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From Pratham Sewak (Director)

We are happy to release the second issue of our quarterly Newsletter, *Sanchayan* that covers the three-month activities and events of the Centre from February-April 2022. The current issue of *Sanchayan* highlights many significant activities and achievements of the Centre from the beginning of the year 2022.

Amidst the assembly elections in five states in North, West and East India, the Centre executed its psephological studies by covering the election surveys of two prominent states, viz., Uttar Pradesh and Punjab during February and March 2022. The herculean exercise undertaken with the help of students and scholars, fellows and faculty from the colleges and departments of University of Delhi along with colleges and universities of UP and Punjab covered all 403 and 117 constituencies of the two states respectively. The election survey results and their broad highlighting the trends matching with the results of the Election Commission of India as released in March 2022 figured prominently during the quarterly achievement of the Centre.

Working assiduously in transforming our motto of an *integrated, inclusive and innate* knowledge with the objective of 'Aiming High, Touching Sky', the CGS Parivar has been moving slowly, steadily and strongly towards achieving its goals.

Overcoming the Covid pandemic with its strong commitment and control through the vaccination drive by the Government of New India, the Centre too contin-

ued its activities and programs with great enthusiasm and exhilaration throughout this quarter.

CGS: Faculty, Functioning and Fellow Meetings

The Centre for Global Studies continued with its collective endeavours under the leadership of Pratham Sewak along with Fellow Navratnas and researchers. The regular activities and meetings keep up the momentum of the Centre to undertake wide range of planned social science research and activities for 2022.

The Centre released the first issue of the year 2022 of its quarterly newsletter, *Sanchayan* which covered the three-month long activities from November, December 2021 to January 2022. The regular journal publications of the Centre, *GlobaLense* and *Sanshleshan* have attempted to give new voice to the young researchers and scholars to reflect on new global realities. The Centre espoused to continuous desire to work on different areas of social science research with a focus on bringing new projects on contemporary issues and themes.

Major Activities and Achievements

Continuing with the academic journey and transcending to the year 2022 with new vigour, the Centre succeeded in organising many academic activities from February to April 2022 including lectures, talks and discussions.

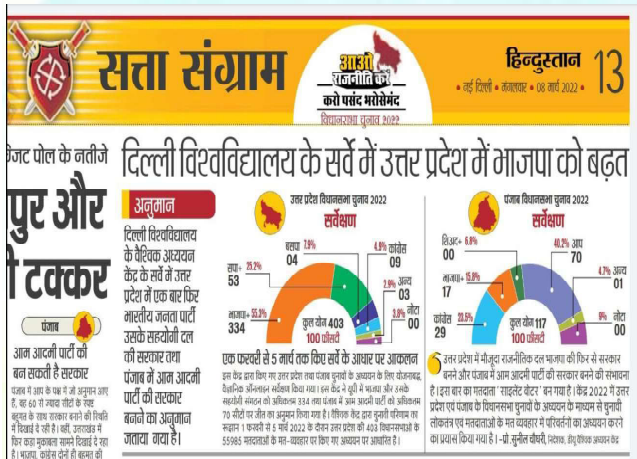
Many Fellows of the Centre delivered lectures and talks and happened to be part of several online and offline discussions as Resource Persons during the quarter. The Deputy Director of the Centre, **Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha** interacted with the Post Graduate Students at the Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership in Mumbai in February 2022 on the theme, 'Assertion of Hindu Identity: Indian Politics from Mid-1980s to 2000'. **Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha** delivered a lecture on 'Gandhi's Experiments in the Anti-Colonial Movement' at the Gandhi Study Circle of Gargi College on 26 March 2022. He was also a resource person at the four-week Training Program of Assistant Registrars of University of Delhi during 21 February to 17 March 2022 and spoke on 'History and Making of the Indian

Constitution' that received widespread appreciation from the participants.

CGS Samiksha 2022 Election Survey Results and Felicitations

A meticulously planned, scientifically designed and objectively executed psephological assembly election surveys of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab held in different phases reached its culmination on 7 March 2022. Covering all 403 constituencies of Uttar Pradesh and 117 constituencies of Punjab with a sample size of 55,985 and 10,131 collected by the Students and Scholars for both the states respectively, the survey results were shared by the Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary at the auditorium of the Centre with full of audience on 7 March 2022.

