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**From Pratham Sevak**  
**Prof Sunil K Choudhary, Director**

We are happy to release the fourth quarterly issue of *Sanchayan* covering three-month activities and events of the Centre from August to October 2023. The current issue of *Sanchayan* strengthens the academic journey of the Centre by covering significant events and cultural exchange programs that took place during the quarter.

The mid-2023 witnessed India's gaining eminence at the global level in terms of G20 Presidency. During the past three months, the Centre undertook many activities, events and programs with the help of its fellows and faculty, students and scholars, social activists and social scientists who have now become the inalienable parts of the *CGS Parivar*. This quarter also witnessed a broad collaboration between the Centre and the Ministry of Culture, Government of India on a common platform of Social Science Colloquium with a focus on Philosophy of Gita.

The Centre's motto of *Aiming High, Touching Sky* has become our cardinal goal that has steered our academic journey towards new global horizons.

### **CGS: Faculty, Functioning and Fellow Meetings**

In continuation with our academic endeavours, the CGS Parivar throughout the previous quarter (from May to July 2023) has performed extensive field research for

the Samiksha series covering the electoral survey of Karnataka. Our fellows and researchers also organized various programmes and activities at the Centre in addition to their respective institutions during the quarter from August to October 2023.

*Sanchayan*, the quarterly newsletter of the Centre covering activities every three months gives a glimpse of the academic endeavours of the Centre. The regular research publications of the Centre - *GlobaLense* and *Sanshleshan* are reflection of the researcher's voice to analyse and deliberate the new global realities. The Centre espoused to continuous desire to work on different areas of social science research with a focus on working on new programs, projects, and publications.

### **Major Activities and Achievements**

The Centre succeeded in organizing many academic activities from August-October 2023 including Colloquium, lectures, talks, and discussions.

#### **Two-Day Social Science Colloquium: 'Philosophy of Gita'**

In association with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, the Centre organized a Two-Day Social Science Colloquium titled, 'Philosophy of Gita: Lessons for the Youth' under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav [AKAM] program during 13-14 August 2023.

The Two-Day Colloquium sought to transmit the philosophy of Gita amongst the youth by galvanizing their energies and streamlining their role for New India of the 21st Century. The Colloquium aimed at encapsulating the ideas on The Art of Karma, The Art of Dharma, Statecraft, and leadership Techniques and Countering the Misinterpretations of Gita by engaging renowned social scientists, activists, academicians, politicians, and civil servants nationwide. The Social Science Colloquium has also provided a platform to

the central and state universities in India in terms of presentation and dis-





semination of the Indian knowledge system premised on ancient scriptures and literature.

The program started with a warm welcome address by Prof Sunil K Choudhary, Director, Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi. Highlighting three decades journey of the Centre, he threw light upon its unparalleled way of functioning in teaching and learning, publication and administration and discipline and governance. The biggest strength of the Centre is that it has acquired the status of a *Parivar* developing inter-personal relationships with all sections of the society. He mentioned that this colloquium is the first-ever program on the significance of the philosophy of Gita that has been organized in the discipline of Political Science.



Prof Sanjeev Kumar Sharma, Formerly Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Motihari, Bihar graced the occasion being Guest of Honor. He appreciated and congratulated the untiring efforts of Director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K Choudhary for organizing a colloquium on 'Philosophy of Gita'.

### **Book Release Function: India@75: A Changing Electoral Democracy**

The valedictory session of the colloquium began with the book release of *Acharya* Sunil K Choudhary, Director of Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi. The book titled; *India@75: A Changing Electoral Democracy* was released in the presence of renowned Chief Guests and Guest of Honours. The session was graced by Shri Alok Kumar, Working President, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, New Delhi who envisioned

upon the ethos of Gita in academic life of the scholars and students.

