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About India Foundation

India Foundation is an independent research centre focussed on the issues, challenges and opportunities of the Indian polity. The Foundation believes in understanding contemporary India and its global context through the civilizational lens of a society on the forward move.

Based on the principles of independence, objectivity and academic rigour, the Foundation aims at increasing awareness and advocating its views on issues of both national and international importance. It seeks to articulate Indian nationalistic perspective on issues.

India Foundation's vision is to be a premier think tank that can help understand the Indian civilizational influence on our contemporary society. With a team of dedicated professionals based at its office in New Delhi, the Foundation works with partners and associates both in India and overseas to further its stated objectives.



Flagship Events

1. Counter Terrorism Conference

India Foundation's Centre for Security and Strategy (CSS) organises the annual CTC. The Conference is deemed to be a monumental event in the field of strategy and Counter Terrorism. The participants and speakers of the Conference include a galaxy of scholars and area practitioners of counter terrorism from around the world who gather under one roof to set the global security discourse.



2. India Economic Convention

This Convention is the assembly of financial leaders, investment bankers, industrialists and institutional investors. The first edition of the Convention was organised in 2014 followed by a sequel in 2015 and 2018. The themes for the convention have been "A New Growth Paradigm for India" and "Architecture for Growth" respectively. The keynote Address of the first convention was delivered by Shri Narendra Modi.



3. Indian Ocean Conference

India Foundation in association with Think Tanks from the countries of the Indian Ocean Region organises the Indian Ocean Conference to discuss and deliberate on issues of concern to the region. The first edition of the Conference was hosted on 1-2 September 2016 at Singapore. The Conference witnessed the coming together of ministers, intellectuals, bureaucrats, academics and leaders from the countries of the region. Since then two more editions of the conference have been hosted in Sri Lanka and Vietnam respectively.



Flagship Events

4. Dharma Dhamma Conference

Centre for Study of Religion and Society (CSRS) of India Foundation organises the International Conference on Dharma Dhamma in collaboration with Sanchi University of Buddhist Indic Studies (SUBIS). Till now three Conferences have been successfully hosted in Madhya Pradesh and one in Nalanda, Bihar where eminent scholars and religious gurus have graced the occasion and shared their views on relevant themes.



5. India Ideas Conclave

The first India Ideas Conclave was held in Goa from 19-21 December 2014 in collaboration with the state Government. This was the first step towards creating an intellectual infrastructure for thinkers to engage in important public policy issues and creating space for an alternative narrative of the Indian story. So far, the Foundation has successfully hosted five editions of the conclave.



6. Young Thinkers' Meet

The annual "Young Thinkers' Meet" was conceptualised by India Foundation to bring like-minded young thinkers on a common platform and have discussions over issues of national and international importance. These meets have been organised at Coorg, Manesar, Pune, Pachmarhi, Patnitop, Vadodara and Kasauli.



Flagship Events

7. ASEAN-India Youth Summit

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the ASEAN-India Dialogue Partnership in 2017, India Foundation, in collaboration with ASEAN Secretariat and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (MEA), organised the first India-ASEAN Youth Summit in 2017. It provided a platform for 100 youth leaders from ASEAN countries and 50 youth leaders from India to engage and brainstorm on issues of common interest. The success of this summit was followed in the 2nd ASEAN-India Youth Summit organised by India Foundation and MEA in Guwahati, Assam in February 2019.



Bilateral Initiatives

India Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue

India Foundation organizes the Indo-Bangladesh Friendship Dialogue on “India-Bangladesh Relations” in association with Friends of Bangladesh and Bangladesh High Commission, New Delhi. The Sixth Round Table was held in New Delhi on 22-23 May, 2015 and Seventh Round Table was held on 4-5 March, 2016 in Dhaka followed by Eighth Round Table discussion in Assam, India in 2017.

