

# Annual Report

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## **The Advisory Committee**

Advisory Committee of the Centre is the highest decision making body. It is headed by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor with the Director, dcrc as its ex-officio Member Secretary.

The Advisory Committee presently has three external members, four internal members from University Departments/Colleges besides three Fellow Members nominated by the Fellow Council.

### **(a) External Members**

- (i) Professor C B Sharma, Chairman, National Institute of Open Schooling
- (ii) Professor Sanjiv Sharma, Professor of Political Science, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.
- (iii) Dr K S Sengar, Additional Director, Higher Education, Madhya Pradesh.

### **(b) Internal Members (from University Departments/Colleges)**

- (i) Prof. Soumendra M. Patnaik, Vice Chancellor of Utkal University, Odisha (on deputation). Prof. Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi.
- (ii) Prof. Sangit Kumar Ragi, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi.
- (iii) Dr Devender Kakar, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Open Learning, University of Delhi.
- (iv) Dr Himanshu Roy, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, and Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti, New Delhi.

### **(c) Fellow Members**

- (i) Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma
- (ii) Dr Bhawna Pandey
- (iii) Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha



### **From Pratham Sevak**



**Prof. Sunil K Choudhary**  
**Director**

Writing the message as Pratham Sevak of Developing Countries Research Centre [drc], University of Delhi consecutively for the fourth time provides an honor of serving all as the first servant of the Centre. The near completion of four years at the Centre offered many opportunities and challenges. Working with a team of 28 inter-disciplinary Fellows, fondly called as Navratnas, had been a great experience and exposure. Initiating new ventures at the Centre never happened to be a problem; sustaining the same with equal vigour, enthusiasm and following involved many challenges. However, with cooperation, commitment and conviction, viewed as ‘cultural capital’, of the Fellow Navratnas that the Centre in such a short span has been able to transform itself as an Academic Parivar for young social scientists, scholars, students and social activists.

Holding Monthly Lectures, Special Lectures, Interactive Discourses, Seminars/Conferences- National and International, Workshops on regular basis besides regularly publishing our Quarterly Newsletters - Sanchyan, Brochures, Calendars, Annuals and the Monthly Hindi Magazine - Sanshleshan has made the Centre a competitive research hub in the discipline of social sciences. The successful comple-

tion of Samiksha: UP Assembly Election Survey in February-March 2017 with its apt electoral results has strengthened our morale as we were able to impart empirical training to a large number of students and colleges of University of Delhi in addition to presenting the emerging trends in electoral politics of 21st century India. Our second psephological project, Samiksha: Delhi Municipal Election, 2017 made our presence felt in the academic fora as an emerging psephological Center of the country.

With the support of ICSSR-Northern Regional Centre, New Delhi we also organized a two-day National Workshop on Indic Thought in January 2019 which involved intense academic discussion and deliberation on various themes of ancient Indian civilization. The Workshop was attended by eminent social scientists all across the country and had a special coverage in DD News. Steering, sustaining and strengthening our academic journey to remain as a vibrant research Center in the competitive national and global world is indeed a great challenge for all of us. With mutual trust and the spirit of sacrificial commitment, we can work assiduously in taking the Centre to new heights of academic glory in the present globalized world. May the Almighty strengthen our perseverance and steer our academic journey towards outstanding success!

## **About Us**

Developing Countries Research Centre (dcrc) was set up by the University of Delhi on 20th April 1993 under the Board of Interdisciplinary Program through Ordinance XV-A. The academic space so created soon became a hub for teachers, students and researchers engaged in researching developing societies of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The year 2004 was a historic moment in the life of dcrc. Vide Ordinance XX (9) it acquired the status of a constituent of the Faculty of Social Sciences, though it was formally inaugurated by Professor G. Ram Reddy, Chairperson, UGC, on 5 August 1994. It was supported by the UGC during initial years.

The Centre is obligated by the Ordinance to organize regularly Comparative theory seminar, annual grassroots politics colloquium in order to facilitate dialogue between scholars and activists, annual workshops on different issues related to human rights, and Oliver Tambo and Pablo Neruda lectures every alternate years.

In pursuit of its objectives, the Centre has organized seminars and conferences both at national and international level. At times it has organised events in collaboration with prestigious institutions such as the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, AKUT Group of Uppsala University (Sweden), Max Mueller Bhavan, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), Aligarh Muslim University, International History Congress, V.V. Giri National Labour Institute, Central Social Welfare Board, Women's Studies and Development Centre, Planning Commission, Institute for Human Development, DESTIN of the London School of Economics and Political Science, DFID, Japan Foundation, Vidyajyoti and the constituent colleges of the University of Delhi.

The Centre aims to produce a body of knowledge that confronts and conceptualizes issues of the postcolonial world and encourages scholars to problematize them further. Scholars from across the board, such as Political Science, Economics, Sociology, History, Geography, Education, Philosophy, Psychology, Literature, Film and media studies have been involved in this effort. The main objective is to thematize knowledge so gained and critically engage students with such insights while teaching at the undergraduate and postgraduate level in the vast network of Delhi University. Above all, the objective is to build dcrc as a centre that

can act as a springboard of critical and creative theory.

The Centre ensures criticality and creativity in its academic work by entailing two key things in the main. It structures its academic activity in a way that builds an interface between inputs gathered from academics and grass root activists, which turn out to be a critical laboratory of testifying knowledge for both, theory and practice. The other key aspect is that the Centre encourages scholars to adopt methods of academic engagement that rescue disorientations in knowledge production, which generally occur while studying developing societies from the dominant paradigms of the West. The larger endeavour is to have an alternative world-view of how to look at issues related to culture, nationalism, gender, sexuality, religious minorities and other narratives.

