



## **Towards an Assertive Policy on India's External Democracy Support: A Discussion**

**Monday, 6 May 2019 | 10.00am – 1.35 pm**  
**Burdwan & Coochbehar Hall**  
**The Oberoi Grand**  
**Kolkata**

### **Program**

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Tea and Registration
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Inaugural Session  Chair: Nilanjan Ghosh, Director, Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata
10:30 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Welcome address by the Chair
10:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Introducing the Theme by Niranjana Sahoo, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi
10:45 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	Keynote address by Vishnu Prakash, Former High Commissioner/Ambassador to Canada & South Korea, Spokesperson, Foreign Office, Government of India
11:10 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Closing remarks by the Chair
11:15 a.m. – 11: 30 a.m.	Tea

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Panel discussion

Moderator

Harsh V. Pant, Director and Head of the Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

Panelists

Indrani Bagchi, Diplomatic Editor, The Times of India

Constantino Xavier, Fellow, Foreign Policy Studies, Brookings India, New Delhi

Rakhahari Chatterji, Advisor, Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata

Sunanda K. Datta Ray, Eminent Journalist

Jawhar Sircar, Currently Chairman, CSSS Kolkata; Former CEO, Prasar Bharati

1:30 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.

Vote of thanks by Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, Kolkata

1:35 p.m. onwards

Lunch