The author of the book, **Prof Sunil K Choudhary**



addressed the audience with the underlining features of the book which seeks to present a trajectory landscape of new trends and transformation seen in the changing nature of India's electoral democracy in 75 years of its evolution. The book has thoroughly decoded the nature of 17 Lok Sabha and 403 State Assembly elections held in post-independence India. In this context, Prof Choudhary has unfolded the significant characteristics of the different chapters which emphasize upon the new conceptualizations ranging from identifying new typologies of the voters to categorizing their orientation of voting. The book appears to be a torch-bearer to the readers seeking understanding of India's electoral democracy from the 1950s till the contemporary times.

### **CGS Webinar: 'Israel War'**

The Centre has been organizing lectures on the current issues of global polity to all its stakeholders from students to scholars, fellows to faculty, academicians to common audience. Israel's War with Hamas was one of the key issues of this quarter. To give an overview of the causes and consequences of the war, the Centre organized a Webinar on 'Israel's War with Hamas: Implications for Israel and the Middle East' on Sunday, 15 October 2023. The lecture was delivered



by a renowned research scholar, Dr Arik Rudnitzky, from the Moshe Dayan Centre for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, Israel.

## CGS Global Connectivity: Delegation and Visitors

### Delegation from Kazakhstan

The Centre also got an opportunity to welcome a delegation from Kazakhstan in October 2023. Kazakhstan as a Central Asian country represents its cultural traditions which are very similar with the Indian cultural ethos. The Fellows had an academic parley with the delegates highlighting the convergence of the two nations in both academic and cultural domains.



### Visitor from Japan

The esteemed fellows and scholars of the Centre were delighted to have a political representative of Japan, Nakagawa Kozi. The visit of the Japanese scholar was enriching and enlightening in terms of sharing inter-government relations between the countries. The discussion highlighted the changing nature of electoral politics in Japan from a broader perspective and the impact of India on the democratic politics of Japan. Dr Kozi presented the Japanese souvenir to the Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary whereas the book, India@75 was also gifted to the Japanese fellow by the Director.



### Centre in the News

The Centre grabbed the attention of the media during

the Two-Day Social Science Colloquium on the Philosophy of Gita: Lessons for the Youth. The book release function of Acharya Sunil K Choudhary figured prominently in some of the Hindi dailies.



नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। वैश्विक अध्ययन केंद्र, दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय में 'गीता के दर्शन का युवाओं के लिए संदेश' विषय पर वैश्विक अध्ययन केंद्र में संयुक्त आयोजन के सहयोग से दो दिवसीय कार्यक्रम का आरंभ हुआ। कार्यक्रम के उद्घाटन सत्र में देश के प्रसिद्ध विद्वान उपस्थित रहे। उद्घाटन सत्र में जीत कक्का के रूप में अपने विचार रखते हुए पाठ्यक्रम के उद्घाटनक क्षितिज संस्कार से कहा कि गीता के संदेश को विश्वरत्न गुरु से आने की आवश्यकता है। वहींकि

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**विहिप अध्यक्ष आलोक कुमार ने किया इंडिया@75 का विमोचन**

नई दिल्ली, लोकसत्य। वैश्विक अध्ययन केंद्र के एक कार्यक्रम में स्वतंत्रता के अमृत वर्ष के पूर्ण होने पर प्रसिद्ध समाज वैज्ञानिक प्रो. सुनील के चौधरी की पुस्तक इंडिया @75 का विमोचन विश्व हिंदु परिषद के कार्यकारी अध्यक्ष आलोक कुमार ने किया।

## Fellow Interactions and Academic Achievements

Our Fellows and researchers apart from contributing to research dynamics and activities at the Centre, are also engaged in aggregating their academic pursuits. Dr Malvika Singh was selected as a regular faculty in the Department of Political Science, Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi.

### The Road Ahead

The Centre during the quarter has submitted its proposal of introducing PhD Program in ten different streams like Indian Knowledge System, Psephological Studies, Climate Change, Diplomacy and Diaspora Studies, etc. in addition to launching three Certificate Courses subject to the approval by the competent authority of the University. Also, the Centre began working on the flagship project of its 11th Samiksha election survey series to be executed across five different poll-bound states during November 2023, viz., Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana.