

International Seminar on Countering Terrorism in India:
Challenge of the 21st Century

The three day Seminar on Countering Terrorism was organised by the Department of Politics in collaboration with the American Center and Indian Council of Social Science Research, WRC. from 31st August to 2nd September 2009 at J P Naik Hall, Kalina Campus. The welcome address was delivered by Mr. V. Shankar Hon. Secretary of South Indian Education Society who called upon the audience to embrace the *religion of positivism*. Mr. David Tyler, Consular Chief, American Consulate narrated his experience and encounters with terrorism in his opening address. The Key Note address was delivered by Mr. Ajit Kumar Doval, IPS (Retd) (Former Director, IB) who spoke about terrorism as the Fourth Generation Warfare where the enemy is invisible.

The three day program was scheduled in 10 Sessions. Topics such as *Terrorism and Mumbai*, *Red Terror*, Religious Terrorism, Indian's Counter Terrorism Policy, Police Intelligence and Army's role in combating terrorism were presented and discussed.

Eminent personalities such as Mr. G. Parthasarathy, IFS (Retd)., Mr. Ajit Kumar Doval, IPS (Retd) (Former Director, IB), Mr. Prakash Singh, IPS (Retd), Mr. Anant Gadgil (Spokesperson, State Congress Party, Maharashtra) , Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe (Director-General Rambhau Mahlagi Prabodhini), Dr. B. Venkatesh Kumar (Director, ICSSR-WRC). Mr. B. Raman, IPS (Retd) (Director, Institute for Topical Studies Chennai,, Mr. J. F. Ribeiro,, IPS (Retd), Mr. Ashok Karnik (Former Deputy Director, IB) and Lt. Gen. D. B. Shekatkar (Retd), Dr. Sadanand Date, IPS and Mr.Samir Ghosh (Consultant, World Bank), Dr. Harish Shetty's (Social Psychiatrist) made their presentations.

Dr Maneesha Tikekar, HOD, Politics also made her presentation on Religious Terrorism and coined the term *Hindutva Terror*. Principal Dr. Harsha Mehta delivered vote of thanks and complimented the organisers for arranging the seminar during the Golden Jubilee Year of the College.