The Centre acquired a new currency with Prof. Sunil K Choudhary at the helm of affairs as Director since July 2015. A Gold Medalist from the University of Delhi and recipient of several awards and accolades, including the very prestigious the ‘Global South Award 2014’, Prof. Choudhary has set examples of high moral standard and probity in academic and public life for Fellows of the Centre. As he rightly calls himself ‘Pratham Sevak’, Prof. Choudhary has been able to inculcate in all a spirit of togetherness, so characteristic of a ‘Parivar.

DCRC has nine committees headed by fellow conveners. Some of the committees are: Gender, Purchase, Library, Journal, Seminar, Publications etc. 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 meant for discussing various issues of academic interest. All the fellows are members of these committees. The fellows and conveners meet regularly in their respective committees and contribute to the corporate life of the Centre.

The Fellow Council meets on the first working Friday of every month. The Fellow Council discussion is preceded by an academic discourse covering issues of contemporary relevance. For all research related decisions, the Centre has the Research Committee which meets quarterly to discuss, deliberate and decide on the research issues.



## **Fellows and Office Bearers**

The Centre has at present 28 Fellows/Associates including a Joint Director and a Deputy Director. All the fellows of the Centre hail from various social science disciplines and sub-disciplines and have been selected through an open, democratic and transparent process.

### **Dr Ramesh Kumar Bhardwaj, Joint Director**



Dr Ramesh Bharadwaj is the Head of the Department of Political Science & History at Govt. P.G.College, Sheopur (M.P). His areas of specialization are Indian Government and Politics and Human Rights Studies. He has to his credit number of books and published papers in national and international journals. Some of his publications include Human Rights in South Africa, 2013; Bhartiya Sansadiy Loktantra, Bharashtachar, Avam Kala Dhan: Ek Chunouti,(Edited Book), 2012; Global Environment: Issues and Problems,(Edited Book), 2011. He is the editor of Shodh Samidha Research Journal Govt P.G. College (Lead), Sheopur (M.P.). He has also headed number of research projects like ‘Role of Governmental Organizations in Restoration of Socio-Economic Human Rights of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribes: A Study of Sheopur District, M.P.(India)’; ‘A Comparative Study Of I.H.R.C. & S.A.H.R.C’.

### **Dr Vandana Mishra, Deputy Director**



Dr Vandana Mishra is Assistant Professor at Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has completed her Ph.D. (Politics of Coalition Government in India) from University of Delhi in the year 2006. She specializes in Indian Government and Politics/Public Administration and has teaching experience of over 13 years. She was the recipient of Junior Research Fellowship from UGC in 1997. Dr Mishra received the Best Teacher Award (2013-14) from the Department of Higher Education, Government of NCT Delhi and received IPSA National Young Political Scientist Award–2016 at the IPSA National Conference in Chennai on 15 December 2017. She has published 26

research papers in different journals and popular magazines. She has been regular contributor to Yojana, Mainstream and Manthan. She has authored three books: Political Ideas of Bipin Chandra Pal, Political Response to Indian Economic Reforms, and Coalition Politics: A Comparative Study of Italy, Japan and India. She is member of prestigious Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA). She, as Project Director, successfully completed an Innovation Project, 'People's Participation-Political Communication Interface: Mapping Socio-economic Trajectory of Voters in Delhi'.

### **Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma**



Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma is Chief Proctor in Jawaharlal Nehru University and Honorary Director, Northern Regional Centre (NRC), Indian council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). He has worked as Colombo Plan Teacher at Sherubtse College, Bhutan. He is deeply involved in agricultural transformation and rural development, women empowerment, Panchyati raj Institution, geo-hazards earthquake & landslide, floods mapping (Micro-zonation) and database management for natural hazards. He has a Major Research Project for 10 Years on 'Ecological Restoration and Socio-economic Empowerment of Rural Communities for Sustainable Livelihood and Resource Management in Uttarakhand' covering 19 Villages and 14,000 population. He has written three books and published many articles in leading journals. He is national expert on training on CSR Policy.

### **Dr Bhawna Pandey**



Dr Bhawna Pandey is an Associate Professor in the Department of Economics, Dyal Singh College (Eve.), University of Delhi and a recipient of JRF (UGC). She was a University Topper and Gold Medalist in Masters. She did her Ph.D. on 'Emerging Indo-US Trade Patterns under WTO'. Her areas of research are International Trade and Development Theory. At the University level, she was awarded the 'Teaching Excellence Award for Innovation' (2014-15), for a project, titled, 'Medical Tourism: A Game Changer for Indian Tourism Economy', which was adjudged the Best in

Economic Development Zone and Best Innovative Idea. At the College level, her passion for a transformative process of creating socially responsible and sensitive citizens led to the creation of 'Centre for Socio-Economic Transformation' (CSET); which has set in a new standard for helping students to rediscover themselves without boundaries.

### **Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha**



Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha is Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library and teaches in the Department of History, Satyawati College, University of Delhi. Recently he has become Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library. He was a rank holder in the MA (History) examinations of the University of Delhi (1995), and was also awarded Junior Research Fellowship by the University Grants Commission for pursuing research. He taught in the colleges of Delhi University (2000-2006) and subsequently worked as Research Associate and Project Coordinator in Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (2007-2009) and as Assistant Registrar in the University of Delhi (2009-15). He has completed Ph.D. in History (DU) on the ideological and organization development of the Hindu Mahasabha for the period ending 1937. Research interests include looking into the growth of the Hindu Mahasabha, Arya Samaj and other fraternal organizations; socio-religious reform movement; shuddhi and sangathan movement; development of various ideas linked to the formation of Hindu identity during the modern period; formation and growth of the Responsive Cooperation Party; formation and interlinkages of various political groups during the colonial period.

