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Releasing the last quarterly issue of Sanchayan covering the three-month activities and events of the Centre from August-October 2021 marks a proud moment in terms of a new beginning for all of us. The October issue of Sanchayan is a mix blend of our past history in form of Developing Countries Research Centre [drcr] as well as the new future under the Centre for Global Studies [CGS] from 14 September 2021 onwards.

As one of our most remarkable milestones since its conceptualization and realization from 2016, Sanchayan reflects the multivariate activities of the Centre in each quarter of the year. All the activities, events and programs organized on the common platform of the Centre are the outcome of the collective endeavours of all our fellows and faculty, students and scholars, social activists and social scientists who solemnly constitute our Parivar.

With the nation successfully completing the administration of 1 billion Covid vaccine doses in October 2021, the Centre too went on organizing various online and offline activities amidst enthusiasm and exhilaration throughout this quarter.

Formal Meeting with Fellow Navratnas

After a long interval, the first offline meeting of the newly extended Fellows at the Centre was held on 14 August 2021. The Fellows jointly released the quarterly newsletter of the Centre, Sanchayan on the occasion.

Expressing jubilation amidst the Corona pandemic, the Fellows expressed their desire to work on different areas of social science research with a focus on bringing new projects.



Inaugurating the Central for Global Studies

The journey of the Centre from 1990 reached its new horizon with the nomenclature change of the Centre in 2021. Keeping pace with the changing global realities and the transforming role of the Countries of Global South, including India, the University vide its notification dated 14 September 2021 changed the nomenclature of the Centre from Developing Countries Research Centre [drcr] to the Centre for Global Studies [CGS].

On the occasion of formal celebration of the nomenclature change, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof P C Joshi along with his core team members – Prof Suman Kundu, Director, South Campus; Prof Balram Pani, Dean of Colleges and Dr Vikas Gupta, Registrar – joined the inaugural ceremony of the new Centre held on 18 September 2021.



Speaking on the occasion, Prof P C Joshi appreciated the trajectory of the Centre from drcr to the Centre for Global Studies and wished the Centre, its Pratham Sevak and his Fellow Navratnas to explore new hori-

zons to mark its distinct identity in the comity of academic and research institutions. Prof Suman Kundu welcomed the new beginning of the Centre and wished the Centre to usher in its new role as the leading psephological centre in the comity of nations. While Prof Balram Pani acknowledged the transforming role of the Centre under its Director, Dr Vikas Gupta hoped to see more academic feathers to be added with the new Centre in the near future.

Major Activities and Achievements

While the fourth quarter of the year 2021 imparted functionality to many institutions, offices and business across the country, the Centre did succeed in organizing many academic activities including lectures, talks, discussions, Webinars and web interactions in both online and offline modes.

14th Monthly Lecture: 'Interpreting the Idea of Indic'

Countering the menace of Covid pandemic, the Centre organized its 14th Monthly Lecture on the theme, 'Interpreting the Idea of Indic' on 4 September 2021 in the Auditorium of the Centre. The program was chaired by Prof Himanshu Roy, Senior Fellow at the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi and the keynote speaker in the program was an eminent thinker from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, Prof Pawan Kumar Sharma.



Prof Pawan Kumar Sharma unfolded the meaning of Indic and exhibited its salience in his mesmerizing ways citing references and examples that made its emotional chord with the audience. Prof Himanshu Roy critiqued the colonial and the left historians in presenting a dis-

torted version of rich Indian history and culture. Prof Himanshu Roy asked the young scholars to expose the mischievous designs of the colonial and left historians and spread the rich attributes of Indian history and culture.

Hindi Diwas Celebration

The Centre celebrated Hindi Diwas with great fanfare and gaiety on 14 September 2021 in the presence of the Dean of Colleges, Prof Balram Pani. Releasing the 36th issue of Centre's Monthly Hindi Magazine, Sanchayan, Prof Balram Pani congratulated the Editorial Team for imparting consistency and continuity to the Centre's painstaking endeavours in the promotion of Hindi language both in academic research and social realm. According to Prof Pani, Hindi has the distinct characteristics of accepting diversity and accommodating plurality of the languages in the country.



International Non-Violence Day Celebration

With the changing nomenclature and stature from local to global, the Centre has also transformed its way of



celebration. Expressing tribute to the Father of Nation