International Department of the Communist Party of China (IDCPC)

The Bilateral Roundtable meetings are held between the delegation from the IDCPC and the India Foundation every year to discuss the issues affecting India China Relations, the growing trade imbalance, expansion of tourism between the two nations, border dispute, terrorism and avenues for future cooperation.



Bilateral Initiatives

Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS)

Considering the significance of Myanmar as it comes out of its decades of isolation, India Foundation took the initiative of engaging with Myanmar. The Foundation hosted a 10 member delegation from MISIS for a bilateral interaction on “Myanmar-India: Frontiers of New Relationship” on 05-06 July 2016 in New Delhi with the objective to build a robust relationship between the two countries, based on common heritage and interests. The aim of this bilateral was to take forward the discussions that took place during a comprehensive dialogue in November 2014 on “India Myanmar: Together the Way Ahead”.

Institute of International Studies (IIS), Fudan University, China

The Centre for Security and Strategy (CSS) of India Foundation organises the Bilateral Interaction with the Fudan University on various issues pertaining to India-China relationship. The three editions of the interactions, over the years from 2014 to 2018 have witnessed scholarly and candid exchange of views from both sides on critical issues such as challenges to Sino-India relations, regional peace and stability and prospective for the way forward.



Other Intellectual Initiatives

Breakfast Briefings

India Foundation started a monthly briefing series where in policy leaders, officials and experts from the Government of India brief diplomats and senior staffers of foreign missions about India's position on contemporary issues, over breakfast. Some of the prominent speakers have been: Shri Arun Jaitley, Union Minister of Finance, Government of India; Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister of Law and Justice & Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India; Smt Preeti Saran, Secretary (East), Government of India amongst others.



Other Intellectual Initiatives

Civic Reception

As part of its public diplomacy initiative the Foundation hosts Civic Events in honour of visiting Heads of States/Governments at regular intervals. These events provide an opportunity for the eminent citizens of Delhi, which include, Diplomats, Political Leaders, Academics, Media Leaders and Public intellectuals, to engage with the visiting dignitary. In recent past the Foundation has hosted Civic receptions in honour of Shri Maithripala Sirisena, President of Sri Lanka, Shri Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda', Prime Minister of Nepal, Shri Ranil Wickremesinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, Ms Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, President of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, Ms Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Mr Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of Mauritius, H.E Tran Dai Quang, President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and H.E Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan.



Other Intellectual Initiatives

India Foundation Dialogues

IF Dialogues are held at regular intervals to discuss and deliberate various significant issues of national, social, political and international importance. A small group of selected intellectuals and policy makers attend these Dialogues to discuss contemporary issues.



Publications

Periodic Publication of research documents is one of the main activities of the Foundation. Some of the popular publications are:

India Foundation Journal

During the year 2013, the Foundation started publishing the in-house bi-monthly journal called the India Foundation Journal. The journal is meant for circulation among the members and well-wishers of the Foundation with a reader base of over 12,000 subscribers. The Journal covers a compilation of articles written by various eminent scholars along with a report of the events held at the Foundation in that period

Aakrosh

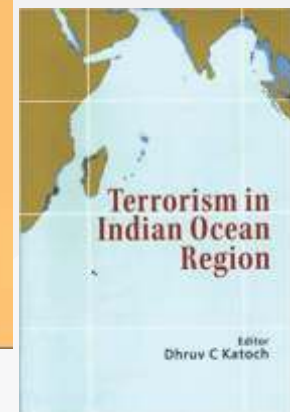
Aakrosh is a quarterly journal of research papers on terrorism and internal conflicts. It is brought out by Centre for Security and Strategy at India Foundation. The journal has established its credentials and is internationally acknowledged as the most authoritative Indian voice on this extremely relevant subject

Issue Briefs

Issue Briefs are India Foundations' publication in the sphere of policy intervention. The briefs are focused on topics of contemporary relevance, and the Foundation has so far published four briefs on the need for policy changes to support the domestic insulator industry in India, Restructuring and System strengthening of district education administration for quality education and skills, Possibilities of utilising the open distance learning resources in the implementation of major schemes of the Government of India and Logistic support for the Armed forces.

