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We are happy to release our first quarterly issue of *Sanchayan* for the year 2024 which covers three-month activities and events of the Centre from February to April 2024. All the significant events and activities of the quarter are aptly encapsulated in the current issue of *Sanchayan* which steers, strengthens and sustains our academic journey in the contemporary national and global milieu.

The beginning of the year was marked by many significant political developments in the democratic politics of India. With the Election Commission notification heralding the holding of elections for the 18th Lok Sabha, the Centre also expedited its activities and events related to the changing electoral milieu of New India. During the past three months, the Centre undertook many 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 both academic achievements and scholarly accomplishments of the Centre.

Aiming High, Touching Sky has now become the cardinal goal of the *CGS Parivar* which keeps on steering its 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 February to April 2024) has done many field studies as part of our Samiksha Series. Our fellows and researchers also organized various programmes and activities at the Centre in addition to their respective institutions during the current quarter.

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 a 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.

The Book Release and Discussion Program on *DELHI 2023: Changing Democracy, Transforming Polity*



The Centre organised book release and discussion on its much-awaited collective work, 'Delhi 2023: Changing Democracy, Transforming Polity'.

The Chief Guest of the Event was Smt Meenakshi Lekhi, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Government of India. The Chair for the event was Dr Vikas Gupta, Registrar, University of Delhi. Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, Ekatma Manav Darshan Anusandhan Evam Vikas Pratisthan joined the occasion as a special guest. The event was also graced with Shri Ajay K Mehra, Provident Fund Commis-

sioner, Minister of Labour and Employment, Government of India as Special Guest on the occasion. Shri Ashish Gosain, Joint Managing Director, Har Anand Publication was the Guest of Honour. The event was coordinated under the supervision of Director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K Choudhary.



This book is an outcome of the Election Survey conducted under the series of ‘CGS Samiksha’. It is an analytical work based on over one lakh samples collected by the Centre for 2017 Delhi Assembly Election Survey. It is an edited book, with a collection of seven chapters studying the different paradigms of Delhi electoral politics. The Book has been edited by Sunil K Choudhary, Abhay Prasad Singh and Mahesh Kaushik. The book is a collaborative effort by researchers and fellows associated with the Centre for Global Studies. This book is a work of commitment and conviction undertaken over a period of three years. It is a panoptic, holistic and analytical study of Delhi Assembly Elections, 2020.

CGS Webinar: Pakistan and Electoral Democracy

Cherishing the vision of global politics, the Centre for Global Studies (CGS) organized a lecture on the current trend of electoral politics for all its stakeholders, from fellows to faculty, students to scholars and academicians to audience. Studies of elections and the voting behaviour hold a central theme in the current quarter. To enrich our knowledge and understanding about one of our neighbouring countries, the centre organized an enlightening session on “Pakistan and Electoral Democracy: An Indian Perspective” held on Thursday, 8 February 2024. The session was chaired

by the Director of the Centre, Sunil K. Choudhary, who stressed upon the convergence between the nations, India and Pakistan. He looked at the electoral democracy of Pakistan from 3P Model encapsulated as; Parliamentary Politics, Party Politics and Populist Pragmatic Politics.



The lecture was delivered by an esteemed author, journalist and social worker, **Shri Tarun Vijay** who has been a regular visitor to Pakistan and has closely watched its electoral democracy. The Speaker highlighted two different ways of looking at elections in Pakistan. He emphasized on the impacts of the election on the relationship with India as well as on the people of Pakistan. Having the 12th General election in Pakistan, the issues like poverty, development, unemployment and land reform which have become some key concerns for people. Interestingly, Shri Tarun Vijay underlined on the command of elections where, the vote is cast by the people but is severely influenced by the army of Pakistan. Thereby, one can see a major contest among the leading political parties; Pakistan Muslim League (N) led by Nawab Sharif, Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) led by Imran Khan and Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) by Bilawal Zardari Bhutto. In this insightful session, the speaker also highlighted about the Indian diplomacy by talking about the Kargil War, Lahore Bus Diplomacy and Balakot Airstrike. He concluded by highlighting that the model of development under the leadership of Narendra Modi had an impact on Pakistan’s policy and politics.

Centre's Journals - Globalense and Sanshleshan getting ISSN

It is a proud moment for the Centre as with the sustained efforts of our Director Professor Sunil K Choudhary and Fellow Dr Kaushal Gupta, both the Hindi and English journals of the Centre - Globalense and Sanshleshan getting ISSN in addition to RNI.



While Globalense: A Journal of Social Science Research is a bi-annual journal, Sanshleshan is the monthly Hindi Magazine. Starting the research journey from 2017, the Centre took pride in sending the 12th issue of Globalense and 69th issue of Sanshleshan as part of the Call for Papers.

Centre in the News

The Centre has been consistently in news throughout this quarter. With the sincere and solemn efforts of its Media Coordinators - Mr Vikas and Ms Drishti, the Samiksha Series of the Centre got significant projections in the electronic, print and social media. The Centre's news over activities and book discussion were also published in the national Hindi dailies.



Meenakshi Lekhi @M_Lekhi

Pleased to launch the book 'Delhi 2023: Changing Democracy, Transforming Polity' today. Spoke on the evolution of democracy in Delhi and urged the young voters to exercise their democratic right in the upcoming biggest festival of democracy. Encouraged them to be part of the #MeraPehlaVoteDeshKeLiye campaign.



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The Centre's Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary participated as Subject Panelist in various discussions under Sansad TV and TV9 covering areas like Artificial Intelligence, Lok Sabha Election 2024 and North East Assembly Election Survey results.



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. The Centre has successfully submitted its applications to the UGG for bringing both its English and Hindi Journals- Globalense and Sanshleshan under the CARE List.

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