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## **The Advisory**

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

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

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

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

- (i) Prof. Soumendra M. Patnaik, 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 [dcrc], University of Delhi provides an honor besides giving the feeling of getting connected to the root. The nearly two-year completion of the period at the Centre offered many opportunities and challenges. Working with a team of 28 inter-disciplinary Fellows, fondly called as Navratnas, has 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 created 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 has made the Centre a competitive research hub in the discipline of social sciences.

The successful completion 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. I am sure our ongoing project, Samiksha: Delhi Municipal Election, 2017 will also make our presence felt in the academic fora as an emerging psephological Center of the country.

With the support of ICSSR, New Delhi we are also venturing into imparting methodological training to young faculty members, researchers and scholars across universities/colleges of the country under our recently approved Capacity Building Program. 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 Programme 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 organise 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 conceptualises 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 Chaudhary 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. Chaudhary 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. Chaudhary has been able to inculcate in all a spirit of togetherness, so characteristic of a ‘Parivar’.

The Centre has eleven committees headed by fellow conveners. Some of the committees are: Library, Gender, Purchase, Web, Seminar, Annual Report, Infrastructural, Working Group, 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 regularly meets on the first working Friday of every month. The Fellow Council discussion is generally followed 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 Government P. G. College, Sheopur (Madhya Pradesh). 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 (ed.), 2012; Global Environment: Issues and Problems,(edited), 2011. He is the editor of Shodh Samidha Research Journal Government 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 teaches in the Department of Political Science, Moti Lal Nehru College, University of Delhi. 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. 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 teaches in Jawaharlal Nehru University. 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 (Evening), 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 Zinat Ara**



Dr Zinat Ara is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi. She has been teaching for over 20 years. She was awarded Gold medal for getting top position in graduation. Her area of specialisation is Indian Government & Politics. Her topic of Ph.D. was Center-State Relations in India with special reference to Kerala & Uttar Pradesh. Her areas of interest include Indian Politics, Gender Studies and Human Rights. She has published two books, Changing Dynamics of Indian Federalism, Citizenship and Globalisation. She has also edited a book on Women in Islam which is a multi volume series & contributed articles in reputed journals.

### **Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha**



Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha teaches in the Department of History, Satyawati College, University of Delhi. 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. She has research interest in issues related to 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, Shyamal 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". She is presently working on Indian Politics and is planning to write 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 Aryabhata 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 & 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.

### **Dr Abhay Kumar**



Dr Abhay Kumar teaches in the Department of Political Science, SRCC, University of Delhi. His area of interests are Indian Politics, Environmental Issues Corporate Social Responsibility and Social Entrepreneurship. He has contributed extensively in many journals and books. He has presented many papers in national and international conferences. He has headed three innovative projects of Delhi University including ‘Aahaar: Reclaiming lives the culinary way’, ‘Azmat: Repossessing, respect’, ‘Parivartan’. He has also been awarded Best Teacher from University of Delhi in 2015. He was a member of a committee set up by Delhi Government to formulate policy for incubation and start up in 2015.

### **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 twelve 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 many national and international seminars and conferences. Her specialisation includes international relations, India’s foreign policy, regional organisations, environmental issues and gender studies.

### **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 papers 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 Reli-

gion: The Intellectual & Political context, ‘Comparison between Various Indo-Islamic Perceptions of the Hindu Religion: From Alberuni to the author of Dabistan -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 Millia Islamia University. She has participated and organized many seminars and lectures on dalit and minority rights at Jamia Millia Islamia University.

### **Prof 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 & 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, *Zeal-*

ous 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 2016-17**

The Centre organized about 100 activities in the academic year 2016-17 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.

