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## From Pratham Sevak (Director) of DCRC



**Prof Sunil K Choudhary**  
*Director*

For a Pratham Sevak, it has always been an honor to write for the fourth consecutive issue of the Centre's Newsletter which reflects the continuity, consistency and collectivity of our earnest endeavors as Parivar. Marching our onward journey since July 2015, the Centre has come to acquire a significant niche for itself in the academic research community. Our success stories as unfolded through psephological orientation and other associated research programs have imparted both visibility and credibility to the Centre in a short span of just two years. With the active participation and support of all our Fellow Navratnas we have been able to strive the Centre not only as an emerging think tank and research hub of the University but also as a professional academic platform for our young social scientists, scholars, students and social activists by steering them towards the growth of real knowledge.

The Centre is publishing a Quarterly Newsletter since 2016 which apart from providing an overview of the Centre, gives a glimpse of Centre's major activities and achievements in the previous quarter to its readers.

The Centre is glad to publish the third issue of the second volume of its Quarterly Newsletter in July 2017 which covers all the activities from May to July 2017.

I wish all the members of the Parivar great success in all their respective endeavours!

## DCRC: Faculty and Functioning

Ushering a new phase, presently DCRC has 28 fellows from different disciplines of social sciences. The fellows were appointed through a democratic and transparent process of

selection. They are regular faculty and researchers across Universities and colleges and are placed for a period of three years from 2016-2019 on honorary basis. The fellows have expertise and specialisation in different disciplines of social sciences and are currently engaged with various research activities and projects at the centre.

The Centre has eleven committees including Library, Gender, Purchase, Web, Seminar, Annual Report, Infrastructural etc headed by different fellow conveners who 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 academic committees. The Fellow council meets on the first working Friday of every month.

## Major Activities and Achievements

Many academic activities including a fortnight Capacity Building Program and a monthly lecture were organised by the Centre in the last quarter.

## Monthly Lecture

Continuing with the tradition of monthly lectures, tenth lecture was delivered by renowned thinker and activist, Shri K N Govindacharya on 14 July 2017 on the topic 'Swadeshi Model and Ecology'. Emphasising on the Swadeshi model of development Shri Govindacharya highlighted that the Indian Society is based on faith and relationship of mutual responsibility respecting different opinions. India has strength of cultural capital to guide us on our way to development. The session was chaired by Prof Yogesh Atal, formerly Principal Director, UNESCO. Prof. Yogesh Atal has continuously supported us in all our endeavours.



## Capacity Building Programme for Faculty of Social Sciences (16-29 May 2017)

Developing Countries Research Centre [dcrc], University of Delhi successfully organized two week Capacity Building Programme sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi from 16-29 May 2017. It was



the result of tireless efforts and motivation from Director, dcrc Prof Sunil K. Choudhary. Dcrc Advisory Committee Members Prof Sangit K Ragi, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and Dr Devender Kakar, Department of Political Science, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi guided the initiative. Project Director Dr Ramesh K Bhardwaj, Joint Director, dcrc and Co-Director Dr Surendra Singh, Fellow, dcrc played commendable role in its execution. The centre received vast number of applications for this programme from scholars across different regions of the country against 30 sanctioned seats. The Capacity Building project was interdisciplinary in nature and participants from different social science disciplines were included.



Capacity Building programme was conducted in 35 Sessions including Inaugural and Valedictory sessions. In Inaugural session the Keynote Speaker was renowned personality Prof Yogesh Atal, formerly Principal Director, UNESCO and the Chair of the session was Dr Devender Kakar, Advisory Member, dcrc, University of Delhi. The project aimed to develop and enhance the research capacity of the faculty of social sciences for better understanding of research work for efficient contribution to the society. Sessions had eminent resource persons from different disciplines and prestigious Universities of the country like University of Delhi; Jawaharlal Nehru University; Centre for the Study of Development Societies; Indira Gandhi National Open University; Kumaun University, Nainital; BR Ambedkar University; TISS, Mumbai; Banaras Hindu University; Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti; Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi; Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Vishwavidyalaya, Wardha, Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat; NCERT, New Delhi; Competition Commission of India, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi; Jadavpur University, West Bengal; NATRSS, Govt of India. The programme concluded with the Valedictory session comprising eminent personalities Shri Ajay Mehra, Chief Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh as Chief Guest and Prof K G Suresh, Director General, Indian Institute of Mass Communication, New Delhi as the Keynote Speaker.



