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From *Pratham Sevak* (Director)

Sanchayan is one of our most remarkable milestones reflecting the multivariate activities of the Centre in each quarter of the year. The past six years have witnessed various activities, events and programs organized by the Centre with the collective endeavors of all our fellows and faculty, students and scholars, social activists and social scientists under Sanchayan. Striving towards an integrated, inclusive and innate knowledge, we have been working assiduously in transforming the researching ambiance by engaging, expressing and exposing to the new global realities.

In continuation of our consistent march to the quarterly journey, we are happy to release the third issue of Sanchayan in 2021. The current issue covers three-month activities, events and programs of the Centre from May-July 2021. With the nation progressing slowly and steadily settling down amidst Covid containment and vaccination program, the Centre organized various online and offline activities at the Centre during this quarter.

DCRC: Faculty, Functioning and Fellow Extension

With the collective and holistic endeavours of its Fellow Navratnas, the Centre entered a new phase in social science research and activities in 2021. With the joining of twelve fellows with University extension of their term, the Centre got new movement and momentum in its activities and programs.

Working in a transparent and democratic manner since the joining of the Centre as its Pratham Sevak, the Centre has been working with the help of its various committees which 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 its academic committees. All the statutory bodies impart new vibrancy in the working of the Centre.

Major Activities and Achievements

Since the third half of the quarter was marked by lifting of the countrywide lockdown amidst increasing cases and casualties as an outcome of the second wave of Covid-19, the Centre did succeed in organizing many academic activities including lectures, talks, discussions, Webinars and web interactions both online and offline.

A Tribute to the Departed Souls

The second wave of Covid-19 unleashed great havoc amongst large number of the countrymen across nation. We, at University of Delhi, also lost some nearest and dearest ones as part of this natural havoc. One of the most revered members of our Parivar, Prof Veena Kukreja, Head of the Department at the University, left us for heaven on 14 May during the second wave of Covid-19. The Centre warmly remembers her great contribution and cooperation in paving our academic journey towards new academic and research horizons.



The Centre also paid homage to Smt Bimla Devi Bhardwaj, beloved mother of our Joint Director, Prof Ramesh K Bhardwaj; Shri Sudhir Sharma, Joint Registrar, University of Delhi; Smt Sunita Ojha, the revered

mother of our scholar, Ms Jaya Ojha, the security guard Sh. Prem Chand Tyagi Ji and many other colleagues in different departments and colleges of the University during this quarter.

Yoga Day Celebration

The Centre celebrated the International Yoga Day on Monday 21 June, 2021 with gusto and vigor. The celebration commenced with an hour Yogasan at 8:00 am followed by an hour of online and offline discussion on the theme 'Yog Kare Nirog' from 9:00 am onwards.

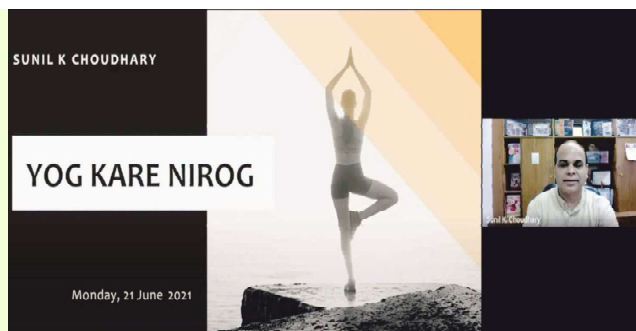


The celebration was facilitated by Prof. Sunil K. Choudhary, Director drc with utmost humility and fervor. The Yoga session was conducted by Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha, fellow drc at the Centre itself, abiding the strict guidelines of COVID Protocol. The session included 'Surya Namaskar' and the 'four aasans of pranayama'. Anulom-Vilom, used in the practice of Hath Yog, Bhramari Pranayama for soothing the nervous system were few of the exercises enjoyed by the students and the teachers alike.