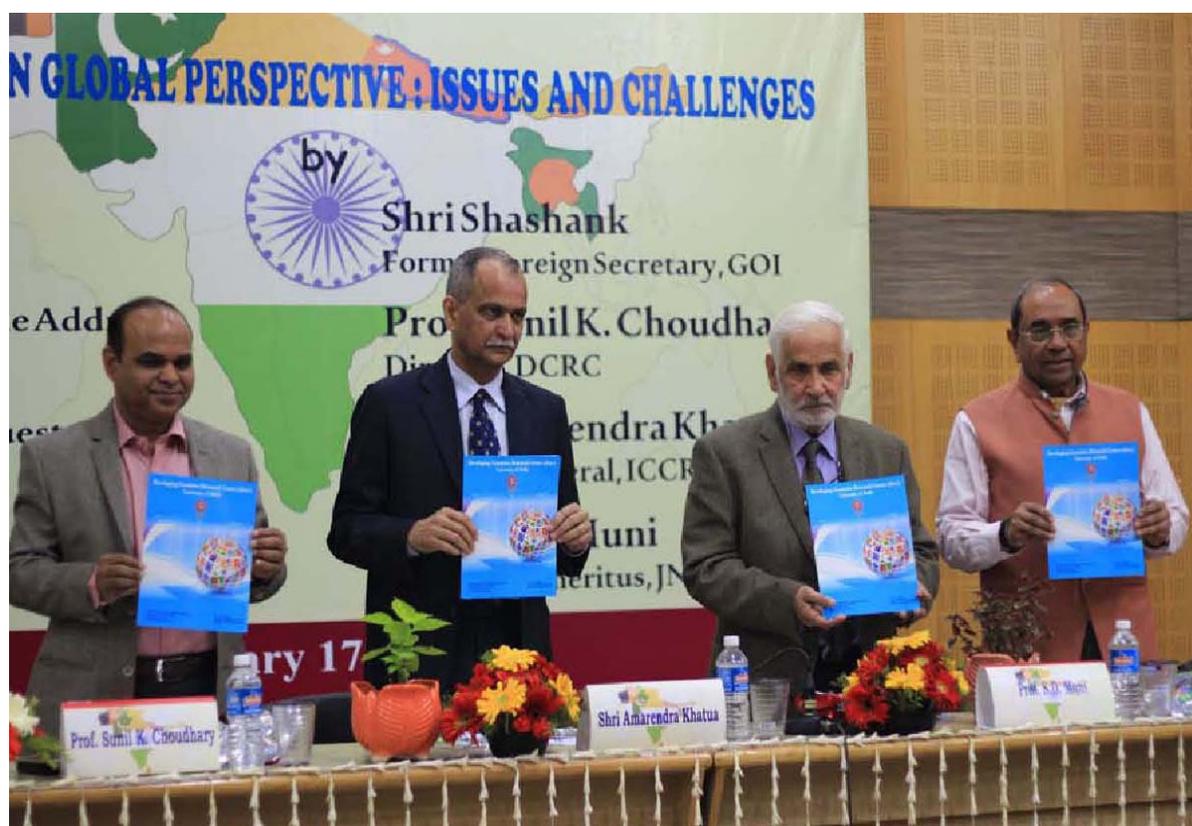
#### **Conferences and Seminars**

Seminar on 'Linguistic Impact of Partition' was jointly organized by dcrc and National Council for the Promotion of Sindhi Language on 13th August, 2016. Honourable speakers to grace the occasion were Shri Ram Madhavji, General Secretary, BJP; Shri Rahul Dev, Senior editor and Dr. Ravi Tekchandani, Director, NCPSL. The academic deliberation was extended by Prof. JPS Oberio, Renowned Sociologist; Prof. Alok Bhalla, Professor, JMI and Dr. Sukrita Paul Kumar, Author and retired faculty, University of Delhi.



- The Centre in collaboration with ICSSR organised two day international conference on "South Asia in Global Perspective: Issues and Challenges" on 17-18 February 2017. The conference analysed the changing socio-political, economic, ecological and security dynamics of the region and explored the possibilities and challenges that confront the South Asia of today. The conference brought together experts and scholars from across the region. Professor S D

Muni, Professor Emeritus, JNU delivered the Keynote address at the inaugural session which was chaired by Shri Shashank, former Foreign Secretary, Government of India. Shri Amrendra Khatua, Director General ICCR was the Chief Guest. Many important dignitaries participated in the Conference including Mr Virendra Gupta, Former Diplomat, Mr Praveen Swami, Journalist, Mr Sudershan Ramachandran, Deputy Director, India Foundation, Dr Hari Bansh Jha from Nepal, Prof. Takashi Kurosaki, Institute of Economic Research, Japan, Prof. Shanta N. Verma, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Prof. Veena Kukreja, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Prof. Shri Prakash Singh, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Prof. Sangeeta Thapiyal, JNU, Prof. Harsh V. Pant, King's College, London, and Mr Waliur Rahman, Former foreign Secretary, Bangladesh. Mr Shakti Sinha Director Nehru Memorial Museum and Library delivered the Valedictory lecture.