### **Manila Narzary**



Manila Narzary teaches in the Department of Political Science, Kalindi College, University of Delhi. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. on topic 'Constitutional Development in Egypt (1919-2014): Towards Democracy and Good Governance' from the Department of African Studies, University of Delhi. Her areas of interest include International Relations, Constitution and Governance. She has published a book titled

‘Sierra Leone peace keeping Mission, 1991-2004’ in the year 2014, and two chapters titled ‘Concept of Good Governance’ and ‘Citizens, their Rights Obligations’, in the book (ed.) titled- Citizenship and Governance (2014) and two articles, ‘Bodo Ethnic Movement: A Retrospect’ (2015) and ‘Non Aligned Movement and Egypt’(2014), in the non-refereed journal NAM Today.

### **Dr Priti Chahal**



Dr Priti Chahal teaches in the Department of Political Science, Shyama Prasad Mukherji College, University of Delhi. She has done Ph. D. from University of Delhi. She has also been awarded J.R.F. and S.R.F. from University Grant Commission. She has authored books called, ‘Refugee and Host State, Sri Lankan Refugees in Tamil Nadu’, ‘Saharawi Refugees’. The Emphasis of her Research has been on Indian Government and Politics and Refugee Studies.

### **Dr Sushmita**



Dr Sushmita teaches in the Dept. of Management Studies, Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, University of Delhi. She has received her Ph.D. in the field of infrastructural macroeconomics. She has published her research in a number of reputed journals and has presented her research in national and international conferences. Her research interests include infrastructural macroeconomics and welfare economics and women’s empowerment. She has also authored a chapter on titled, ‘Panchayati Raj Institution and Women Empowerment’.

### **Dr Sandhya Verma**



Dr Sandhya Verma teaches in the Department of Political Science, Shyamlal College (Eve.), University of Delhi. She is a Ph.D. holder in Indian Politics. She has co-authored an article in refereed journal (Global Journal of Research Analysis (2015)-"Good Governance: An Appraisal". Presently working on Indian Politics and planning a book on it.



### **Yogesh Kumar Gupta**



Yogesh Kumar Gupta teaches in the Department of Political Science, Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi. His research areas of interests are South Asia, International Security, Nuclear issues and disarmament, disability rights. He has published and presented papers related to above mentioned areas in many national and international conferences abroad.

### **Dr Namita Kumari**



Dr Namita Kumari teaches in the Department of Political Science, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee college, University of Delhi. She pursued her Ph.D. in 'Local Development and Global Dynamics' from University of Trento, Italy. She has published a book titled 'Role of NGO's in Promoting Women Entrepreneurship in India'. She has also published research papers in journals and authored many articles in the study material prepared by Institute of Lifelong Learning (University of Delhi) for undergraduate students. She has also worked as a Researcher with Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA). Her areas of research interest are gender studies, female entrepreneurship, local development and political theory. She has presented research papers in national and international seminars.

### **Dr Surendra Singh**



Dr Surendra Singh teaches in the Department of Political Science, A.R.S.D. College, University of Delhi. He has Ph.D. on 'India-Russia Relations' from University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. He is pursuing Post-Doctoral Research on the Topic 'Ethno-Religious Issues and Democratic Governance in Post-Globalised Russia and India: A Comparative Study'. He has published books including 'The New Dimensions of India- Russia Relations: in the Era of

Globalizing World order’, ‘Ethno-Religious Issues and Democratic Governance in the Era of Globalization: A Comparative Study of Russia and India’. He has also worked on a Major Research Project on ‘A Study on Urban Governance and Socio-Political Accountability of Municipal Corporation of Delhi’, funded by ICSSR, 2015.

### **Anand Saurabh**



Anand Saurabh teaches in the Department of Political Science at Aryabhatta College, University of Delhi. Prior to joining Delhi University in August 2015, he has taught in the school of undergraduate studies at Ambedkar University Delhi for around six years. He is currently pursuing his doctoral research from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. His research interest lies in development studies, political theory and Indian politics. He is interested in understanding democracy-development discourse and displacement and resettlement-rehabilitation related issues in special economic zones in India. His research articles are published in academic journals and edited books.

### **Jiya Lal**



Jiya Lal teaches in the Department of Political Science, Satyawati College, University of Delhi. He is currently, pursuing Ph.D. from the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi on land acquisition issues. His research experience includes Indian government and politics, development, governance, agrarian crisis and politics of land acquisition in India. He has number of publications on these issues in Journals, books and Newspapers.

### **Dr Rashmi Rai**



Dr Rashmi Rai teaches in the Department of Political Science, Aryabhata College, University of Delhi. Her area of specialisation is state politics with special reference to politics in Uttar Pradesh. She has interest in political processes in India, Indian government and politics and political theory. She has received JRF of UGC. She is recipient of gold medal in post graduation for securing highest marks in Lucknow University.

### **Prakash Kumar Patel**



Prakash Kumar Patel teaches in the Department of Political science, Dyal Singh College, University of Delhi. He is pursuing Ph.D. on 'Federalism, Central Police Mechanism and Accountability: A Comparative Study between CBI in India and FBI in USA'. His areas of interest and research are Indian politics, Comparative politics and Indian political thought. He has contributed wide range of articles and chapters in various magazines and books.

### **Dr Rajni Kumari**



Dr Rajni Kumari teaches in the Department of Political Science, Miranda House, University of Delhi. Her Ph. D. is on the working of elementary education in Bihar. Her areas of specialization are: Elementary Education Polices, Basic Education and Gandhian Studies. She has been recipient of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) awarded by University Grants Commission (UGC) for

her doctoral dissertation. She is currently working on Bhartiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS).

### **Sarad Kumar Yadav**



Sarad Kumar Yadav teaches in Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Evening College, University of Delhi. He has done M.Phil. from Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. His research interests include Political economy of development, Governance and public policy, Human right, Social Exclusion and Indian Politics. He has number of Publications on these issues in journals, books and newspapers.