The Capacity Building Programme was very fruitful as the participants also had the experience of field visit, Computer Lab visit for SPSS and presentations. Separate study material in the form of books, Journals and PPTs was also provided to help the participants enhance their research capacity. Dcrc is thankful to the ICSSR for the grant. DCRC is also thankful to the participants from all over the country, support staff of the centre, CPDHE, CIE, University Guest house and students associated with this programme for their support in making this initiative successful.



**Glaring Glimpses of Capacity Building Program, 16-29 May 2017**



### **Achievements of dcrc parivar**

- DCRC is proud to share that Professor Soumendra M Patnaik, Member, Advisory Committee of the Centre is appointed Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, Odisha. A renowned anthropologist, Prof Patnaik also inaugurated our Monthly Lecture series and delivered first monthly lecture at dcrc on 'Anthropology in Conversation with Other Disciplines'. His constant and consistent interaction and directions to the Centre have always been the source of strength and sustenance for us.





- It is also a proud moment for the parivar that two of the students Preeti Yadav and Garima Sharma being integral to us as part of 'Samiksha: Election Survey 2017' and in organising various activities of the centre for the past two years have topped University of Delhi in M.A. Political Science 2017.

## drc in Media

- Keeping up with digital India, drc launched its twitter handle @drcofficial in May 2017. Within a short time it has garnered hundreds of likes and followers making a mark at the social media platform.



- In the last six months, drc and its programmes under the astounding direction of Professor Sunil K. Chaudhary have received wide coverage in leading national newspapers and

media. 'Samiksha 2017', Drc Election Survey Report received wide acclaim in media. Recently Professor Chaudhary was also invited by Lok Sabha TV to discuss India-Israel relations in programmes like 'Insight' and 'Public Forum'.

## घाटी से ही निकलेगा कश्मीर समस्या का हल

प्रोफेसर सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा, कश्मीरी युवकों को अहसास दिलाना होगा कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं

<p><b>कश्मीर में अलगाववादी और अलगाववादी घाटी से ही निकलेगा कश्मीर समस्या का हल</b></p> <p>प्रोफेसर सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा, कश्मीरी युवकों को अहसास दिलाना होगा कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं</p>	<p><b>घाटी से ही निकलेगा कश्मीर समस्या का हल</b></p> <p>प्रोफेसर सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा, कश्मीरी युवकों को अहसास दिलाना होगा कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं</p>	<p><b>अहसास दिलाना</b></p> <p>प्रोफेसर सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा, कश्मीरी युवकों को अहसास दिलाना होगा कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं</p>	<p><b>होना कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं</b></p> <p>प्रोफेसर सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा, कश्मीरी युवकों को अहसास दिलाना होगा कि हम एक राष्ट्र हैं</p>
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## Future Vision and Forthcoming Initiatives

With the changing times and an enterprising Director, 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. The tradition of monthly lectures and interactive discourses will continue in the coming months.

Subject to the final approval of the Advisory Committee of University of Delhi, the Research Committee and the Fellow Council of the Centre have formally approved the introduction of five Certificate Courses like Cyber Security Awareness, Social Security, Political Economy of Climate Change and India, Computer Applications in Research and Political Communication.

The Centre aims to collaborate with other research organisations at national and international level. Apart from yearly Annual Report and Quarterly Newsletter, drc is also planning to come out with a Quarterly or Half yearly journal which will be published in collaboration with a well-known publication house.