The survey results under CGS Samiksha 2022 were mesmerizing as these advocated landslide victories for BJP in Uttar Pradesh and AAP in Punjab, countering and contradicting the poll surveys of many professional pollsters and media poll agencies.



The survey results of the Centre were defended by the Samiksha Coordinators in both electronic media, particularly Zee TV and the print media, including Dainik Hindustan, Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar, Lok Satya and others. Characterizing the victory of BJP and AAP in UP and Punjab respectively, the Samiksha Coordinator, Dr Mahesh Kaushik emphasized the role of **Silent Voters**, referring to the women, minorities and the Dalits who were instrumental in bringing the electoral change in the two states.



The painstaking and humongous efforts of the Centre received great applause all across the sections - Social Media, Print Media, Electronic Media and Academia.

To acknowledge the contributions of all the members of the teaching and the student community in making the election survey results a grand success, the Centre organized a special program under CGS Samiksha Felicitations on 17 March 2022 with the Director of South Campus, Prof Shri Prakash Singh as the Chief Guest along with Dr Vikas Gupta, Registrar and Shri Girish Ranjan, Treasurer of the University as Guests of Honour.



Under CGS Samiksha Felicitations, Principals, Professors, Students, Scholars and other Administrative Staff of University of Delhi and other associated State Universities and Colleges like Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Banaras Hindu University, BHU, etc. were felicitated. Speaking on the occasion, the Director South Campus hailed the sincere and honest endeavors of the Centre in the field of psephology with its principle of 'Funding, Nil, Bonding Full'.

CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series

The Centre took the initiative of expanding its horizons and engaging with issues at the global level by initiating the first of its kind the 'CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series'. The vision of this culmination is to usher an academic journey to explore and understand dynamics of other states and their relation with Indian state.

Third Lecture under the CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series

Under its CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series, the Centre organized the third lecture on 4 March 2022 on the theme, 'Transforming India-Ethiopia Relations: Pan Africanism and Beyond'. Interacting with the audience amidst the presence of Fellows and Faculty of the Centre, Shri Robert Shetkintong, Indian Ambassador to Ethiopia, highlighted the salience of bilateral relations between India and Ethiopia from times immemorial. Characterizing Ethiopia as a *Land of Origins* and India as a *Land of Civilizations*, Shri Shetkintong stated many commonalities and contemporary convergence of interests between the two nations from spices to churches, cuisine to cinemas, teaching to technology.



Centre for Global Studies
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cordially invites you all to the
CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series
Lecture Theme
**Transforming India-Ethiopia Relations:
Pan Africanism and Beyond'**
By
Shri Robert Shetkintong
Ambassador of India to Ethiopia
Friday, 4 March 2022, 2:00 pm
Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/9394473454?pwd=cjQ2c3E5SkZlZkpWTDJkaGNEbk1kdz09>
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A large number of Indians has started settling down in Ethiopia as part of enriching the academia, stated the Ambassador. Similarly, many Ethiopians have been the students of Indian Universities and getting good scores as part of Degree Courses in the country. Citing the similarity in the culture of two nations, Shri Shetkintong emphasized the acceptance and reverence of the cultural communities of both India and Ethiopia.

As the 21st century belongs to Africa, the Ambassador Shri Shetkintong reiterated that Ethiopia is emerging as a great manufacturing hub, particularly in pharmaceutical sector and Ethiopia could also be a great entry point of Indian academic, industrial and political expansion to the African continent.

Visit of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor

The current quarter witnessed a pleasant surprise visit of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Yogesh Singh on 22 April 2022. Interacting with the students and scholars and the admin staff present at the Centre during the visit, Prof Yogesh Singh expressed his happiness over the working of the Centre, particularly the CGS Samiksha and CGS Ambassadorial Lecture Series besides its regular research publications.



In his short but sturdy visit, the first since his joining the office of the Vice Chancellor, Prof Yogesh Singh also appreciated the Certificate Courses approved by the Centre through its Research Committee and asked the Director to submit two credit courses for the Undergraduate Program beginning from the new academic session, 2022.

Looking Forward 2022

With a global vision, the Centre for Global Studies is looking forward with a renewed research mission to undertake and explore new opportunities through a series of debates, discussions and deliberations involving inter-disciplinary and trans-disciplinary actions and activities, experiences and exercises, programs and projects at the global level. The Centre is also proposing to hold a three-day National Workshop on Deendayal Upadhyaya Chairs in the coming months in collaboration with Research and Development Foundation for Integral Humanism, New Delhi.