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From *Pratham Sevak* (Director)

Sanchayan has remained a broad canvas through which the Centre has been displaying its multifaceted and multivariate activities by taking social science research achievements and contributions of its fellows and faculty, students and scholars towards a new realm of integrated, inclusive and innate knowledge. With the collective endeavors of all, *Sanchayan* has become Centre's one of its unique academic contributions in a short span of five years.

In continuation of our consistent march to the quarterly journey, we are happy to release the first issue of *Sanchayan* in 2021. The current issue covers three-month activities, events and programs of the Centre from November-December 2020 to January 2021. Amidst the nation's struggling against the pandemic and containing its widespread reach, we organized various online and offline events and activities at the Centre during this quarter.

My fellow Navratnas, the revered members of dcrc Parivar (dcrc family) and all my students, scholars and well-wishers deserve sincere gratitude from the core of my heart for steering our journey to the new heights of academic horizons.

DCRC: Faculty and Functioning

With the help of its Fellow Navratnas, the Centre entered a new phase in 2021 by taking their distinct expertise and specialisation spanning across different dis-

ciplines of social sciences. Working in a transparent and democratic manner, the Centre worked with its various committees including Gender, Purchase, Library, Journal, Seminar, Publications etc. headed by different fellow conveners who used to 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.

Major Activities and Achievements

Many academic activities including lectures, talks, discussions, Webinars and web interactions were organised in the last quarter both online and offline.

Constitution Day

To express its reverence to the founding fathers who framed the constitution of the nation in 1950, the Centre celebrated the 'Constitution Day' on 26 November 2020 at 11:00 am at the Meeting Room. Students, Scholars and Fellows associated with the Centre participated in the celebration.

The Constitution Day at the Centre began with the oath ceremony of the Preamble undertaken by all the participants. The students, scholars and faculty members pledged to undertake and imbibe the basic postulates of the Constitution in their daily lives.



The oath was followed by a discussion on Continuities, 'Consistencies and Conformities: A

Seven Decade of the Indian Constitution'. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Hariram Parihar from Government PG College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan highlighted the historical trajectory of the Constitution by emphasising the transformation of individual citizens from the perspective of character building. Dr Dinesh Gehlot from

the Department of Political Science, Jai Narain Vyas University characterized the Indian Constitution as the most beautiful document on earth and advocated imbibing of its basis postulates by all too.

Third Atal Bihari Vajpayee Lecture

On the occasion of 96th birth anniversary of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the Centre organized the Third Atal Bihari Memorial Lecture on 25th December 2020. Held as a Webinar, the lecture was titled “Vikas Ki Bharatiya Avdharna”. The key note speaker of the event was Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, President of Ekatm Manavdarshan Anusandhan E�am Vikas Sansthan, Delhi. The session was inaugurated by our esteemed Pratham Sevak of DCRC Parivar, Prof. Sunil K. Choudhary by welcoming the key note speaker and other fellow audience.

The event was started with the release of three important achievements of the Centre. First was the release of the bound volumes of 1,03,731 samples of Samiksha: Delhi Assembly Election Survey by Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj. It was followed by the release of the 27th and 28th volumes of its Hindi Monthly Magazine, Sanshleshan. It was further led by the unveiling of Sixth edition of Annual Event Brochure of the Centre. This paved the way for a profound talk by Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma on the idea of development in the Indian context.

Dr Mahesh Chandra Sharma elaborately defined the tenets of the developing countries and gave a holistic idea of development according to the Indian ethos.



Dr Mahesh Chandra Sharma also talked about how Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya brought forth the element of integral humanism and the quotient of happiness in the development discourse. He elucidated as how decentralisation and ‘swadeshi’ play a key role in the development of every individual which adds up to the development of a nation. He mentioned that ‘berojgari’ [unemployment] being a Persian word does not belong to the Devanagari script and thus economic democracy is of supreme importance and could not be compromised upon. Employment should not be generated but one should own the means of employment. ‘Swadeshi’ should be inculcated at all stages to make the process of development indigenous and self-sufficient.

The lecture was a very well researched and articulated by the keynote speaker. The Webinar was concluded with a vote of thanks by the Centre’s Joint Director, Dr. Ramesh Bharadwaj and an interactive session co-ordinated by Dr Mahesh Kaushik, fellow DCRC.

Samiksha Bihar: 2020

Under the banner of Samiksha series, the Centre organized a three-phase assembly election study of Bihar in November 2020. With the help of the post-graduate students of Political Science, University of Delhi along with various other colleges and universities of Bihar, the Centre conducted its first online election study gauging the voting behaviour of the state during the course of assembly election. Covering all 294 constituencies with its 9044 samples collected in both online and offline modes, the Centre projected the survey results on 7 November 2020.



Countering and contradicting all the pollsters and poll agencies who had predicted the formation of RJD led Mahagathbandhan, the Samiksha survey results of the Centre projected the formation of the BJP-JDU Government in the state. Much to the dismay of all, the election commission results also endorsed the survey results of the Centre. With a deviance of less than 3

per cent, the Samiksha Bihar 2020 proved to be a new milestone of the Centre in the domain of psephology.

Celebrations

Continuing with its past traditions of fanfare and gaiety, the Centre celebrated the festival of lighting, viz., Deepawali with all its Fellows, students, scholars and other members of the administrative and security staff on 12 November. On the occasion, all fellows, students, scholars, security and sulabh staff were honoured with small token of gestures both by the Director and the Joint Director.



Under the stewardship of fellow, Dr Mahesh Kaushik, the Centre also organized a New Year get-together with all its associated students and scholars. All pledged to work collectively for the common objectives and goals of the Centre as espoused by its Director from time to time.

dcrc in News

The Centre and its Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary figured prominently in the electronic media during this quarter. Since the quarter focused on elections in Bihar, Prof Sunil participated in the Big Picture show with Frank Rausan Pereira for The Bihar Verdict on 11th November in Rajya Sabha TV.



Prof Sunil K Choudhary also delivered many significant lectures on contemporary issues and developments both in University of Delhi and other institutions of learning during the quarter. To commemorate Constitution Day on 26 November, Prof Sunil enlightened the students and faculty at Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi as well as Government PG College, Jodhpur, Rajasthan by highlighting the salience and sanc-

tity of the constitution of India. Similarly, on the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Prof Sunil also interacted online with many distinguished scholars and guests in a Webinar organized by the Regional Outreach Bureau, Patna in association with the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India on 23 January 2021.

Parivar Achievements

It was a matter of pride when two of its Fellows – Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha, Dr Surendra Singh, Shri Jiya Lal, Shri Sarad Kumar Yadav and Shri Nagendra Kumar were promoted to the higher scales as Assistant Professors in their respective colleges. Another Fellow at the Centre, Shri Mahesh Kaushik was also awarded doctorate in Economics from Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.

Two other scholars associated with the Centre – Shri Kumar Raajesh, Ms Deepika, Shri Mangal Deo, Shri Nishant Yadav and Ms Rakhi successfully completed their Ph D submission.

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 carried out many meetings and interactions from a team of 14 members on the tabulation and analysis of its 103,731 samples under Samiksha: Delhi 2020. The work will soon see the light of publication.
- The Centre proposed to carry out an election study of Assam and West Bengal assemblies under dcrc Samiksha 2021 with support of post-graduate students of the Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and other colleges and universities in the states of Assam and West Bengal.
- The Centre's efforts of getting RNI and ISSN for its Hindi monthly magazine, Sanshleshan and blind peer-review bi-annual journal, GlobaLense also got succeeded with the completion of the preliminary work for registration from Government of India.