### **Kumar Raajesh**



Kumar Raajesh is an Editor of a national TV News Channel, 'APN News' (Tata Sky 481). Till recently Consultant with NDTV Worldwide, he has primarily been a TV Journalist for over two decades (mostly with TV Today/Aaj Tak/Headlines Today). Off late he has been in senior editorial positions in various national and regional TV Channels, like Inida TV, Live India, Pragya TV, Maurya TV and Hamar TV; while teaching in various media institutes and contributing articles in newspapers from time to time.

He has also authored a book on non-Congress politics, 'The Janata Enigma: 30 out of 60'. With M.A. & M.Phil (with JRF) in Political Science, from DU (Hindu College) & JNU (Centre for Political Studies), he is presently pursuing Ph.D. from Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. His research interests include grass root electoral politics.



### **Dr Malvika Singh**



Dr Malvika Singh teaches in the Department of Political Science, Shivaji College, University of Delhi. She did her Ph.D. on 'Economic Reforms and Agriculture in Uttar Pradesh since 1991: A case study of Bundelkhand Region', from Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has published articles in various national and international journals and leading English Newspapers.

### **Dr Bharti Chhibber**



Dr Bharti Chhibber is teaching Political Science in University of Delhi for about fifteen years. A meritorious scholar throughout her academic career she was awarded UGC Junior and Senior Research Fellowships respectively for her M.Phil. and Ph.D. research work. She has published books and has research papers and articles in mainstream journals to her credit. She has presented papers in national and international seminars and conferences. Her specialisation includes international relations, India's foreign policy, Indian politics, comparative regional studies, gender and environmental issues.

### **Shubhra Pant Kothari**



Shubhra Pant Kothari teaches in the Department of Political Science, Zakir Husain Delhi College (Evening), University of Delhi. She is pursuing her Ph.D. from CPS, School of Social Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has research interests in the area of Democratisation and Political Institutions, Participatory Development, Gender Studies, Politics of Reservation, Women Empowerment and Politics of Inclusion. She has participated and presented various research pa-

pers in national and international seminars and conferences. She has published research papers in journals of national repute. She has contributed chapters in edited books and published two books. She is a life member of Indian Institute of Public Administration.

### **Nagendra Kumar**



Nagendra Kumar teaches in the Department of History, Bharati College, University of Delhi. He has done M.Phil. in History from JMI. His area of specialization is Medieval Indian history. He has worked on Islamic perceptions of Hindu Religion. He has to his credit good number of publications, some of which are: The Category of Hindu in Medieval Indo- Islamic Writings before Abul Fazl in Vaichariki. Abul-Fazl's Description of Hindu Religion: The Intellectual & Political context, 'Comparison between Various Indo-Islamic Perceptions of the Hindu Religion: From Alberuni to the the author of Dabistan and I- Muzahib', 'Alberuni understanding of the Hindu Religion', 'Hindu Religion as Infidelity (kufr)', 'The perceptions of Barani , Ibn Battuta and Babur', 'Evolution of Akbar's Approach to Religion'. He has also presented many papers in seminars and conferences.

### **Mahesh Kaushik**



Mahesh Kaushik teaches Economics in R.D.A.V. school, Delhi. He is pursuing Ph.D. on Study of Health Insurance in India from C.C.S., University, Meerut. His research interests are health, environmental and welfare economics. He has many articles published in journals and leading newspapers.

### **Ms. Winnie Sharma**



Ms Winnie Sharma works with Prasar Bharti (Delhi Doordarshan) as a Resource Person on contract basis. In February 2016, she covered South Asian Games at Sports Hour Channel. In May 2015, she submitted her Ph.D. on the topic ‘Political Ideology and Secularism: A Study of U.P. and Gujarat with special reference to BJP’ to Dr K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalits and Minorities, Jamia Milia Islamia University. She has participated and organized many seminars and lectures on dalit and minority rights at Jamia Milia Islamia University.

### **Dr Madhu Purnima Kishwar**



Madhu Purnima Kishwar was Professor at the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies and Director Indic Studies Project (CSDS). She is the founder editor of Manushi- A Journal about Women and Society, which was started in 1978. The journal aimed at finding effective solutions for the economic, political and social problems confronting us in India today through patient study, non-partisan approach, live interaction with the concerned people and informed activism. In 1993 she also founded Manushi Sangathan, a Forum for Democratic Reforms aimed at making governance more accountable and transparent, especially with regard to the rights of vulnerable groups. She is a prolific writer and her published works include ‘Modi, Muslims and Media: Voices from Narendra Modi's Gujarat, Manushi Publications, New Delhi, 2014, ‘Zealous Reformers, Deadly Laws, and Other Essays’, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2008, ‘Deepening Democracy: Challenges of Governance and Globalization in India’, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2004. She is recipient of many awards including Chameli Devi Jain Award for Best Woman Journalist of the Year, Media Foundation, New Delhi and Award received from Indians for Collective Action, USA for strengthening the rights of urban self employed poor, 2009.

## Academic Activities and Programs at the Centre during 2018-19

The Centre organized various activities in the academic year 2018-19 which is an achievement in itself. The Annual Report apart from providing an overview of the Centre, gives a glimpse of Centre's major activities in the previous year to its readers.

### (a) Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

- The Centre organized a two-day National Workshop on Indic Thought on 24-25 January 2019. Supported by the University and sponsored by the Northern Regional Centre – ICSSR, New Delhi the workshop involved great discussion on several aspects of Indic Thought like dharma, justice, education, health from the broader canvas of Indianness. The Workshop examined Indianness in our history of political ideas. Seventy years since independence, it is high time now that we recover and adapt the Indic thought to the demands of research in modern times. A strong research based on Indic terminologies and its frames of reference shall not only give due justice to the historical past of the land but shall also impact the way contemporary events and processes are analysed.