### **Grassroots Social Science Colloquium on North East**

The Centre organised 'Grassroots Social Science Colloquium on North East' on 23 March 2017. The program was chaired by Prof Madhu Purnima Kishwar, a renowned social activist and a Visiting Fellow at the Centre. Dr Nandita Saikia from JNU was the Keynote Speaker with Mr Upamanyu Hazarika, Senior Lawyer of Supreme Court of India as the Guest of Honour.



**Special Lectures:  
11th Oliver Tambo Lecture, 2017**

Ordinance XX (9) obligates the Centre to organize Oliver Tambo lecture and Pablo Neruda lecture every alternate year. Pursuant to this, the Centre organized the 11th Oliver Tambo lecture on 23 March 2017. It was delivered by Dr A Surya Prakash, Chairman, Prasar Bharati on the topic “Democracy in India: Our Legislatures, Our Representatives”. A Surya Prakash is an author and columnist and a leading commentator on Indian constitutional and parliamentary issues and governance. He highlighted that as a country we are proud of our achievements like the political empowerment of many disadvantaged groups; the occupational democratisation of parliament and other democratic bodies; the strengthening of the federal structure; the accountability of the Executive to the Legislature; the deepening of our democratic traditions with many enactments including the Prasar Bharati Act and the Right to Information Act; greater transparency in government via RTI, online services and such other measures; equalizing opportunity for justice via Public Interest Litigation; and, finally, the presence of a strong and independent media. But at the same time there are matters of deep concern like our failure to clean up the electoral system; our failure to ensure inner-party democracy in most of our political parties; our inability to root out corruption in the bureaucracy; our inability to make our legislators accountable to the people; and finally, our failure to regularly audit the working of our legislatures and constitutional bodies.



The Oliver Tambo Lecture was followed by the felicitation of ten Principals of University of Delhi colleges who made Samiksha: UP Assembly Survey, 2017 a successful venture through the participation and support of their students and faculty.

### Monthly Lectures



The Centre organises monthly lecture on the first working Friday of every month.

- In the first monthly lecture, Prof. S M Patnaik, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi addressed the gathering on “Anthropology in Conversation with other Disciplines: Reflections on Public Policy” on 8 April 2016.

•Dr Himanshu Roy, an eminent Social Scientist and Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Teen Murti, New Delhi gave second monthly lecture on the topic “Subaltern Discourse: An Alternative Perspective” on 6 May 2016.



•Third monthly lecture was delivered by Prof Amita Baviskar, Institute of Economic Growth on the theme “Ecology and Equity: Understanding of Development through the Lens of the Politics of Nature” on 3 June 2016.



•In the series of the monthly lectures C. Uday Bhaskar, well-known Defence Analyst gave the fourth monthly lecture on “India’s Security Challenges” on 1 July 2016.

