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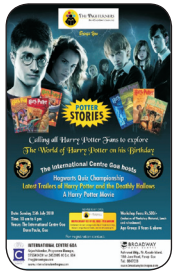
July- September 2010



EDITORIAL

Greetings friends !

We are in the middle of the year and flying high ! The last quarter has been busier than usual. Programs and activities ranging from painting workshops, health series to the seminar on CRZ Draft 2010, have kept us on our toes throughout.



This quarter, we had many sessions in our health series in collaboration with Manipal Hospital. Osteoporosis, Kidney functioning and even psychological health have been the main emphasis.

The Pageturners had their regular workshop on 25th July. This time it was Harry Potter, who kept the children excited and enthusiastic throughout.

Incredible India Quiz held on 15 August, Independence day had many quizzers- students and adults vying for the tempting 1st prize of Rs. 15000/-, sponsored by GTDC. It was an exciting brain storming session.

CRZ Draft 2010 held on 8th September was the highlight of this quarter. We had more than 70 participants – Scientists,



students, Media, Shack owners, social workers and the general public. The seminar was a huge success with many suggestions and recommendations.



For the first time, ICG organized an Art Camp from 26th to 28th August. Wellknown artists from Goa, Pune, Varanasi, Delhi and Lucknow shared workspace and created twelve beautiful paintings. Six of which are now displayed in all the three conference halls of ICG.

We have lots more coming up specially in November and December. The much awaited 'Annual South Asia Media Summit' from 22nd – 25th November, 2010. This years theme is 'Women in Media in South Asia : Partners in Development'. We have already around 30 South Asian participants signed up for this grand event.

Not forgetting the 'Goa Arts and Literary Festival' from 12-14 December, 2010, which I am sure will also be a huge success. Do visit the website especially created for it-www.goartlifest.com

Do also check us out on facebook- www.facebook.com/TheInternationalCentreGoa.com

See you all at ICG !

What's new on the Menu



Our members can now enjoy sumptuous meals at our multi-cuisine restaurant - Spices by availing 10% special discount on all à la Carte orders.

ICG BUZZ

Employee of the Quarter



Khwaja Ayub Zickriya
Ass. General Manager

Nandini Sahai
— **NANDINI SAHAI**

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Workshop on “Enhancing Human Development Coverage: Skills for Reporting/ Writing”

A three day workshop on “Enhancing Human Development Coverage: Skills for Reporting/ Writing” was held from 24th to 26th July 2010. It was conducted by eminent journalists Mr. Shishir Joshi and Dr. Alope Thakore, co-founders of JM Foundation for Excellence in Journalism - Mumbai



The resource persons

This workshop was held in collaboration with JM Foundation for Excellence in Journalism, Goa Union of Journalists, Media Information and Communication Centre of India and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. The workshop is part of the series of workshops being organised by ICG for the last couple of years with the aim of empowering journalists with the latest skills and knowledge

Film Workshop on Acting & Script-writing

‘Acting is being. You are the character’, so said actor Vipin Sharma, speaking at the Film Workshop on Acting & Script-writing conducted by him (“Karthik calling Karthik”, “Lamhaa”, “Rangrasiya”, “Jannat” and “Tare Zameen Par”) & scriptwriter Mr. Sanjay Chouhan (“Karam”, “Maine Gaandhi Ko Nahin Mara”, “Big Brother”, “Dhuan”, “Tere Sang”, “Right yaa Wrong”) on 31 August 2010.



The participants at the workshop

The workshop is part of the series of workshops planned in this year which will prepare and provide an opportunity to the Goan talent to get selected for a major upcoming film project involving both Mr. Vipin Sharma and Mr. Sanjay Chouhan.

The duo hope to bring out their film to coincide with the celebration of the 50th year of Goa’s liberation.

One-day seminar on ‘CRZ – 2010 Draft: Responses & Challenges’

‘A proposed amendment to the coastal regulations zone (CRZ) by Union Ministry of Environment and Forests has raised suspicions of being misused by commercial lobbies though it is purportedly aimed at protecting structures of traditional fishermen’, experts spoke at a day long seminar on ‘CRZ – 2010 Draft: Responses & Challenges’, held on 8th September at ICG and organised by The International Centre Goa,



Participants giving their views

National Institute of Oceanography and Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

Various speakers including former MLA Mr. Matahny Saldanha, NIO scientists, Dr. Baban Ingole and Antonio Mascarenhas, felt that the special consideration for some states such as Goa, Mumbai and Kerala may not be advisable as it was not integrated into CRZ.



