

Day 6 Feb. 21

Building a better Asia future
leaders retreat 2008

A busy day in Goa

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere

Martin Luther King

Such a busy day !!!!!

After the wonderful trip to the beach and unexpected of the dinner last night, the first fresh morning session began with the country report of our friends from Cambodia, Indonesia and the Philippines and some common issues had been noticed among these countries:

Poverty

Corruption

Human right

Climate change

Garbage problem

unemployment

At 10:30 AM, we proceeded to Goa State Legislation Assembly and we enjoyed the photographing in the assembly hall as if we were the leaders of Goa!!! (ha..ha!). It

was such a wonderful hospitality from the Assembly members (the wonderful and variety of the food)

The dialogue with Hon. Pratapsingh Rane, speaker,Goa State Legislative Assembly, with the theme good Governance, the State and the Common Good in Asia was a wonderful interaction.

He began his speech brief introduction about GOA and its state Legislative Assembly, Indian Political system as well as Democratization. The Legislative Assembly of Goa consists of 40 members 28-30 of them represent Goa, while the others represent Daman and Diu.

The government is run by him and his Council of Ministers. Goa has a newly constructed Assembly Complex which was commissioned in March 2000.

Good Governance in Goa is effective implementation of Lokayukta Act and Right to Information Act to ensure complete transparency in functioning of the Government and also creating mass awareness among public regarding use of Lokayukta Act and Right to Information Act.

Some of his expressions on the Common Goods in Goa includes,

Agriculture and Allied Activities,

Rural Development,

Social Welfare and Women Empowerment,

Power

Urban Development and Environmental Upgradation,

Water Supply and Sanitation

Education, Sports, Art and Culture,

Health,

Industries and Information Technology.

His attitude of making things as transparent as it can be is what we should imitate.

His definition of Good Governance really touched us! How you respond to people needs, Sustainable Development Oriented, and Forward Looking (brief but broad).

The afternoon session started late at 3:00 PM. What big challenge, Human Security, awaiting for the future leaders of Asia !!!! Hopefully, in our time, we will be able to establish a regional Human Right Mechanism which is missing nowadays, right??? It was such a point that the professor mentioned Human Security cannot be taken place without Human Rights in the country. Yet, there was a hope for us when he highlighted that Asia has grown its common interest for the Human Security comparing to the past decade! Everyone was tired physically but their spirit and enthusiasm was not !!!

At 5:30 PM, we continued our busy day by finishing exercises on building ideas on the common goods from all the things that we have learned during the past days. (Hey !! We should really ask for the overtime bonus, don'td you think so????

Anyway, we had dinner at 7:30 PM and continued the exercises at 8:30 PM ..! oh.. nooo ! We stopped remembering the time since it was so sad to look at the time. Anyway, it was a very wonderful day for us, full of spices and sweets just as Indian Foods.

Hard Working future leaders!



Time Schedule

0830

Country Presentations

1030

Visit to the Goa State Legislative Assembly

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1230

Good Governance, the State and the Common Good in Asia

By on. Pratapsingh Rane

1500

Human Security in Asia

By- Professor Amitav Acharya

1730

Group Work on Final Presentation 2

1930

Dinner

2030

Continue Group Work.



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