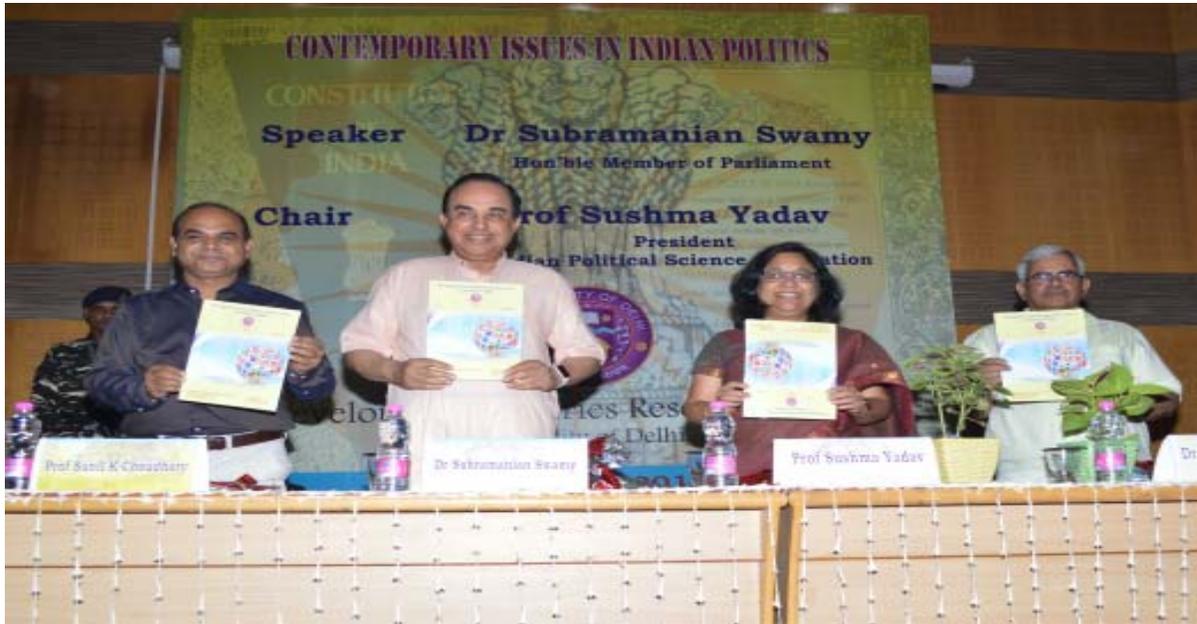


•Moving from Social Sciences to Physical and Biological Sciences, the fifth monthly Lecture was delivered on “World of biotechnology” by Prof Paramjit Khurana from Department of Plant Molecular Biology, University of Delhi on 13 July 2016.

•On 2 September 2016, Padma Bhushan Dr Isher Judge Ahluwalia, renowned economist and planner gave a talk on “Role of Cities in India’s Development”. The session was chaired by Prof. Pami Dua, Director, Delhi School of Economics, Mr Richard Everitte, Director, Education and Society British Council, New Delhi was the Guest of Honour.

•In the series of monthly lectures, Dr Subramanian Swamy, Hon'ble Member of Parliament addressed the gathering on “Contemporary Issues in Indian Politics”

on 26 September 2016. He highlighted Corruption and National Unity as two important issues in Indian Polity requiring attention. Prof Sushma Yadav, President, Indian Political Science Association chaired the session.



•The Eighth Monthly Lecture was delivered by Professor Pushpesh Pant, an expert on international relations on “Global Changes: Emerging Challenges for India” on 8 November 2016. Besides highlighting earlier challenges like energy security and food security, Prof Pant stressed on the significance of cyber space security as one of the most important global challenges. The programme was chaired by Professor Shanta N Varma, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi. Mr Gregory Harvey from Australian High Commission graced the occasion as the Guest of Honour.

•Leading economist Dr Rajiv Kumar, Senior Fellow, Indian Council for Cultural Relations, New Delhi gave the Ninth Monthly Lecture on “Demonetization” on 6 January 2017. Prof Kavita Sharma, Department of Commerce, University of Delhi chaired the session. While Prof Kavita Sharma looked demonetization as an attempt of financial inclusion with a focus from unbank to bank population, Dr Rajiv Kumar stressed on demonetization as a bold policy initiative of the Government to address black money, black economy and black wealth.

## Interactive Discourses

The Centre also organized interactive sessions on various contemporary topics with Dr Himanshu Roy, an eminent Social Scientist, Dr Rahul Tripathi, Department of Political Science, Goa University, Dr Ashwini Sharma, Associate Professor, Satyawati College and Prof Kaushal Sharma.

- An interactive discourse was held with Dr Rahul Tripathi from Goa University on the topic 'Towards an Indian International Political Economy: Some Reflections' on 26 May 2016.

- An interactive session on “Climate Change in India” with Dr Ashwini Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Satyawati College, University of Delhi was organized on 24 June 2016.

- An interactive session on “Competing Sovereignties: State and Non State Actors in Global Governance” with Dr Alana Mann, University of Sydney, Australia was organised on 24 November 2016. Dr Alana considered food sovereignty as a condition to food security in the contemporary global world. Professor Veena Kukreja from Department of Political Science, University of Delhi highlighted in her chairing session technological change as one of the key drivers for global governance.





•Prof Brij Maharaj, University of Kwazulu-Natal, South Africa interacted with fellows, faculty, scholars and students on the topic 'Xenophobia: The New Apartheid in Democratic South Africa' on 29 November 2016. In his lecture Professor Brij Maharaj highlighted the issue of human rights violations in South Africa under the new regime which he characterized as 'New Apartheid'. Professor Suresh Kumar, Head Department of African Studies, University of Delhi chaired the session and appreciated the initiatives and endeavours undertaken by the Centre by also bringing Africa as a part of social science discourse.

### Workshops

•In view of state elections in Uttar Pradesh, an election workshop on “Mission UP: From Manifestoes to Grass root Realities” was conducted by Director, DCRC, Professor Sunil K Choudhary on 26 August 2016.



•The Third workshop on UP Elections was held on 26 September 2016. Professor Yogesh Atal, Member, Advisory Committee and an expert on election studies was the Keynote Speaker with Dr Harish Sharma, Deputy Director, ICSSR as the Guest of Honour.

