



Press Release

‘The challenges of population stabilization in India’: National Lecture by CMS at Teen Murti House

The lecture would be delivered by Dr Ashish Bose on 3 Sept 2010 (Friday), 4.30 pm at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML)

New Delhi, September 2: CMS in collaboration with Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) has taken the unique initiative of organising a National Lecture series, “Analysing and Envisioning India’ on some of the most challenging issues in the contemporary India. The second lecture in the series “The challenges of population stabilization in India” would be organised on 3 September 2010, 4.30 pm onwards at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library (NMML) auditorium. The National lecture would be delivered by Dr Ashish Bose, Honorary (Emeritus) Professor, Institute of Economic Growth. The lecture would be presided over by Dr Rama V Baru, Chairperson, Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, JNU.

2010 National Lecture Series “Analysing and Envisioning India”

The series has been initiated to commemorate the two-decade long pioneering activities of CMS. Founded in 1990-91 Centre for Media Studies (CMS) is known today as an independent and credible body of national standing with acknowledgements for its pioneering initiatives in the field of social development, communication, RTI, good governance and Electoral reforms. The first lecture in the 2010 series was on ‘Public Health Challenges in India’; by Dr. K Srinath Reddy, president, Public Health Foundation of India. It was organised on July 23, 2010 at Nehru Memorial Museum & Library Auditorium, Teen Murti House, New Delhi. The lecture was presided over by Prof. Jayati Ghosh, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, JNU.

Upcoming National lectures

National lectures in the series would be delivered by eminent experts who have made a difference in the direction the country has taken in the last couple of decades and whose thinking has insights for providing the future directions as well. These include Dr. Nandan Nilekani, Sam Pitroda, Justice Rajindar Sachar, Dr Kiran Mazumdar, Sh Shyam Benegal, Ms Aruna Roy, Dr Shanta Sinha, Dr Vijay Kelkar, Dr M S Swaminathan, Shri Kiran Karnik, Dr. Y Venugopal Reddy, etc. The next lecture in the series would be on **29 October 2010 by Shri Wajahat Habibullah, Chief Information Commissioner at NMML.**

About CMS

CMS was founded two decades back not just with certain insights from that experience but with a definitive philosophy, concerns and feeling of commitment. Over these years CMS is known in the country differently to different people. For many it is media studies or communication research organization; for others it is social development research body. For others it is environment concerned agency. For many at home and abroad CMS is premier public opinion research body specializing in poll studies. However, CMS has been engaged in all these with equal concern and expertise. Social development (health, education, gender and equity), Good Governance, (Right to Information, use of ICT, corruption studies), promoting futures perspective (environment, academy) and developing appropriate research methodologies to study change or effects have all been the priorities of CMS over these 20 years.

Backed by field research CMS professionals have been in the forefront in some of the Rights and Reforms movements in the country starting with Right to Information movement in (1994), Electoral Reforms (2002) and Judicial Reforms (2007) some of which in fact took off from CMS Research House. Social Audit was conceived and operationalised by its Chairman (Dr N Bhaskara Rao) in the context of public services / utilities starting with the first national panel (1992 – 95) and second (1995 – 98). Citizen Charters in the country were analysed (2003) by CMS having contributed in the preparation of the first Citizen Charter in the country (1994). The first ever national role model award (in six areas) in 1999-2000 was its another pioneering initiative.

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