Participants at the seminar

The participants also felt that other provisions could be used to achieve the same objectives sought through the amendment. The CRZ amendment would only leave the door wide open for undesirable things, such as sale of land in eco-sensitive areas.

Some of the suggestions and recommendations of the seminar were :

1. To plan the notification in such a way that the environment along with fishermen are protected.
2. No development should be allowed in at least 200 mtrs from High Tide Line (HTL).
3. Khazan lands should be protected as these are areas of water filtration, helps in mitigating floods.
4. Regulate activities on the landward side of HTL which needs to be demarcated
5. Localizing the discussions, use of language that is understood by the locals.
6. Rights should be given to fishermen just like rights of the forests given to tribals dwelling in forests and environment sensitive areas like mangroves.
7. Activities that need only a seafront should be allowed along the coast but also keeping a check or limit.
8. At present the hazard line should not be included in the draft as it is not clear where it has to be demarcated.
9. Shack owners also should be given special rights like that to fishermen as they also need the sea/ beach front for carrying out their business/ livelihood.
10. Activities carried out by shack owners also should be scrutinized and regulated and the shack construction should not go beyond the vegetation on the beach.
11. Goa to be given special consideration instead of special status to prevent any backdoor entry for illegal development.
12. Declaring areas like turtle nesting sites, mangroves as Environment Sensitive areas to prevent any kind of activity.
13. A tourism and beach management committee should be formed at the Panchayat level.



14. A mechanism to scrutinize the decisions of management committee.
15. People from the hinterland should also be allowed free access to recreational activities like picnics on the beach without being stopped by shack owners.
16. Strict regulations to keep beach/ coast free of garbage caused by man-made activities.
17. Implementation plan should be user-friendly, where people can voice their concerns.
18. Town and Country Planning dept should recognize CRZ.

Internship

The International Centre Goa launched its Internship Programme in January 2007. The Internship Programme is designed to offer immense exposure to the students pursuing their higher studies in any discipline. The Programme allows Interns to spend specific number of weeks at International Centre Goa and assist/ work independently on various projects of International Centre Goa. All Interns are offered a nominal stipend and Certificate.

ACTIVITIES

Demonstration in Painting and interactive session with Mr. Rupesh Hirugade

A demonstration in Painting and an interactive session with Mr. Rupesh Hirugade, Faculty at the Fine Arts Department of Bharati Vidyapeeth, Pune was held on Saturday, 10th July 2010 in association with the Indian Ateliers.

Interactive Session on How Fit Are You At Work?

'If you have a sedentary job and have not asked yourself this question, it is high time you do'. This was the theme of the interactive session on How Fit Are You At Work? conducted by Dr. Joslyn Dias Sapoco (BPT, MIAP) currently associated as Physiotherapist with Manipal Hospital, Goa on 16 July 2010. This talk was held in association with the Manipal Hospital, Goa. She explained about the need for a active lifestyle, balanced diet and also demonstrated some physiotherapy exercises to the ICG staff and public.

Interactive Session on 'Do Public Service Announcements Improve Public Health'

An Interactive Session on 'Do Public Service Announcements Improve Public Health' with Mr. Khizer Husain, Director of Shifa Consulting, USA was held on Wednesday, 21st July 2010 at ICG. Mr. Hussain has also been active in US healthcare reform efforts.

Interactive Session on 'Kidney: Silent (Sufferer) Work Horse'

An Interactive Session on 'Kidneys: Silent (Sufferer) Work Horse' was conducted by Dr. Amol Mahaldar, MD (Medicine), DNB (Nephrology), Consultant Nephrologist and Transplant Physician at Manipal Hospital, Goa on 24 July 2010.

This talk was held in association with the Manipal Hospital, Goa.

Harry Potter workshop by The PAGETURNERS – The ICG Children's Book Club

Over the last decade, one book series has left readers spellbound, Harry Potter ! The PAGETURNERS Book Club organized a one-day workshop on the Potter series on 25th July, in the hope to get children back to reading habit. The workshop was open for all ages and was conducted by Ms. Jugneeta Sudan.

The workshops are now a hit with the children, as they keep coming back for all the sessions held every month since May 2010.

An Interactive Session on OSTEOPOROSIS: BREAKING THE MYTH

The health conscious often worry about their bone density. Various myths surround osteoporosis. Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Manipal Hospital, Dr. Deep Bhandare in an interactive Session on 'Osteoporosis' busted the myths of around 20 participants on 31 July 2010 at ICG.

According to him, osteoporosis is usually associated with women and is seen in men too after 75. It is a normal process of ageing that even existed in pre-historic times. Timely detection and proper

treatment can mitigate the severity.