The National Workshop engaged academicians from various fields of social sciences and humanities in serious discussions on various themes in the Indian con-



text. The Workshop had total 7 sessions, including Inaugural, Valedictory along with Panel Discussion amongst the Fellows. Shri Shakti Sinha [Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi], Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma [Director, NRC-ICSSR, New Delhi], Prof M P Singh, Prof Balaji Ranganathan, Dr Dinesh Gehlot, Dr Hariram Parihar, Dr Himanshu Roy, Dr Rajender Pandey were amongst some of the leading resource persons in the Workshop. The Workshop had total 30 speakers coming from different states like Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh besides Delhi.

- The Centre organized a Workshop on ‘State Politics of India’ on 26 October 2018. The panelists were Prof Ashutosh Kumar, Panjab University, Chandigarh and Dr Himanshu Roy, University of Delhi. Professor Ashutosh Kumar discussed how State Politics has emerged as an important sub-discipline of Political Science in India especially after the emergence of regional political parties in the states. Dr Himanshu Roy highlighted the changing structure of state politics in India and the role of trade unions as a pressure group. He also emphasised on the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in the national integration of the country.



## (b) Monthly Lectures

- The Centre organized its Twelfth Monthly Lecture on 31 May 2018 on the theme ‘Higher Education in India: Dimensions and Directions’ which was delivered by Shri Atul Bhai Kothari Ji, an eminent educationist and Secretary, Shiksha Sanskriti

Utthan Nyas, Delhi. The Program was chaired by Prof Umesh Rai, Formerly Director, South Campus, University of Delhi and Major Harsh Kumar, Secretary, NCERT, New Delhi was the Guest of Honour. In his keynote address, Shri Atul Bhai Kothari ji highlighted the need for change in the education system in order to bring about a progressive change in the country. Emphasising that knowledge must be connected with practical experience, Prof Umesh Rai asked educated people to use their education for the betterment of society. In his address, Major Harsh Kumar stressed on reinterpretation of educational text and Gurukul method of teaching. On this occasion, Prof Choudhary and eminent guests released Centre's Brochure and the next volume of Sanchayan, Quarterly Newsletter of the Centre. The dignitaries also inaugurated the recently renovated Fellow rooms of the centre.



### **(c) Interactive Discourses**

- The Centre organised an interactive discourse on 'India's Global Engagement: Scripting a Pro-Active Narrative' with Professor Shanta Nedungadi Varma, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi on 31 July 2018. Professor Varma discussed the changing narrative of India's global foreign policy. The event was attended by faculty, scholars and students of Social Sciences all across the University Colleges and Departments. On this occasion, the Centre also felicitated Professor Shanta Nedungadi Varma for making distinct contribution to the disci-



pline of Political Science during her four decade long teaching career.



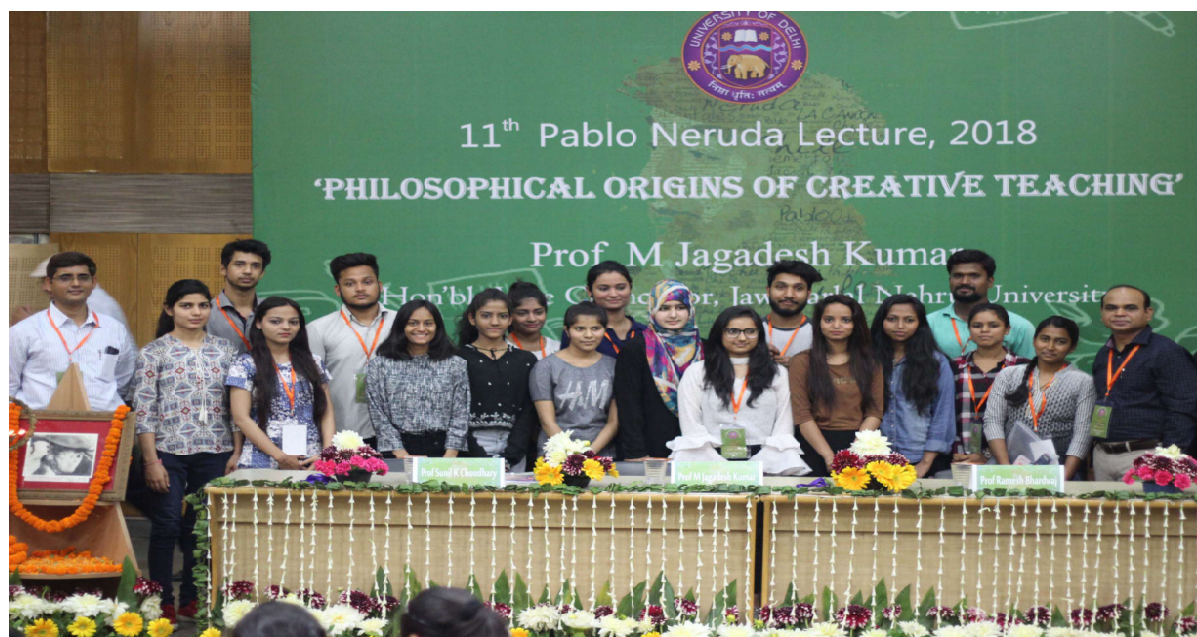
- The Centre organised an Interactive Discourse on ‘Media and Governance’ on 31 August 2018 with Shri Vijay Kranti, Senior Consultant and Editor, DD News as the Keynote Speaker. Shri Chandra Shekher, DD News was the Panel Discussant and Fellow Kumar Raajesh was the Coordinator of the Program. The guests were welcomed by Professor Sunil K. Choudhary, Director, dcrc.