The virtual discussion was joined over by scholars and teachers across disciplines and universities. Dr. Hariram Parihar, Government P G College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan joined the discussion virtually, and talked about various Yogasans and their importance in the well-being of our body.



It was an insightful presentation followed by a talk by Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha, fellow drc about the mind-body-soul connect of practicing Yoga in our daily routine. Speaking on the occasion, the Director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K Choudhary underlined the salience of Yoga in streamlining and strengthening the citizens towards a strong nation.



Pratham Sevak: A Six Year Journey

The 7 July assumed special significance in the history of the Centre. This day marked the celebration of the completion of six glorious years of the director Prof Sunil K. Choudhary. Calling himself with humility as the 'Pratham Sevak' – the first to serve, Prof Sunil has made significant contributions in making the centre as a place for meeting, engaging and researching young brains and minds. The Centre has achieved many milestones both nationally and globally under his dynamic leadership.

It was on this occasion that the second issue of drc Quarterly Newsletter 'Sanchayan' was released by Prof. Sanjeev Kumar Tiwari,



Principal Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi. The newsletter has been a prominent manifestation of activities undertaken by the Centre and is one of the signature initiatives of the Director of the Centre.

Academic facilitation of three Ph.D. and two M.Phil. research scholars was also conducted on the special occasion. The day was commemorated as an occasion to celebrate achievements of every individual and initiative associated with the Centre. The whole day was celebrated amidst discussions and deliberations on various academic and research issues too.



Fellows' Formal Interactions: A Team of Twelve

After an interregnum of nearly two and half years, the Fellow Council was held on 14 July 2021 to mark the celebration of the extension of twelve Fellows of the Centre. Describing as its 'Team of Twelve', the Director of the Centre felicitated all the extended Fellows and asked them to be formal and informal part of its overarching research activities and programs.

Expressing their happiness and gratitude, all the Twelve Fellows shared their wonderful years of association with the Centre and its Director and pledged to work assiduously to make it as a research hub of new learning and knowledge.



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The Centre and its Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary figured prominently in the electronic media as well as in various other institutions of learning at the University during this quarter. Speaking on 'India's Electoral Democracy: A Changing Perspective' at Motilal Nehru College (Evening), University of Delhi on its global conclave on 1 June 2021, Prof Sunil K Choudhary underlined the changing trajectory of India's electoral democracy since its inception till contemporary times. Stating that electoral democracy in contemporary India has both deepened and strengthened in view of increasing political consciousness among the citizens as voters, Prof Sunil emphasized the salience of competitive electoral market where electors have become the real game changers by assuming new roles of 'Consumers, Customers and Clients'.

Speaking on the onset of the Monsoon Session of Parliament on Bharata First, a YouTube Channel started by the former Rajya Sabha anchor, Mr Frank Rausan Pereira, Prof Sunil also hinted on the key issues and challenges the Union Government would be facing amidst opposition boycott and protests.



Parivar Achievements

The Centre took pride in celebrating the promotion of its Fellow, Dr



Sandhya Verma as Associate Professor in Political Science at the place of her formal institution. It was also a moment of celebration when two of the Centre's associated scholars, Ms Shalini Singh and Ms Chandrika Arya successfully submitted their M Phil dissertations at the Department of Political Science at the University.

Future Vision and Mission

- Under the Coordinatorship of Fellow, Dr Mahesh Kaushik and Dr Abhay Prasad Singh of PGDAV College, University of Delhi, the Centre expedited the tabulation and analysis of its 103,731 samples under Samiksha: Delhi 2020. The work is in the process of seeing the light of publication.
- The Centre's flagship program, Samiksha Uttar Pradesh, 2022 got the initial approval from the Research Committee in its first meeting in July 2021.
- The Centre renewed its efforts of getting RNI and ISSN for its Hindi monthly magazine, Sanshleshan and the blind peer-review bi-annual journal, GlobaLense registration from Government of India.