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Programme
SEMINAR ON MEDIA AND PLURALISM IN SOUTH ASIA
29 October - 1 November 1992
Karachi, Pakistan

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 29 October

6:00 - 7:00 PM  Inaugural Ceremonies

Welcome Address

Mr. Javed Jabbar
Chairman
South Asian Media Association

Dr. Victor T. Valbuena
Head, Seminars and Institutional
Development Programme, AMIC

Observations

Mr. Enayetullah Khan
Bangladesh

Mr. Nikhil Chakravartti
India

Mr. U.L. Shrestha
Nepal

Mr. J.S. Sumanasekera Banda
Sri Lanka

Inaugural Address

Hon. Syed Muzaffer Hussain Shah
Chief Minister of Sindh
Pakistan

Vote of Thanks

Mr. Fazal Qureshi
Editor-in-Chief
Pakistan Press International

7:00 - 8:00 PM  Reception
Friday, 30 October

9:00 – 9:15 AM Orientation to Seminar Programme

Dr. Victor T. Valbuena

9:15 – 11:45 AM Perspectives on Pluralism Issues in the South Asian Media

Mr. Enayatullah Khan
Editor-in-Chief, Weekly Holiday
Bangladesh

Mr. Nikhil Chakravartti
Editorial Adviser, Mainstream
India

Mr. Ahmad Ali Khan
Editor, Dawn
Pakistan

Mr. Sinha Ratnatunga
Editor, The Sunday Times
Sri Lanka

(Tea Break)

Q/A Forum

11:45 – 2:00 PM Lunch Break / Friday Prayers

2:00 – 4:30 PM Media and Ethnic Relations: Some Perspectives from Current Research

Dr. Fazal Rahim Khan
Head, Department of Mass Communication
Gomal University
Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan

Dr. J.S. Yadava
Director
Indian Institute of Mass Communication
New Delhi, India

Dr. Sarath Amunugama
Fellow
International Centre for Ethnic Studies
Colombo, Sri Lanka
Dr. Anura Goonasekera  
Head, Research Programme  
AMIC, Singapore

(Tea Break)

Q/A Forum

Saturday, 31 October

9:00 - 11:30 AM  Meeting with Ms. Benazir Bhutto  
Leader of the Opposition, Pakistan  
Bilawal House, Karachi

12:00 - 1:45 PM  Promoting Pluralism Through Media and Other Social Institutions

Mr. Fariddudin Ahmed  
Director-General  
Directorate of Mass Communication  
Ministry of Information  
Bangladesh

Ms. N.J. Krishna  
Additional Principal Information Officer  
Ministry of Information and Broadcasting  
India

Mr. U.L. Shrestha  
Additional Secretary  
Ministry of Information and Communications  
Nepal

Mr. S.J. Sumanasekera Banda  
Secretary  
Ministry of State for Information  
Ministry of Cultural Affairs and Information  
Sri Lanka

Q/A Forum

1:45 - 2:45 PM  Lunch

2:45 - 4:30 PM  The Media as Avenues for Conflict Resolution in Pluralistic Societies

Mr. Najam Sethi  
Editor, The Friday Times, Lahore
Prof. Ibad Rashdi  
Head, Department of Mass Communication  
University of Sindh, Pakistan

Ms. Akhtar Sultana  
Lecturer  
Dept of Mass Communication and Journalism  
Dhaka University, Bangladesh

Mr. P. Kharel  
Executive Editor  
The Rising Nepal  
Kathmandu, Nepal

(Tea Break)

Q/A Forum

8:00 – 10:00 PM AMIC Hosted Dinner

Sunday, 1 November

9:00 – 11:00 AM Parallel Workshops

Workshop 1:  
Strengthening the Role of Media as Avenues  
for Popular Views and Opinions in South Asia

Workshop 2:  
Expanding the Role of Media as Means of  
Access of Marginal Groups to Political  
Processes and Decision-Making

(Tea Break)

11:30 – 12:30 PM Presentation and Discussion  
of Workshop Recommendations

12:30 – 1:30 PM Suggestions for Follow-Up Activities

1:30 – 2:00 PM Summary and Closing

2:00 – 3:00 PM Farewell Lunch