Demonstration in Painting and Interactive Session with Mr. R S Shakya

A demonstration in Painting and Interactive Session with Mr. R S Shakya, a renowned artist from Luknow, was held on 7th August 2010. The demonstration was organized in association with Indian Ateliers, Goa. He derives his inspiration from Mother Earth and loves to work with oil and in ink on waterproof canvas.

Incredible India Quiz

Independence day saw a massive gathering at ICG, but it wasn't for any speeches or flag-hoisting. It was for the Incredible India Quizzes conducted on 15th August 2010 and was organized in association with Sunday Evening Quiz Club (SEQC) in partnership with Ministry of Tourism, Government of Goa. The quiz was held in two categories - School Edition (upto 12 Std. students) and Open Quiz (open for all).

Close to 150 students, in teams of two took the written elimination test. From those six teams made it to the finals. This was followed by the Open edition which had a more complex structure than the school's edition. Anirudha Sen Gupta was the Quizmaster. At the end of the hectic and exciting evening, Nandini Sahai, Director-ICG, gave away the prizes- trophies and cash- to the top three teams in both editions. The prizes : 1st- Rs. 15000/-, 2nd- Rs.9000/- and 3rd – Rs.5000/- were sponsored by Goa Tourism Department.

First Aid Training Course



Mr. Shakya in action

ICG for the first time had a First Aid Training Course and demonstration for its staff on 21st August 2010. Platoon commanders Mr. Suresh Patekar and Mr. Uday Kudtarkar both president's medal recipient instructors explained and demonstrated the techniques of first aid and rescue methods. The staff of all the departments including gardeners and security participated. They had to form groups and give a demonstration, the best of which won prizes. The staff were also given certificates of participation at the end of the training workshop.

Interactive Session on Psychological Health

ICG organised its 5th Interactive Session on Psychological Health

with Dr. Vasumathi Prabhu on 27 August 2010. This talk was held in association with the Manipal Hospital Goa. Around 30 people attended the talk



One of the artist with his paintings

Water-colour Landscape in 3 hours

Workshop on water-colour landscape in 3 hours was held on 28 August 2010. The workshop was conducted by artists – Ravi Naik, Uday Kumar & Manjunath Wali from Humpi. It was organized by Harshada’s Art Gallery in collaboration with The International Centre Goa.

Short Film Screening and workshop

A Short Film screening and workshop was held on 28th August 2010. Cyrus Dastur - founder of Shamiana - The Short Film Club and a well known theatre personality from Mumbai and columnist in reputed publications was the resource person.

1st Art Camp at ICG

Artists from Lucknow, Goa, Pune, New Delhi and Varanasi shared work space at the 1st Art Camp organised by ICG from 26th – 28th September, 2010 in association with Indian Ateliers, Goa.

Artists Ajay Deshpande, Pune ; Dinkar Jadhav, Pune ; Harshada Kerkar, Goa ; Jagmohan Bangani, New Delhi ; Somnath Dikpati, Banaras ; Swapnila Srivastava, Lucknow and Viraj Naik, Goa shared ideas and techniques but then went on to paint their unique canvases. Art enthusiasts dropped in to appreciate the varied styles of these well known artists. Six of their masterpieces are now displayed in all the three conferences halls of ICG. The event was organised by Indian Ateliers Goa and ICG and sponsored by.....

THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE GOA WELCOMES ITS NEW MEMBERS

LIFE MEMBERS

ICG 2260	Mr. SHAILESH DALVI	Director- Legal Services & Corporate Counsel	Mumbai
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ICG 2263	Ms. CHANDITA MUKHERJEE	Director- Comet Media Foundation	Mumbai
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ICG2267	Mr. BHASKAR MENON	Writer	Goa
ICG2268	Dr. PRAVIN KUMAR SINHA	Senior Project Advisor- Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	Haryana

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Q Seminar on Right to Information Act on 12th & 13th October, 2010.
- Q Italian Film Festival in association with the Italian Chambers of Commerce from 22nd – 24th October, 2010.
- Q Crafts Bazaar in association with Dastakari Haat Samiti from 22nd – 29th October, 2010.
- Q Strengthening Democracy: Role of Judiciary from 13th -14th November, 2010.
- Q Annual South Asia Media Summit in association with Media Information and Communication Centre of India & Friedrich Ebert Stiftung from 22nd – 25th November, 2010.
- Q Community Radio Consultation in association with Media Information and Communication Centre of India and UNESCO 3rd – 5th December, 2010.
- Q Goa Arts and Literary Festival from 12th – 14th December, 2010.

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