Shri Vijay Kanti discussed the role of media as an interface between the government and the people. Media keeps a check on different organs of democracy including the government and bureaucracy but politicization of media poses a major threat to media itself and to its role as a watchdog of democracy. Shri Kumar Raajesh spoke about governance within media. Shri Chandra Shekhar said that media must highlight facts but should not editorialize facts, it should inform and question but should not instigate. On this occasion, eminent guest, Shri Vijay Kranti also released the next edition of Sanchayan, Quarterly Newsletter of the Centre.

#### **(d) 11th Pablo Neruda Lecture**

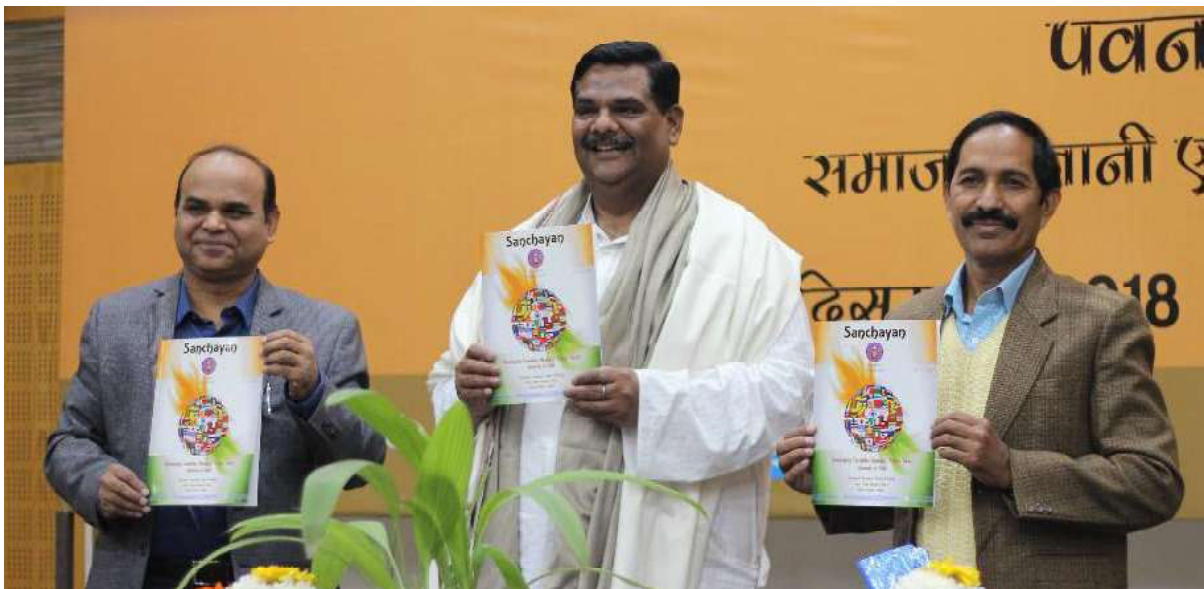
In pursuit of its objectives, the Centre had organised 11th Pablo Neruda Lecture on 3 April 2018. Professor Sunil K. Choudhary delivered the lecture on 'Philosophical Origins of Effective Teaching'. In his charismatic address Professor Choudhary stressed on the importance of 3Cs 'Connecting' with the students, 'Collection' of ideas and 'Cultivating' a sense of belonging among students. The audience applauded the spontaneity of the Director, dcrc in delivering 11th Pablo Neruda lecture. On this occasion Prof Sunil K. Choudhary, Director dcrc; Dr Devendra Kakar, Member Advisory Committee and Dr Ramesh Bhardwaj, Joint Director dcrc also released the third volume of the Centre's Yearly Annual Report 2017-2018.





### **(e) First Atal Bihari Vajpayee Lecture**

The Centre organized the First Atal Bihari Vajpayee Lecture on the theme, ‘Dharma of Politics’ on 24 December 2018. The lecture was delivered by an eminent scholar and spiritual guru, Shri Pawan Sinha Ji. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Pawan Sinha Ji stressed the need for streamlining the politics in the lines of the principles of Dharma which he differentiated from religion. He appreciated the legacy of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and stressed on going back to Indian roots and traditions. The next issue of the Centre’s Quarterly Newsletter, Sanchayan was released on this occasion.



### **(f) Silver Jubilee and Book Release**

**The Centre celebrated its Silver Jubilee on 20 April 2018.**

The highlight of the Silver Jubilee celebration was the Book Release Function of *The Changing Face of Parties and Party Systems: A Study of Israel and India*, written by Prof Sunil K. Choudhary Director, dcrc and published from Springer Nature-Palgrave Macmillan in 2018.

The book was released by His Excellency, Daniel Carmon, former Ambassador of Israel to India; Prof. Dinesh Singh, Former Vice Chancellor of University of Delhi, Prof M P Singh, Former Head and Professor of the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and Shri Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Mu-



seum and Library, New Delhi. His Excellency, Daniel Carmon congratulated Professor Sunil Choudhary on his publication and stressed on more academic interactions between the two countries. Complementing his student and now Director, Prof Sunil Choudhary for writing a book on parties and party systems within a comparative framework, Prof M P Singh expressed his happiness for shifting the realm of contemporary research from elections to political parties. Professor Dinesh Singh also emphasised that India and Israel are connecting and will continue to do so in future also.



#### **(g) World Environment Day**

The Centre celebrated the ‘World Environment Day’ on 5 June 2018. On this occasion, Prof. Sunil K. Choudhary, Director dcrc, Guests Shri Sharad, Shri Omkar Nath Pandit and Shri Gaurav, Assistant Registrars, University of Delhi, Fellows and Scholars planted saplings in the premises of the centre. Inaugurating the interactive discourse on the environment. Prof Sunil K Choudhary related nature with human values and emphasised on adopting balanced approach towards environment. Shri Omkar Nath Pandit, Assistant Registrar, University of Delhi pointed out that the population explosion is one of the main reasons for environmental problems. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bharti Chhibber, Fellow, dcrc highlighted the contemporary challenge of E-waste and emphasised on an integrated approach of coordination among government, industry and consumers

for its management. Shri Sarad Kumar, Fellow dcrc, pointed out that faulty approach to development has resulted in ecosystem imbalance and stressed on environmental education. Dr Bhuwan Jha, Fellow dcrc concluded the session by giving a historical perspective to the environmental problems and held men's greed responsible for the global pollution.