Terrorism in Indian Ocean Region

The book, "Terrorism in India Ocean Region" is a compendium of the proceedings of the third Counter Terrorism Conference organised by India Foundation in 2017. With articles by a galaxy of political and thought leaders from India and across the world, the book highlights how countries across the globe are handling the menace of terrorism and brings out the important lesson that because of its global ramifications, terrorism has to be fought as a joint regional and global effort.



Publications

Geopolitics of Himalayan Region

This book is truly ambitious, as it attempts to take a holistic look on all the three key dimensions impacting the region - Cultural , Political and Strategic - making it a pioneering effort in studying the region beyond the myopic prism of bilateral relations . Elucidating contributions on various critical issues from practitioners and experts par excellence lends greater credibility and efficacy in understanding the immense possibilities that the region offers - from being the hotbed of intense competition to an exemplar of political and economic co-operation , supported by a complex web of religious-cultural and civilisational linkages.

India's Foreign Policy

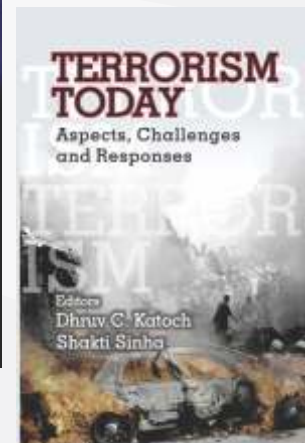
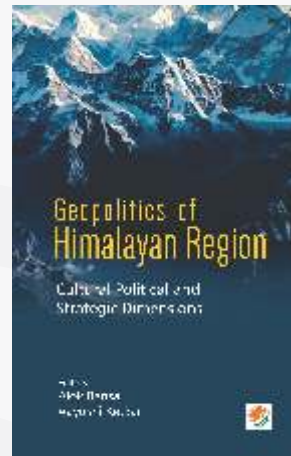
The book "India's Foreign Policy: Towards Resurgence" is a compilation of the talks delivered by eminent personalities in a Foreign Policy Workshop conducted by India Foundation in February 2018. This edited volume traces the roots of India's foreign policy, from the times of Chanakya to the present day and offers a holistic understanding of the factors that have shaped its growth. It expounds on the transformation in policy over the last few years wherein it has become more bold, proactive, innovative and ambitious, with 'Samman,' 'Samridhi,' 'Suraksha,' 'Sanskriti' and 'Sabyatha; now being the driving forces around it. Covering a vast swathe, it delves on India's strategic concerns, economic growth, soft power and relations with the neighbourhood and the world.

Global Terrorism

Challenges and Policy Options (Edited by Dhruv C Katoch and Shakti Sinha) arose out of the proceedings of the Second Counter Terrorism Conference organised at Jaipur (February 2-3,2016). The book is a compilation of research papers dealing with different aspects of terrorism as analysed by some of the most experienced global practitioners in the field of counter terrorism.

Terrorism Today

Aspects, Challenges and Reponses (Edited by Dhruv C Katoch and Shakti Sinha) Consequent to the First edition of the Counter Terrorism Conference organised in March 2015, India Foundation published a book titled "Terrorism Today: Aspects, Challenges and Responses" (Edited by: Dhruv C Katoch and Shakti Sinha). The book is a compilation of research papers dealing with different aspects of terrorism as analysed by some of the most experienced global practitioners in the field of counter terrorism.



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2. Centre for Security and Strategy (CSS)
3. Centre for Constitutional Legal Studies (CSLS)
4. Centre for Soft Power (CSP)



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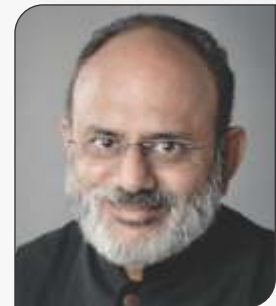
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