•Following the series of UP Election Workshops, the Fourth Workshop was held on 2 January 2017 at the Centre. Professor Virendra Kumar Malhotra, Member Secretary, ICSSR interacted with the fellow coordinators, team leaders and members in the workshop and wished them success for this mega project. Prof Malhotra along with Prof Sangit Kumar Ragi from Department

of Political Science, University of Delhi also released the first academic brochure of the Centre listing all the activities and events the Centre has been organizing throughout the year.



### **Research Projects**

In the arena of research projects, UGC has sanctioned a research project on South Asia under its Area Studies Programme. The Centre has also submitted academic research programme proposals on different themes like elections, survey, research methodology, global terrorism, disability in higher education, women entrepreneurs, e-governance, etc. Under the UGC Area Studies Programme, the Centre is organizing various academic activities regularly.

### **Visit of Foreign Scholar**

The Centre hosted former Election Commissioner of Bangladesh, Mr M Sakhawat Hussain on 28 October 2016. The Fellows, Students and Scholars interacted with him on productive discussion covering issues of electoral politics and changing political trends in Bangladesh.



### **Educational Exchange and Field Visits**

### **Visit from Directorate of Education, Delhi**

Dr Kanchan Jain, Principal with her teachers from Directorate of Education, Delhi visited the Centre on 21 December 2016. The Director and the fellows of the Centre had very productive interactions and discussions with them on various issues of education and teaching.



Dr Kanchan Jain and the Faculty from the Directorate of Education, Delhi with the Director

### **An Academic-cum-Excursion Trip to Udaipur**

The Centre organised an educational exchange cum field work research trip with Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth University, Udaipur from 20-23 November 2017 in which ten fellows of the Centre, viz., Dr Ramesh Bhardwaj, Dr Bhuwan Kumar Jha, Fellow Nagendra, Fellow Shubhra, Dr Namita, Dr Priti Chahal, Dr Rashmi Rai, Dr Malvika Singh, Dr Abhay Kumar and Fellow Manila Narzary interacted with the faculty, students, scholars and local community members.

The programme was intended to provide a first-hand learning experience to the Fellows in the innovative and socially relevant works being undertaken by the Vidyapeeth. This was combined with an educational excursion to the medieval age historical monuments of national importance which the city so proudly boasts of.



### **Visiting Fellows along with the Vice Chancellor of the host university**

Fellows visited the Department of Social Work where an interaction was organized with MA Social Work Third Semester students. Some of our Fellows addressed these students and exchanged ideas related to the significance of Social Work for our country and society.

Fellows also visited the Janbharati Community Centre of the University where women are given training in various skills enabling them to become economically self-sufficient. It is a unique characteristic of this University that women from socially and economically backward sections of the society are made active stakeholders in its development. Since south Rajasthan

houses many tribal communities, the task of the University becomes all the more important. The University also operates a bigger centre of this kind at Sikroda which was our next destination.



### **Fellows addressing the Women of Janbharti Community Centre**

The two day academic exchange-cum-field trip to Udaipur proved to be a very enriching experience. A well-established University is indeed very re-invigorating. The exchange of ideas between both sides on numerous occasions helped us in several different ways. Fellows profusely thank the Director, drc for taking this unique initiative and strongly believe that such academic exchanges and field trips would become a regular feature in future.

### **Fellows visiting Tehri Garhwal**

Under the exchange program, three fellows of the Centre participated in a two-day Exchange Programme and visited hilly area of Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand from 25-26 March, 2017. The exchange program was made possible with the support of Development and Research Centre, Deen Gaon, Tehri Garhwal, Uttarakhand. One of our fellow Professor Dr. Kaushal Kumar Sharma, Professor at Jawaharlal Lal Nehru University developed a research centre in Deen Gaon, Tehri Garhwal Uttarakhand funded by THDC (Tehri Hydro Development Corporation).

Under these projects, extension services and social work are done in various parts of the project area, particularly for the development of weaker sections and women. The program enabled the fellows to develop proper perspective on the problems of rural development and explore their possible solutions. As part of the visit, the fellows had the opportunity to share experiences with many farmers.

During the exchange program, the fellows of drc participated and presented a paper on the National Seminar on Rural Activism for Sustainable Development and Livelihood in India: Issues and Challenges. The fellows also visited many villages and interacted with farmers on the issues of agriculture/horticulture activities.

