

SASNET Contact Journey to Delhi, Western and Southwestern India, November 2007

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SASNET has not visited West and Southwest India during the previous three South Asian contact journeys (see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/sasnet.html#contact>). The region has some of the most advanced academic institutions in India as well as a fair degree of networking with Swedish scholars and institutions. But the potential for new and extended cooperation is



there, especially when it comes to student exchange. This will also be an opportunity for SASNET's new Director Anna Lindberg to meet some of our old networking partners and develop new contacts.

Programme:

Thursday 1 November 2007

Stay at Nordic Centre in India flat, C-7 Nizamuddin East. Phone: +91 (0)11 4182 5351.

Afternoon: Visit Centre for Science and Environment (CSE). Director Sunita Narain.

Friday 2 November 2007

Visit Institute of Social Sciences. Dr. Bidyut Mohanty.

Visit Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS). Dr. Arvinder Singh. New Director, Prof. Rajiv Bhargav.

Meeting at Swedish Embassy

Reception and dinner at the Swedish Embassy in New Delhi. Invitation by Ambassadråd Anders Sjöberg. SASNET has suggested 60 to 80 academics from the Delhi area to the function.

Saturday 3 November 2007. South Asian Reference Group meeting

Full day meeting with the Reference Group (see <http://www.sasnet.lu.se/asiareggroup.html>) at the NCI flat in Nizamuddin East.

Participants:

- Dr. Rita Afsar, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Dr. Tek Nath Dhakal, Campus Chief of Public Administration Campus, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal
- Dr. Dipak Malik, Gandhian Institute of Studies, Varanasi, India
- Professor Kumudu Wijewardena, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (SJP), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Dr J. Devika, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India

+ Anna Lindberg and Lars Eklund from SASNET

Sunday 4 November 2007

Lunch at the residence of Dr. Manoj Sinha, Indian Society of International Law. He was Guest Professor at Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Humanitarian Law in Lund in 2006.

Monday 5 November 2007

Visit TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute). Director Alok Adholeya, Biotechnology and Management of Bioresources Division.

Visit Developing Countries Research Centre (DCRC), Delhi University. Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Director Prof. Neera Chandhoke. Also, Prof. Nayanjot Lahiri, Dean International Relations, Delhi University. Prof. K. Sreenivas, Dept. of Physics and Astrophysics, will also participate in the meeting.

Tuesday 6 November 2007

Visit University Grants Commission (UGC). Director Sukadeo Thorat.

Visit Jamia Millia Islamia University, Dept of History. Prof. Lakshmi Subramaniam.

Dinner with Prof. Bishnu Mohapatra, Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, and working for Ford Foundation South Asia office.

Wednesday 7 November 2007

Travel to Thiruvananthapuram.

Visit Centre for Development Studies (CDS). Meeting organised by Dr. J. Devika.

Thursday 8 November 2007

Visit to Trivandrum Medical College. Prof. K.T. Shenoy and Prof. B. Jayakumar. Meeting in the Principal's office.

Friday 9 November 2007

Visit Loyola College of Social Science. Meeting organised by Dr. George Mutholi.
Visit University of Kerala/Department of Communication and Journalism. Dr K. Subash.
Involved in collaboration with Karlstad University.

10–11 November 2007

Rest days in Odayam

Monday 12 November 2007

Travel to Kottayam

Visit Mahatma Gandhi University. Rajan Gurukkal, Director, School of Social Sciences.

Tuesday 13 November 2007

Train to Kozhikode (Calicut).

Wednesday 14 November 2007

Visit Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Kozhikode. Prof. Kulbushan Balooni.

Travel to Mumbai. Stay at University of Mumbai Guest House

Thursday 15 November 2007

Visit Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, in Powai. Prof. Pradipta P. Banerjee, Dean International Relations. Programme to visit several departments at IITB.

Friday 16 November 2007

Visit University of Mumbai.

Flight to Aurangabad, car transport to Loni. Stay at International Center, Pravara Rural University.

Saturday 17 November 2007

Visit Pravara Rural Health University. Vice Chancellor Dr. Ashok Patil (also connected to Skövde University). Skövde and Linköping University (Faculty of Health Sciences) are involved in a major Sida funded project here in the fields of medical care and medical education.

Sunday 18 November 2007

Visit Ellora caves. Overnight stay in Aurangabad.

Monday 19 November 2007

Flight to Mumbai. Stay at University of Mumbai Guest House.

Visit University of Mumbai. Dr. Rajesh Kharat, Dept. of Political Science.

Tuesday 20 November 2007

Visit Tata Institute of Social Sciences. Dr. Neela Dabir, Convenor International Students Office.

Wednesday 21 November 2007

Visit Indira Gandhi National Open University.

Train for Pune

Stay at Orchid Learning & Development Centre.

Thursday 22 November 2007

Visit University of Pune. Department of Environmental sciences, involved in collaboration with Jönköping University.

Visit Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics.

Dinner with people from the India-Sweden project, at Orchid School. The School of Social Work, Örebro University, sends students in their India-Sweden project here, contact person: Lakshmi Kumar.

Friday 23 November 2007

Visit National Chemical Laboratory (NCL). Dr. Sanjay Nene. The Dept. of Biotechnology in Lund will organise a conference on "Biotechnology for Sustainable Development" in collaboration with NCL in January 2008.

Visit Institute of Tropical Meteorology. Involved in collaboration with the Dept. of Meteorology in Stockholm and the Water Resources Engineering division in Lund. Meet Dr. Prakash Rao.

Dinner with Dr. Gail Omvedt, Coordinator, School of Social Justice (SSJ) at Pune University.

Saturday 24 November 2007

Flight to Bangalore

Stay at the Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Guest House in Nagarbhavi.

Meeting researchers at ISEC. Prof. R. S. Deshpande, Head, Agricultural Development and Rural Transformation Centre, ISEC.

Sunday 25 November 2007

Rest day in Bangalore.

Monday 26 November 2007

Visit Indian Institute of Science (IISc). Professors Rahul Pandit, Nagaraja, and Y.N. Srikant.

Tuesday 27 November 2007

Visit Indian Institute of Management. Prof. Gopal Naik.

Wednesday 28 November 2007

Car to Mysore. Stay at Guest House of the Central Institute of Indian Languages.
Meeting Prof. Udaya Narayana Singh and colleagues.

Thursday 29 November 2007

Visit Anthropological Survey of India. Dr. Suresh Patil.

Visit University of Mysore.

Friday 30 November 2007

Return to Bangalore

Visit Centre for the Study of Culture & Society (CSCS). Director Dr. Kakarala Sitharamam.
Representatives from the Alternative Law Forum (ALF) also join the meeting.

Lars returns to Sweden on December, 1, 2007.

Anna flies to Thiruvananthapuram (and back to Sweden on January, 10, 2008).