi. The Trust holds its meetings periodically. In its meeting on June 25, 2012 it adopted the Annual Audited Accounts for the year 2011-12 which is presented as Annexure A & B in the following pages:



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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2012

PARTICULARS	SCHEDULE	CURRENT YEAR'S FIGURES	PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURES
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Capital Fund	"A"		
- VIF Corpus Fund		4,721,110.36	492,702.75
		<u>TOTAL Rs.</u>	<u>4,721,110.36</u>
			<u>492,702.75</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets	"B"	726,786.00	681,018.00
Current Assets	"C"		
- Advances, Deposits & Receivables		84,574.00	104,773.50
- Cash & Bank Balances		<u>5,201,608.36</u>	<u>881,330.25</u>
		<u>5,286,182.36</u>	<u>986,103.75</u>
Less: Current Liabilities	"D"		
- Sundry Creditors		-	2,689.00
- Advances & Deposits		-	15,266.00
- Other Liabilities		<u>1,291,858.00</u>	<u>1,156,464.00</u>
		<u>1,291,858.00</u>	<u>1,174,419.00</u>
		<u>3,994,324.36</u>	<u>(188,315.25)</u>
		<u>TOTAL Rs.</u>	<u>4,721,110.36</u>
			<u>492,702.75</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

Amal
Ajit Dixal
Director

A. Balakrishnan
A. Balakrishnan
Trustee

Kishor Tokera
(Kishor Tokera)
Secretary

Delhi, The 25th day of June, 2012



Annexure B

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 2012

PARTICULARS	CURRENT YEAR'S	PREVIOUS YEAR'S
	FIGURES	FIGURES
(A) INCOME		
Donations	29,006,000.00	11,513,201.00
Bank Interest	460,872.00	108,724.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,805.00	190.00
Total Rs.	29,468,677.00	11,622,115.00
(B) EXPENDITURE		
Towards attainment of the objects of the Trust		
- Audit Fees	28,090.00	27,575.00 ✓
- Bank Commission & Charges	2,489.00	7,493.00
- Books, Journals, Papers & Periodicals	34,454.50	59,790.50
- Depreciation	360,161.00	147,492.75
- Gardening Expenses	141,115.00	45,500.00
- Honorarium, Salaries, Fees & Stipend	9,051,096.00	6,757,589.00
- Hospitality Expenses	9,395.00	25,047.00
- Library Membership & Subscription & Expenses	65,501.00	5,157.00
- Office Expenses	432,692.00	283,730.00
- Repairing & Maintenance Expenses	510,940.00	245,116.00
- Security Services Expenses	262,688.00	165,681.00
- Seminars & Conferences, Functions & Activities	1,680,886.50	1,329,153.00
- Website Renewal & Registration Charges	-	6,877.00
- Filing Fees	-	151.00
- Interest - TDS	2,005.00	92.00
- General up-keep and Cleaning Expenses	739,553.00	375,060.00
- Legal & Professional Fees	32,585.00	26,127.00
- Postage & Courier Expenses	5,279.00	4,184.00
- Power, Fuel Charges & Expenses	1,930,264.39	924,314.00
- Printing & Stationery	171,050.00	97,972.00
- Telephone, Mobile & Internet Expenses	164,704.00	140,265.00
- Travelling & Conveyance Exp.	499,671.00	253,701.00
- History Project Expenses	2,349,164.00	-
- Project Outsourcing	300,000.00	-
- Publication Expenses	279,125.00	-
- Cost of Library Project reimbursed to VKI	6,000,000.00	-
- Water Charges	127,161.00	-
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	4,228,407.61	491,702.75
Total Rs.	29,468,677.00	11,622,115.00

Notes on Accounts and Significant Accounting Policies

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Signed in terms of our Report of even date
For PUROHIT & PUROHIT (FRC#02829)

Chartered Accountants

CA. K.K. Purohit, B, FCA
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Membership No.024783

For Vivekananda International Foundation

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Director

A. Balakrishnan
Trustee

Kishor Tolkar
Secretary

Delhi, The 25th day of June, 2012

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Auditorium



Seminar Hall



Conference Room



Seminar Hall



Research Work Stations



Research Work Stations



Resource Research Centre



Resource Research Centre

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- Prakash Singh, former Director General, Border Security Force
- Air Chief Marshal (retd) S Krishnaswamy, PVSM, AVSM, VM& Bar, ADC
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- S Gurumurthy, author and financial expert
- R Vaidyanathan, Professor of Finance, IIM Bangalore
- Lt Gen (retd) SK Sinha, Former Governor of Jammu & Kashmir and Assam

Executive Council

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- Anil Bajjal, former Home Secretary
- Prof Kapil Kapoor, Former Pro Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University
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- A Surya Prakash, author and scholar of contemporary studies
- Nripendra Mishra, IAS (retd) former Chairman, Telephone Regulatory Authority of India
- Amb TCA Rangachari, former Indian Ambassador to France and Germany
- CD Sahay, former Secretary (Research and Analysis Wing)
- Lt Gen (retd) Ravi Sawhney, PVSM, AVSM, Former DGMI
- Rajiv Sikri, former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
- Lt Gen (retd) Gautam Banerjee, Former Director General BRDB
- Dhanendra Kumar, IAS (retd), Former Secretary Government of India



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