

Summarized Report of Minor Research Project

Title of the project –: " Sino Indian Interests in Indian Ocean Co-operation or Conflict "

* Objectives of this research Work are as follows :-

- 1] To find out current developments and possible future new role players in Indian Ocean Region.
- 2] To update my knowledge of Indian Ocean Region through this research by extending my earlier research done at M Phil level.
- 3] This research has great importance from Strategic Foreign Policy and Defense point of view for our country as well as South Asia.

* Methodology

Seminars, Conferences etc. -

The present study is based on mainly Secondary sources. I am using analytical method. I have attended International and National Seminars and Conferences, organized by CIS Mulund East as well as by Nehru Centre and Mumbai University . In these Seminars, I have heard Lectures and Paper presentations by many former Ambassadors to Afganistan , Defense personnel like Jasjit Singh , Air Force and Indian Naval officers like Commander Pasha, Bhushan Gokhale , Jayant Umbranikar , Julio Rebeirro , Sadanand Date, Balachadran . Some of them are retired Army , Air Force and Navy as well as RAW employees . Foreign Policy Experts who are currently University Professors , like Dr Shrikant Paranjpe , Dr Ramesh Babu , Dr P.M. Kamath , Dr Lawrence Fernandis , General Raghavan , Dr Geeta Madhavan , Sukhtankar , Ram Pradhan , Brigr Shashikant Pitre , Hemant Mahajan these are only some names who have participated in these Seminars . These Seminar covered wide range of Subjects like Defence Preparedness of India , South China Sea , Mumbai Terror Attack and implications .

Apart from these Seminars , I have used primarily Library resources from Our College , Nehru Center and Kalina Campus , as well as USIS Library . So far my work is primarily focused on Library work and collecting information on the International Events related to Indian Ocean as they are unfolding. I have used extensively daily Newspaper Reports, editorials and several Articles by various Foreign Policy and Defence Experts . I have regularly listened to BBC, CNN and Other International News which is extremely relevant to my dynamic research subjects .

So far I have collected material from following sources:-

1. India's Strategic Culture. [By Dr. Shrikant Paranjape]
2. The Indian Ocean – Perspectives on Strategic Arena. [By William Russ etc, Dowdy B. Trood.]
3. Perspectives on Security in Indian Ocean [By Devendra Kaushik.]

4. The Indian Ocean in Global Politics, [By Larry W. Bowman and Ian Clerk]

5. The Indian Ocean and The Super Powers. [By Rasul Rais]

Limitations Of the Study : As it was not possible to get Leave due to busy college Schedule and our vacations are very short , It was not possible for me to visit IDSA in Delhi or Chennai Naval College Library . I could not visit Delhi's IPCS Institute which is doing huge work on the area of my Research.

As Minor Research Work does not have any facility of Study Leave , Our research work is severely handicapped .

Findings :

As I proceeded with my study I found how at present the task of Indian Navy has been extremely challenging . Rise of powerful China as a major contender of Asian hegemony has changed the entire situation .

Even today(31 May 2015) at Singapore as 26 Asian Countries have gathered for International Conference . There is a deep anxiety expressed by Indian Ocean Littoral States . China has gone ahead aggressively building Artificial Islands and Reclaiming Sea and 2000 Acres of sea land in South China Sea. US repeated Warnings are falling on the deaf ears , as China insists on it's Legitimate and Sovereign rights in South China Sea . China is directly rejecting the claim of small countries like Vietnam , the Phillipines , Japan and all other ASEAN Littorals.

In South Asia too China has claimed Indian Territories of India in Arunachal Pradesh and POK as disputed territory . Her New Silk Road and Silk Route policy, Economic and Commercial corridors are directly conflicting vital interests of her neighbors . It has befriended rouge state like Pakistan for Gwadar , it is also friendly with irresponsible state like North Korea . It is using Soft power diplomacy , as well as money and technological power , trade dependency to increase her sphere of influence.

West and Australia , Japan is looking at India and Modi Government to take Leadership in Indian hand . India has compulsions of democracy . We will have to look at new Asian Multilateral Architecture which can work on Security for IOR . ASEAN , SAARC and IORA are some of the existing Regional structures , which are found inadequate in providing Security .

IOR faces new problems like Piracy , Mumbai Terror Attack type of future threats, tsunami , Search and Rescue operations , migrations , human trafficking , drugs triangle. There are many IOR Rim countries who have civil wars, ethnic conflicts , fundamentalism, Poverty , famines and food shortages , drinking water shortages, which need urgent solutions . Many countries have WMD , this has further complicated the matters .

Indian Ocean Region is called as Ocean of Uncertainty , because 2/3 rd of the world humanity lives in 200 kms of its coastal area of it's rimland . Human Density has already complicated the situation .

Issue of International Global Commons Rights, is another burning issue. SLOC and Choke Points Safety , Oil Trade safety and free flow of mineral resources is limiting the Asian and World Economy .

US wants India to play role of Indo - Pacific Power as wells Net Security Provider . With rise of Multilateralism , If Multilateralism takes roots in India , this region may have some stability .

As the subject is dynamic and extremely important ,More research is needed in this area . The Study should be Multi disciplinary and it should become a part of School educational study .