The visit was very successful and the fellows felt that it gained a great insight into challenges faced by people in its efforts to reduce poverty. This field visit has provided an opportunity to understand the problems of rural people and learned the implementation of rural development

programme, water management, forest development, wasteland management, water harvesting, fodder development, promotion of Eco-tourism and Village Tourism.



In the process, the fellows are sensitized towards their problems and requirements. This programme is also providing opportunity For Higher Research in almost all field of rural development. This programme is running in the most remote part of Uttarakhand.



## Samiksha 2017: UP Assembly Survey

A meticulously planned, scientifically designed and objectively executed psephological research survey conducted by 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 a large exercise that started on 6 February 2017, teams from colleges in Delhi University spread out to all nooks and corners of Uttar Pradesh to undertake the survey. Data was obtained from voters on a single page simple questionnaire as the elections unfolded. Results were compiled and trends analyzed by research teams at the DCRC. 403 constituencies in 75 districts of the State were organized under 15 Phase Coordinators and 100 Team Leaders.



Forging a pivotal link with the Team Members, Team Leaders and Phase Coordinators, the Centre undertook a herculean task of sending teams to all 403 locations of the State. Research teams worked on a voluntary, inclusive basis and were drawn across academic disciplines in University of Delhi. University of Delhi as well as ICSSR, New Delhi provided financial support to the project.

Speaking to the Press on the occasion of the release of the UP Election Survey Research 2017, the director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K Choudhary described in detail the humongous effort that went into planning and executing the Uttar Pradesh Election Survey 2017. Preparations for the Survey research had started almost a year ago and a series of monthly workshops were held to prepare and finalize the research design. Phase coordinators and Team Leaders were also briefed and trained before the commencement of the survey.

Samiksha 2017 is the latest in the Centre's efforts to undertake critical, objective and scientifically designed research in Social Sciences that impacts not just the University of Delhi but is relevant across the country, addressing vital national issues. This is the first and only Election Survey for the current elections in Uttar Pradesh in which all 403 constituencies of 75 districts were visited by teams and sampled, making the results credible and authentic.



## कुछ ऐसे रहेगी सीटों पर मौजूदगी

**डीसीआरसी का दावा**

- हाथी होगा पस्त, 28 सीटों पर ही सिमटने के आसार

**फेज-1**  
(15 जिले, 73 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-30  
भाजपा गठबंधन-37  
बसपा-6

**फेज-2**  
(11 जिले, 67 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-24  
भाजपा गठबंधन-35  
बसपा-8

**फेज-3**  
(12 जिले, 69 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-34  
भाजपा गठबंधन-35

**फेज-4**  
(12 जिले, 53 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-19  
भाजपा गठबंधन-33  
बसपा-1

**फेज-5**  
(11 जिले, 52 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-14  
भाजपा गठबंधन-35  
बसपा-3

**फेज-6**  
(7 जिले, 49 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-12  
भाजपा गठबंधन-29  
बसपा-8

**फेज-7**  
(7 जिले, 40 विस)  
सपा-कांग्रेस गठबंधन-8  
भाजपा गठबंधन-30  
बसपा-2

## **Fellow Achievements**

Our fellows continuously participate in the academic activities within and outside the Centre, also most of them pursue their research endeavour too.

**Dr Surendra Singh** published a book on Urban Governance and Socio-Political Accountability of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Challenges of Urban Governance in Peripheral Area of Delhi: Local Self Government and Socio-economic and Political Development, 2017.

**Dr Sushmita** wrote an article titled "Conceptualising smart city concept with sustainable economic development" in International Journal of Trade and Global Business Perspectives, Volume 5, Number 1, January - March' 2016 and "The Vitality of Informal Sector in Indian Economy", in International Journal of Retailing and Rural Business Perspectives, Volume 5, Number 3, July- September' 2016. She presented a paper titled "Human Rights", organized by UGC- Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 2016. Also "Mentoring of Students" organized by Shaheed Sukhdev College of Business Studies, University of Delhi, 2016.

**Dr Malvika Singh** published a book on Agriculture in India: Issues and Challenges, 2017. She delivered a lecture at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Academy for Social Security, New Delhi. She presented a paper titled "Objectification of Women in Mass Media" in National Conference on "Women and Development" at Lakshmi Bai College, University of Delhi, 2017. She presented a paper titled "Ethnicity and Social Development", in a National Seminar on "Role of Forensic Sciences in National Development", at Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi, March 2017. She also presented a paper titled "Women and Human Rights" at National Conference on "Human Rights", at Motilal Nehru College, University of Delhi, March 2017. Presented a full length paper on "Sustainable Development and Gender", at Zakir Hussain College (Eve), at National Conference on "Sustainable Development" 2017. She presented a paper titled International Conference on South Asia in Global Perspective: Issues and Challenges, Developing Countries Research Centre [drcr], University of Delhi. 17-18 February 2017.

