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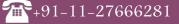
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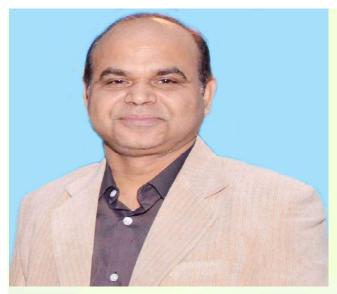
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From Pratham Sevak (Director)

Displaying the multifaceted and multivariate activities of the Centre through our quarterly Newsletter, Sanchayan has been one of our modest achievements for the past five years. Premised on the collective endeavors of our Fellows and Faculty, Students and Scholars, Social Scientists and Social Activists, the Centre has marked a distinct niche towards an integrated, inclusive and innate knowledge in academia over the years.

Imparting further continuity, consistency and continuum to our quarterly journey, we are happy to publish the second issue of Sanchayan in May 2020. The current issue covers three-month activities, events and programs of the Centre from February to April 2020. Despite suffering from financial crunch and struggling against the Corona crisis, we succeeded in organizing various events and activities at the Centre in addition to hosting the distinguished guests and celebrating successes with some of our Fellows and Faculty.

My fellow Navratnas, the revered members of dcrc Parivar (dcrc family) and all my students, scholars and well-wishers deserve sincere gratitude from the core of my heart for steering our journey to the new heights of academic horizons.

# **DCRC: Faculty and Functioning**

Ushering a new phase, dcrc with the help of its 28 fellows from different disciplines of social sciences un-

dertook many academic and research activities and programs for past four years. The fellows appointed through a democratic and transparent process of selection, were regular faculty and researchers across Universities and Colleges. With their distinct expertise and specialisation in different disciplines of social sciences, the dcrc fellows continued to engage themselves with various research activities and projects at the centre for past four years.

The Centre worked with nine committees including Gender, Purchase, Library, Journal, Seminar, Publications etc. headed by different fellow conveners who used to meet regularly to deliberate on academic and research issues. The Advisory Committee headed by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor is the apex decision making body of the Centre while the Fellow Council and Research Committee are the academic committees.

#### **Major Activities and Achievements**

Many academic activities including lectures, talks, discussions and field surveys were organised by the Centre in the last quarter.

### Samiksha Delhi Workshop: February 2020

A meticulously planned, scientifically designed and objectively executed psephological research survey conducted by the Developing Countries Research Centre (dcrc), University of Delhi, under the title "dcrc Samiksha: Delhi 2020" projected an astounding victory for AAP in the recently concluded Assembly Elections in Delhi.

These results were based on a sample of 103,731 voters taken from all 70 assembly constituencies of the Capital from 1-6 February 2020.

#### **Results at a Glance**

Parties	Seats	Voting %
AAP	68	60.04
BJP+	2	30.9
Congress+	0	6.7
Independents/Others	0	2.2
Total Constituencies	70	

Parties	East Delhi	North East Delhi	West Delhi	North West Delhi	South Delhi	New Delhi	Chandni Chowk
AAP	10	10	10	10	08	10	10
BJP+	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Congress+	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Independents/Oth ers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Constituencies	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

#### Parliamentary Constituency-wise Results



The extensive election survey of Delhi was led by 14 Fellow Coordinators from 7 parliamentary constituencies with the help of approximately 500 Student Surveyors. This seemed to be the first and the only survey in India's post-independence electoral democracy in the past seven decades with more than 1 lakh samples. collected from all 70 constituencies and 272 wards, from only one State/Union Territory thus making the results scientifically viable, reliable and credible.

## **Holi Milan**

Known for the spirit of bonding, bonhomie and brotherhoodness, the Centre organized an interactive The Centre felt honoured when of its Fellows, Dr session with its students, scholars and fellows in March Mahesh Kaushik was conferred Doctorate in Econom-2020 on the eve of Holi. Holi Milan of the Centre, based on Diwali and New Year Milans, was an at- Uttar Pradesh. Dr Mahesh Kaushik had also been astempt of coalescing the goodwill gestures of all those sociated with Directorate of Education and other prewho are associated with it from all walks of life from its mier institutions in school and higher education for long

Guardians to Guards, Fellows to Followers and Scholars to Students.



#### **Release of Sanchayan**

Ensuring continuity and consistency with its multipronged activities and programs since September 2016, the Centre released the first issue of its Hindi Monthly Magazine, Sanchayan in March 2020 by its fellows, Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha and Dr Mahesh Kaushik. Releasing the issues, Dr Bhuwan Jha appreciated the efforts of the Cente and the Pratham Sevak for their 'never give up' approach in alleviating the Centre from its modest beginning to new heights. Dr Mahesh Kaushik too acknowledged the contributions by the Centre in different realms of social science research and publication.



#### **Fellow Achievements**

ics from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut,

provoking lectures.

Singh for getting prestigious doctoral fellowships from ICSSR, New Delhi in this quarter.

The Centre congratulated Fellow Dr Mahesh Kaushik and Scholars-Aashish and Pranjal for their outstanding accomplishments.

# **DCRC** in Media

 As the current quarter comprised two prominent elections - Delhi and Israel, Fellow and Scholar of the Centre - Shri Sarad Kumar Yadav and Sh Aashish Kumar Shukla engaged into media discussions on Future Vision and Mission Jansatya, particularly deliberating on the Samiksha survey results and the changing political behaviour of Delhi voters.



• The Centre's activities on Delhi elections were widely covered in many newspapers, including Dainik Hindustan, Dainik Jagran, Pioneer, Rashtriya Sahara and Lok Satya.



and had been instrumental in delivering many thought • When the Delhi election was captured by Samiksha and its Fellow Coordinators both in the print and electronic media, Centre's Director, Prof Sunil K The Centre also felt proud of two of its associated schol- Choudhary appeared in Rajya Sabha TV debated on ars-Aashish Kumar Shukla and Kuver Pranjal Kumar the Israeli elections and changing electoral politics in Israel.



• Amidst national and global changes in academia, the Centre is aiming high to reach new horizons by recreating a global institution that represents academic forte of the university and engages its epistemology with the global concerns.

· Apart from yearly Annual Reports, Quarterly Newsletters, Annual Calendars, Brochures, Monthly Hindi Magazine - Sanshleshan, the Centre is also coming out with the first three issues of its Biennial Journal, GlobaLense: Journal of Social Science Research on the theme, 'One Nation, One Election' and 'India's Changing Electoral Democracy: Lok Sabha Election 2019' respectively, including a special issue on Samiksha Uttar Pradesh 2017. GlobaLense is our blind peer review journal and we are in the process of getting its ISSN soon.

• The centre is planning to emerge as a psephological institution to gauge the opinion of various stakeholders for different policies and programs of the Governments, both Central and State.

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