## **(h) Misc Activities and Programs**

### **(i) Samiksha Project**

To mark the formal conclusion of ICSSR sponsored 'Samiksha: UP Election Survey' Project, a workshop on the theme 'Changing Electoral Politics of Uttar Pradesh' was organised by the Centre on 28 September 2018 at the University Guest House, University of Delhi. Prof Veena Kukreja, Head of the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi graced the occasion. In his welcome address, Professor Sunil K Choudhary, Director, dcrc highlighted major achievements of the Centre's UP Election Survey project. It was a meticulously planned, scientifically designed and objectively executed psephological research survey conducted by the Centre under the title 'Samiksha 2017'. With the help of its students and scholars, faculty and fellows the Centre conducted survey of the legislative assembly of Uttar Pradesh during February-March 2017. With a sample of almost 83,000 voters taken from all constituencies covering all seven phases of

the elections in the state, ‘Samiksha 2017’ happened to be one of the first field based election study of any state in the post-independence history of India. In her address, Professor Veena Kukreja congratulated the Centre for undertaking such a successful project under the able guidance of Professor Sunil K. Choudhary. Professor Kukreja also released the first issue of Sanshleshan, the Monthly Hindi Magazine of the Centre. This was followed by paper presentations by fellows, faculty and student content writers of Samiksha project.



Dr Abhishek Nath presented a paper on ‘From Political Mobilisation to Political Strategy: Mapping the Changing Pattern of Electoral Democracy in India from the Perspective of Uttar Pradesh’. Dr Bharti Chhibber, Fellow, drc presented a paper on ‘From Procedural to Substantive Participation: Changing Role of Gender in Electoral Politics with Special Reference to UP Assembly Elections, 2017’. Research Scholars, Mr. Pankaj spoke on ‘Changing Farmer’s issues in Electoral Politics: A Study of Party Manifestos of 2017 Assembly Election of UP’. Kuver Pranjali Singh’s presentation was on ‘Marketing the Electoral Politics: A Psychological perspective of UP Assembly Election, 2017’, Mr Aashish Kumar Shukla presented a paper on ‘Changing Secular Discourse in India’s Electoral Politics: A Study of Assembly Election of UP, 2017’, Mr Nishant Yadav’s presentation was on ‘Making and Unmaking of OBC Politics in UP Elections’, Ms Nisha spoke on the third democratic upsurge in the context of UP elections, 2017, Ms Rakhi and Ms Rajni spoke on Women’s participation.



## **(ii) Vigilance Awareness Week**

The Centre organised an interaction amongst Fellows, Students, Scholars and Staff on 1 November 2018 Vigilance Awareness Week on the theme, 'Ethics and Probity in Life'. The oath was conferred by Fellow Jiya Lal where all the participants pledged to be honest and observe ethics and morality in their day to day lives.



## **(iii) Discussion on Assembly Election Results**

When the entire nation was witnessing the elections and results for five assembly elections that went to the polls in November-December 2018, the Centre organized a discussion on the theme, 'Changing Electoral Landscape: A Study of Assembly Elections, 2018'. Pioneered by Fellow, Sarad Kumar Yadav, the program enlisted participation from three subject experts from Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, viz., Dr Hariram Parihar, Dr Dinesh Gehlot and Prof Ramesh Bhardwaj. Sharing their ideas on the electoral trends and results, the speakers highlighted the democratic transformation preceding the Lok Sabha election, 2019.

## **(iv) Fellow Interaction and Diwali Celebration**

A small get-together was held at the Centre on the occasion of Diwali on 5 Novem-

ber 2018 when Fellows shared their academic and research experiences. The event evinced great enthusiasm and participation from others.

### **(v) Fellow Interaction and New Year Celebration**



A Fellow Interaction and New Year Celebration was held at the Centre on 1 January 2019. The Centre's Annual Calendar 2019 was also released on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Fellows and Guests expressed the sense of their gratitude to

the Centre for bringing all young social scientists on the common platform steering their journey in the growth of knowledge.

### **Parivar Achievements**

•Prof Sunil K Choudhary, the Director was conferred with the Prof G Ram Reddy IPSA Award, 2018 at the glittering ceremony in the 58th All India Political Science Association Conference held at the Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh on 29 December 2018. Prof Sunil K Choudhary was felicitated with IPSA Citation and Award for making distinct contribution in the fields of democracy and governance.





## Visit of Foreign Scholars



- The Centre regularly host foreign visitors including ambassadors, academics and research scholars. On 23 July 2018, Ms Katherine Storey, Second Secretary (Political), Australian High Commission visited dcrc for an academic interface to discuss and share her views on ‘The Changing Nature of Electoral Democracy in India and Australia’.

During her interaction with the Director, Fellows, scholars and students, Ms Storey discussed varied aspects of democracy, parliamentary system, political parties and electoral politics in India and Australia.



- The Centre was graced by the visit of Sh Anurag Bana, a Senior Legal Advisor, London at the Centre on 8 January 2019. Sh Anurag Bana interacted with Fellows and Scholars at the Centre and enlightened on the issues of

legal jurisprudence of India and UK.

- Prof Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Proctor at Jawaharlal Nehru University and Fellow, dcrc is appointed as Honorary Director, Northern Regional Centre (NRC), Indian council of Social Science Research (ICSSR).