**Dr. Bhuwan Kumar Jha** published a chapter on 'The Idea of Hindu Nationalism, Changing Contours: Late 19th to Early 20th Century' in Dimensions of Education, New Delhi, 2016. He participated and presented a paper titled 'Emergence of the Idea of "Hindu Interests" in the Pre-Independence Period-Contribution of Lal Chand, Malaviya, Shradhanand and Moonje' in the National Seminar on 'Revisiting Indian Independence Movement' organized by the India Foundation, Delhi on March 18, 2017. He was nominated by ICHR, Delhi as one of the judges to evaluate the scripts of Essay writing Competition on Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel held during the National Unity Week, March 2017. He delivered an invited lecture on 'Situating Gandhi in the Indian National Movement' in Aryabhata College, Delhi on March 9, 2017. He acted as a Resource Person and made a presentation on the 'Service Matters concerning Teachers' in the four week Orientation Programme organized for the University and College teaching staff in the UGC Human Resource Development Centre, JNU, New Delhi on February 28, 2017. He

participated and presented a paper entitled 'The Making of Hindu Political Identity in South Asia: Contribution of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha in the pre-Independence period' in the International Conference on 'South Asia in Global Perspective: Issues and Challenges' organized by the Developing Countries Research Centre, Delhi University, on February 17-18, 2017. He acted as a Resource Person and delivered a lecture on the 'History and Evolution of Delhi University' in the four week Orientation Programme for the Assistant Registrars and Administration Officers of Delhi University and its Colleges, organized by Delhi University, on January 12, 2017, also as a Resource Person and delivered two lectures on 'Transparency, Purchase Procedure and Idea of E-Governance' and 'Governance of Colleges' in an Orientation Programme for Administrative Staff of Delhi University and Colleges organized by Delhi College of Arts and Commerce, Delhi University, December 31, 2016.

**Shubhra Pant Kothari** wrote a chapter on "Evolutionary phases in Public Administration" in the book on "Public Administration: Applications and Approaches" edited by Alka Dhameja and Sweta Mishra; Pearson Education, New Delhi, 2016. She participated and presented a paper titled "Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Make in India: Alternative or Parallel Structure....!" in the two day national conference on Make in India: Policies, Issues and Challenges organised by Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, University of Delhi, 2016. She participated and presented a paper titled "Contextualising Ambedkar's Idea on Participatory Development: Inclusive Policies for Women in the Panchayati Raj Institutions" in the two day National Conference on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Vision of India organised by Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, University of Delhi, 2017. She participated and presented a paper titled "Van Panchayats: a case study of Women's Struggles in Uttarakhand" in the 2nd Two Day National Conference on Global Environment in the 21st Century organised by Zakir Husain Delhi College Evening, University of Delhi, 2017.

**Sarad Kumar Yadav** contributed chapter on "Sarvajanic Sewa Pradaygi" In Abhay Prasad Singh (Eds.) Sushsan: Mudden Aur Chunautiyan, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan Publications, (Forthcoming) and contributed Chapter on "Bhartiya Sanghwad" In Abhay Prasad Singh (eds.) Bharat Mein Sanvedhanik Loktantra Aur Shasan, New Delhi: Orient Blackswan Publications (Forthcoming). He attended Faculty Development Programme on Public Opinion and Survey Research, 12-14 January 2017, Organised by Internal Quality Assurance Cell and Department Of Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, University Of Delhi. He was a Fellow Co-ordinator in both Samiksha Projects for UP Assembly and Delhi Municipal Survey, 2017.

**Dr Abhay Kumar** presented three papers and two lectures during the academic year 2016-17. Some of his papers included "Scarce of Natural Resources: A Study of Water Management in South Asia" at an International Conference on South Asia in Global Perspective: Issues an Challenges organised by Developing Countries Research Centre, 17-18 February,2017; "Right to Water : A Question of Human Rights" at a national conference on Human Rights in 21st Century India : Emerging Issues and Challenges organised by Motilal Nehru College (E), 29-30 March, 2017; "Sustainable Development : A Question of Water Management in India" at a

national conference on Environmental Concerns of 21st Century : India and Global Context organised by Zakir Husain Dehi College (E) , 29, March, 2017. Two of his delivered lectures included “Parliamentary Committees and its relevance” at National Academy for Training and Research in Social Security, New Delhi, 13 October,2016 and “Role of Community Engagement in Higher Education” at FICCI, 9 November,2016.

