



CCMG INVITED LECTURE ON

Eat Dust - Mining and Greed in Goa

Hartman de Souza

Theatre-person, writer, activist, environmentalist, journalist

Abstract:

The lecture will have its roots in his forthcoming book 'Eat Dust - Mining and Greed in Goa, which looks at the life of two villages in Quepem Taluka in the south eastern part of Goa, Maina and Cawrem. The lecture will look at the situation as a journalist who consistently wrote about what was happening. It will also look at the lot of Goa's indigenous peoples, the Velip, Gawde and Dangars, and situate their struggle for identity and development against a larger structure consisting of Saraswat Brahmins (also Goa's leading mine owners) and Goa's politicians (brahmin or otherwise) who are almost all millionaires. It elaborates how civil society groups in Goa, unwittingly derailed a movement against the mining from building up. Strangely, in a sangam between the mining companies, two ruling governments, and one civil society group that took on the self-appointed leadership of the anti-mining movement, the mining was just allowed to continue.

As a person who cut his teeth in journalism in Goa's English language press, he will attempt to draw a picture of the media in Goa, and see how they responded both to the charges of illegal mining and indeed to acquiesce to political imperatives.

Bio

Hartman de Souza was born in Nairobi, Kenya, and moved to Goa with his parents when he was seventeen. He studied philosophy at St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Goa, and has a background in theatre, journalism and education. He has lived and worked in Goa, Pune, Mumbai, New Delhi and Bangalore.

EVENT DETAILS

Venue: CCMG Network Governance Lab

Date: Wednesday, 4 November, 2015

Time: 11:30 am