## NAAC VISIT

The Centre had a NAAC Visit in October 2018. The members of the NAAC Team appreciated the activities and achievements of the Centre and its striving towards a social science centre of academic excellence. The Team interacted with all the Fellows and Students present at the time of the visit and left with many positive and encouraging remarks for the Centre.



## Dere in News



- The Centre and its programs under the astounding direction of Professor Sunil K. Chaudhary have received wide coverage in leading national newspapers and media in 2018-19. Prof Sunil's book on Parties and Party Systems, released by His Excellency Daniel Carmon and other dignitaries amidst the presence of large number of students, scholars, faculty and fellows of the University was covered by DD News, the Lok Satya and the Navbharat Times.

- The Centre's two-day National Workshop on Indic Thought was aired at DD News on 25 January 2019.

### भारतीय चिंतन से दूर हो रहे हम : गीता

खाद्यविचार समाचार सेवा | नई दिल्ली

दिल्ली के विश्व में भारतीय चिंतन पर आयोजित राष्ट्रीय कार्यशाला के द्वितीय दिन के समापन समारोह में मुख्य अतिथि भारतीयराष्ट्रपति के उपरी केन्द्र के निदेशक प्रो. वीरसुख शर्मा, संघीयद्वारा के निदेशक प्रो. गीता सुनील श्रीधरी भी नुद थे।

प्रो. गीता सिंह ने अपने संबोधन में कहा कि मानव समाज के मूल में भारतीय चिंतन है लेकिन काले ना काले अंग्रेजी शिक्षा के प्रभाव को लेकर वे इससे दूर हो रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि भारतीय चिंतन को गीता सुनील हमें इनकी जड़ों में जाने की जरूरत है।



- Prof Sunil's interview on Karnataka election and Coalition Politics in India were published in the Dainik Jagran newspaper.



## विकासशील राज्य शोध केंद्र में पौधरोपण

जागरण संवाददाता, नई दिल्ली: दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय (डीयू) के विकासशील राज्य शोध केंद्र में मंगलवार को पौधरोपण कार्यक्रम आयोजित किया गया। विश्व पर्यावरण दिवस के अवसर पर आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम में केंद्र के निदेशक प्रो. सुनील कुमार चौधरी, विश्वविद्यालय प्रशासन के कुलसचिव व छात्रों ने पौधरोपण किया।

कार्यक्रम के बाद पर्यावरण पर संवाद का आयोजन हुआ। इसमें वर्तमान पर्यावरणीय असंतुलन तथा विकृतियों के साथ-साथ उचित समाधान विषय पर परिचर्चा की गई। परिचर्चा की शुरुआत करते हुए प्रो. सुनील कुमार चौधरी ने कहा कि प्रकृति की महत्ता मानवीय जीवन और मूल्यों का प्रमुख आधार है। हमें इस बात को अत्यंत ध्यान में रखते हुए पर्यावरण के प्रति सतर्कता और दृष्टिकोण अपनाने की आवश्यकता है। विश्वविद्यालय के सलाहक



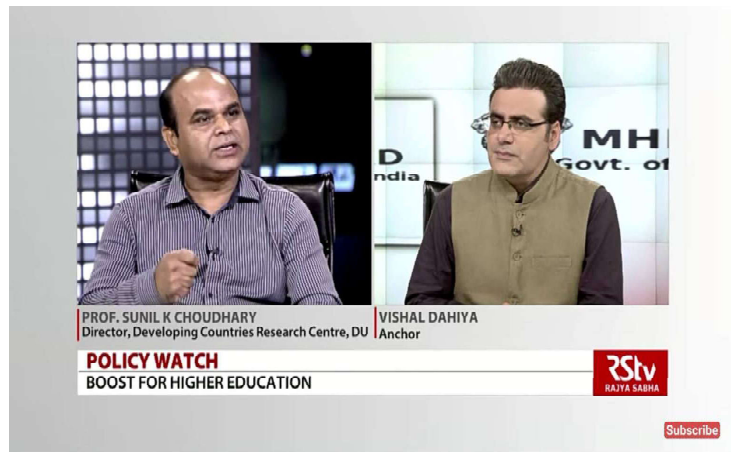
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कुलसचिव और न्याय पंडित ने कहा कि बढ़ती जनसंख्या दबाव पर्यावरणीय समस्याओं का प्रमुख कारण है। छात्रा भारतीय छिन्बर ने ई-कचरे से होने वाले नुकसान पर विचार रखे। छात्र शरद कुमार

यादव ने पारिस्थितिकीय असंतुलन को विकास की गड़बड़ी गलत परिकल्पनाओं का परिणाम माना। उन्होंने समस्याओं के निराकरण के लिए पर्यावरणीय शिक्षा पर बल देने की बात कही।

• The celebration of the 'World Environment Day' by the Centre was reported in many of the daily newspapers including Hindustan, Lok Satya and Dainik Jagran.

• Professor Sunil Choudhary was also invited by the 'Rajya Sabha TV' for a panel discussion on the topic 'Boost to Higher Education'.



• Our students Garima Sharma, Preeti Yadav, Shristi Pal, Nisha, Jaya Ojha, Rakhi Dagar, Rajni, Aashish Kumar, Arun Kumar, Kuaver Pranjali Singh, Nishant Yadav, Pankaj also participated as audience in the 'Rajya Sabha TV' panel discussion on the 'World Population Day' on 11 July 2018

and asked pertinent questions from the panelists.

• Our students Rekha and others participated as audience in the Rajya Sabha TV

panel discussion on the topic ‘Begging and Solutions’ in September 2018 and asked pertinent questions from the panelists.

### **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.

Apart from yearly Annual Report, Quarterly Newsletters, Monthly Hindi magazine, Annual Calendars and Brochures, the Centre is also coming out with its Biennial Journal, GlobaLense: Journal of Social Science Research. The Centre is also working towards publication of ‘Samiksha 2017: UP Elections Survey’ Project.





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