**Manila Narzary** was the Convener of ICSSR sponsored two days International Seminar on “Glocalization” and Federal Governance in India: Understanding the Emerging Issues, organized by Kalindi College from 19th and 20th January 2017. She was the Coordinator of DCRC academic exchange program between Janardan Rai Nagar Vidyapeet University, Udaipur and DCRC, Delhi University from 20th to 23rd November 2016. She was also the Invigilator of project URJAA “An initiative for Empowering Marginalised and Underprivileged students” organized by the Department of Political science Kalindi College in academic year 2015-16.

**Mahesh Kaushik** presented paper in International Conference, 17-18 February, 2017 on the topic ‘Emerging Dual Form of Economic in South Asia: A Neo-Libral Perspective’ organized by the Developing Countries Research Centre, University of Delhi.

## **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. In order to translate into action the vision with which dcrc was founded, Fellows/Associates and the Director work at the Centre with a new sense of purpose and commitment. Prof. Dinesh Singh's aim for academic excellence is also part of this mission. Following are some of the upcoming ventures the Centre aims to pursue:

(1) Capacity Building Program--The Centre proposed to organize a Two-Week Course on Capacity Building Program on Research and Teaching-Learning Process for the Young Faculty (Assistant Professors) Members/Researchers/Scholars in the discipline of Social Sciences during 16-29 May, 2017 with the support of Indian Council for Social Science Research, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India. The key idea behind the Program would be to enhance the capability of conducting quality research among faculty members/researchers/scholars of Social Sciences and further bring out completed research into publishable material of high quality in the form of journal articles/books. The broad objectives of the course would be to develop capacity for conceptualizing and writing research proposals, enhance skills to prepare an appropriate research design, including conducting an overview of literature, formulating research questions and hypotheses, collection of Information and analysis, enhance capacity for writing a research paper for publication, develop the capacity for planning and writing a book.

(2) Extending Samiksha to Delhi Municipal Elections, 2017-- Following the huge success of Samiksha 2017- UP Election Survey, the Centre is also working on another psephological study Samiksha 2017- Delhi Municipal Election Survey.

(3) Collaborating with other Research Organizations – The Centre aims to collaborate with other research organizations at national and international level and envisage an exchange program where fellows and research associates of the Centre can avail logistical support and research material offered by organizations located at other states/ countries.

(4) Short term Certificate Courses – The Centre hopes to initiate short term certificate course (nonresidential) of six month duration. The certificate course can be on various themes like, Human Rights, International Law, Public Administration, International Migration, Resettlement & Rehabilitation, Gender & Politics and, so forth.

(5) Revamping the Centre's Library – The Centre is focusing on easy access and availability of online research journals and periodicals for all the fellows, associates and researchers of the Centre. Apart from this, the Library will be updated regularly and issuing and returning of books/journals will be made computerized. Audio-video collection will also be enriched.

(6) Fellowships for Doctoral Programme – The Centre may introduce some long term fellowships for doctoral programme in humanities and social sciences in collaboration with ICSSR/ICHR. The enrolled student of the Universities can apply for these fellowships and the selected candidates can then avail all the resources and logistical support offered by the Centre.

(7) Working towards bringing out Centre's own Journal – This will be one of the top priority in the next academic year. Quarterly or half yearly journal will be published in collaboration with well-known publication house. The journal would include all the papers presented in seminars/conferences at dcrc. The journal would carry some important contributions/letters/opinions from experts in the respective field. This will also provide a good opportunity to all fellows and associates to get their research articles published on a regular basis.

(8) Film Club -- A Film club will be soon functional at the Centre. Film / documentary screening on relevant issues followed by discussion will be a regular feature at dcrc. Here, all members would get a chance to showcase their creative side as well.

(9) Short -Term Fellowships – The Centre aims to offer short term fellowships to exceptionally talented scholars/researchers to visit abroad and pursue their research interest. The duration of the fellowship would be from two to three months. The selected candidate would visit any foreign country (as per the requirement of the research proposal) and stay there for 2-3 months to collect data and make use of library etc. The Centre will take care of air fare, stay and food expenses of the selected candidates. It may collaborate with funding agencies to meet the expenses of the fellowship.





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