



## From Pratham Sevak



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**Director**

We are happy to release our fourth and last quarterly issue of Sanchayan covering three-month activities and events of the Centre from November-December 2023 to January 2024. All the significant events and activities of the quarter are aptly encapsulated in the current issue of Sanchayan which strengthens and sustains our academic journey in the contemporary national and global milieu.

The last months of the year 2023 and the beginning of 2024 were marked by many achievements and accolades of the Centre and its associated scholars. 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 both academic achievements and scholarly accomplishments of the Centre.

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 August

to October 2023) has welcomed many foreign delegations amidst the G20 Presidency of India. 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 reflect 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.

### **Fellows' Formal Interactions: A Team of 14**

The first Fellows' Interaction was held on Thursday, 14 December 2023 with a new team of 14 after the last Fellow Council meeting in June 2023. The Director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K Choudhary formerly welcomed all the new fellows and associates by assigning them well-equipped fellow rooms. Prof Sunil delegated the responsibilities to the new team with the hope of unfolding new research explorations in coming years.

### **Major Activities and Achievements**

The Centre succeeded in organizing many academic activities from November-January 2024 including Surveys, lectures, talks, and discussions.

### **CGS Samiksha 2023: Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana**

A systematic, scientific and objective online and offline survey was conducted by the Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi to study the recent Assembly elections. This is the eleventh major election survey conducted by the Centre in the series of 'CGS Samiksha'. The Centre estimated the emergence of a hung assembly in Mizoram and Telangana, Indian National Congress (INC) in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in

Rajasthan elections by a survey study conducted on the basis of its own unique methodology.

This trend of election results by the Centre was based on the study of 27,220 voters of 40 seats in Mizoram, 90 seats in Chhattisgarh and 230 seats in Madhya Pradesh, 199 seats in Rajasthan, 119 seats in Telangana during October 31- November 27, 2023. The survey was conducted by the Centre in association with approximately 2000 students and research scholars from various colleges/institutions/universities all across the poll-bound states. The survey was conducted extensively in the blended mode. The Director of the Centre, Prof Sunil K. Choudhary described the election surveys as an 'democratic uprising' of New India as against 'democratic sliding' of the West.

The Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Telangana 2023 election surveys attempted to conduct election studies based on a critical, objective and scientific research methodology in social sciences. The 'CGS Samiksha' is the only psephological study series in the electoral history of postindependence India that is more comprehensive, holistic, scientific and objective than any other electoral survey institution in India.

### CGS Sixth Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture

The Sixth Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Lecture was organized by the Centre on 22 December, 2023. This lecture was based on the concept of development and



global system. Shri Bajrang Lal Gupta ji, an eminent economist was the Keynote Speaker on the occasion. The lecture was presided over by the Hon'ble Vice

Chancellor of Delhi University, Prof. Yogesh Singh. This lecture enlisted participation from various researchers, students and teachers of the University. The Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Yogesh Singh highlighted the thoughts, behaviour and vision of expansion of Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji.



The Keynote Speaker Shri Bajrang Lal Gupta, while defining the Indian concept of development compared Indian and Western models of development and also threw light on his book 'Sumangalam'. The Director of the Centre Prof Sunil K. Choudhary expressed his gratitude towards the esteemed guests by felicitating them on behalf of the Centre.

### CGS Book Discussion on India@75: A Changing Electoral Democracy

Centre for Global Studies, University of Delhi organised a Book Discussion on the recently launched Book of director of the Centre Prof Sunil K Choudhary. The Book is titled India @ 75: A Changing Electoral Democracy on 14 January 2024. The event's keynote speaker was Shri Ram Bahadur Rai, director of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts. The Event was chaired by Dr. Mahesh Chandra Sharma, head of Ekatma Manav Darshan Anusandhan Evam Vikas Pratisthan. Guest of Honour was Shri Raj Kumar Bhatia, former chancellor's nominee, University of Delhi. The book is published by Aakar Publications. KK Saxena of Aakar Publication also graced the occasion.

The book India @ 75 covers an in-depth and nuanced study of India's electoral democracy. It is a one-stop solution for keen scholars of Indian Politics. It covers

various aspects of Indian Democracy and gives an academic perspective to the landmark events of politics in India. The book has concepts and theorizations that give it a unique dimension. The keynote speaker Shri Ram Bahadur Rai emphasized that the book in itself is a great attempt to study the mother of democracy as an electoral democracy. The event was organized on 14th January, 2024 at the auditorium of the Centre for Global Studies and was attended by students, scholars and faculties of the University of Delhi.

**CGS Global Connectivity: Interaction and Expansion**

**\* Scholarly Interaction and New Year Celebration**

The Centre organized a scholarly interaction on the eve of the New Year on 1 January 2024 with the new fellows, faculties and scholars over explorations of re-



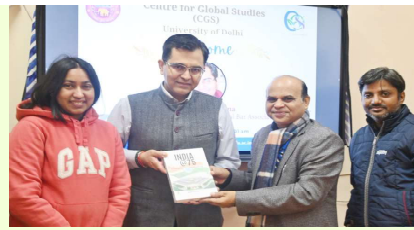
search in social sciences, particularly from the perspectives of programs and projects, activities and events, seminars and conferences both at the national and global levels. The Fellows of the Centre wished new year to each other and pledged to undertake new research projects with mutual cooperation and collaboration. The New Year was also marked by the release of Annual Event Brochure unfolding 12 significant events and programs of the preceding year.

The Fellows and the Staff were handed over their New Identity Cards and the Keys of their new allocated rooms.



**\* Visitor from the United Kingdom**

The esteemed fellows and scholars of the Centre were



delighted to have a legal advisor from the UK On 04 January 2024. Shri Anurag Bana is a senior legal advisor at the International Bar Association London, UK. The visit was enriching and explicit in sharing inter-government relations with the countries. The talk highlighted the nature of legal proceedings in the UK from a broader perspective.

The Director of the Centre also presented his book, India@75: A Changing Electoral Democracy to Shri Anurag Bana.

**Centre in the News**

The election studies of the Centre conducted at five states figured prominently in many national and regional dailies in addition to electronic and social media. The Media Coordinators- Ms Shalini Singh and Mr Vikas momentous efforts in linking the Centre's survey journey to the electronic, print and social media. Centre's news over Atal Bihari's lecture and book discussion were also published in Hindi Print Media.



**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 had started working on its flagship project of its upcoming Samiksha series to be executed across different states to be held in 2024.

