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We are happy to release our third quarterly issue of *Sanchayan* for the year 2024 which covers three-month activities and events of the Centre from May to July 2024. The current issue of *Sanchayan* is an attempt of steering, strengthening and sustaining our academic journey in the contemporary national and global milieu.

The beginning of the year was marked by many noteworthy 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 this great democratic nation.

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 a part of its 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 provides a glimpse of academic endeavours and overtures 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 espouses to continuous desire to work on different areas of social science research with a focus on working on new programs, projects and publications.

Interacting with Medical Practitioner, Dr Partha Pratim Bose

Dr Partha Pratim Bose, Senior Consultant and Pulmonologist, delivered a presentation titled 'Skilling is Scaling: Embrace, Educate, Empower and Engage' at the Centre on 14 June 2024. Dr Partha emphasized the importance of reaching people and making a difference in their lives through core values such as Quality, Reliability, Trust, Innovation, and Empathy. He highlighted the mission to 'change through human chain'. During his discussion with fellows, he focused on the challenges of the Public vs. Private healthcare systems, the skill gap in India, total health expenditure, and the goal of strengthening the healthcare workforce in India by 2047. Dr Bose also highlighted the grassroots work undertaken through the SAKSHAM initiative.

Ms Sushmita Roy, Principal of Saksham Academy, noted that the road to success is paved with innovation and effective communication. Saksham recognizes the crucial role played by communication. Ms Roy introduced the concept of ADDA, which is instrumental in developing social skills, debating skills, the art of listening, gaining knowledge and conflict management at the local levels.

CGS Webinar: Yoga and Life

On the tenth International Yoga Day, the Centre celebrated the significance of yoga with an insightful session delivered by a renowned Spiritual Guru, Professor Pawan Sinha on 21 June 2024. Speaking at the session, Prof Pawan highlighted a difference between the meaning of Yoga prevailing from the ancient to the

modern philosophy. He emphasized on Ashtanga Yoga given by Patanjali where Yoga imbibes both internal and external facets. While the internal Yoga revolves around Dharana, Dhyana and Samadhi; the external highlights Yama, Niyama, Asana, Pranayama and Pratyahara - both of which cultivate the way of living a day-to-day life with a balanced action. The Ashtanga Yoga, according to Prof Sinha, delves into the inner space of Yoga which starts with the practice of Dharama.



This happens due to the techniques employed in Samprajnata Samadhi and Asamprajnata Samadhi. In Samprajnata Samadhi, a person attains bliss by reaching the state of thoughtlessness whereas in Asamprajnata Samadhi, the tendencies of *Satvik*, *Rajas* and *Tamas* are stopped which leads to the attainment of a higher state. Prof Pawan embodies a holistic approach of Yoga as a valuable practice to our health and well-being. The qualities of Yoga are expressed with actions and unexpressed with our consciousness. The quote, “Yat Pinde Tat Brahmande” given by Yogeshwar Shree Krishna Ji, highlights the salience of our body as an inalienable part of the universe. The Yoga Sutra has the same qualities that of the universe, argued Prof Sinha. The word Yoga thus symbolizes the sense of oneness starting with self and then moving to others and society.

CGS Webinar on UK Polls 2024

As the United Kingdom (UK) was heading to its national polls on 4 July 2024, the Centre conducted a webinar titled, ‘UK Polls 2024: Changes and Challenges’. The discussion was led by Shri Anurag Bana, a senior legal advisor in International Bar Association, UK. The session was introduced by Prof Sunil K

Choudhary, Director of the Centre. Prof Sunil briefly presented the demographic and electoral profile of United Kingdom with the fellows and scholars. The general election of UK is broadly analysed in four different regions viz., England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Under the Westminster System of Government, the House of Common as the lawmaking body consists of 650 members which chooses the Prime Minister. Prof Sunil argued that the demography always tends to decide the future of democracy.

Furthering the poll discussion, the Keynote Speaker of the session, Shri Anurag Bana, enlightened the researchers with the changes and challenges seen in the democratic politics of UK. Shri Bana emphasized on the political functioning of the elections. He talked about the beneath layers of political complacency and culture habit that could reveal the changes in elections. The 58th general election of UK stood out for an anti-incumbent government, argued Shri Bana.



According to Shri Bana, the British citizens appeared to be looking for a change to almost 14 years of the Conservative Government in the country. He highlighted some of the major issues that were going to play decisive role in the national elections including economy, immigration employment, climate change, etc.

The key contestants in UK polls according to Shri Bana were going to be the Conservative and the Labour; though one could also see some smaller political parties gaining attention like the Green Party and the Reform Party. In the UK 2024 elections, one interesting aspect that gained salience was the campaigning strategy adopted by political parties to counter their opponents. Shri Bana concluded by dwelling upon the fruitful relationship UK holds with India. He said, India as

a world player has a significant impact on UK and the world intelligently looks at India as a potential global hub.

CGS Webinar on The New Criminal Laws: Exploring the Shift from ‘Danda to Nyaya’

On the occasion of introducing the New Criminal Laws in the Indian justice system from 1 July 2024 onwards, the Centre organized a Webinar highlighting a shift from ‘Danda to Nyaya’. Moving beyond the studies of Political Science and International Relations, the Centre sought to broaden the horizon of the intellectual series of the social science discourse towards the law discourse.

Addressed by Dr Ruchita Chakraborty, CGS Fellow and Assistant Professor at Faculty of Law, University of Delhi, the Webinar attempted to decode the new criminal laws and explore its shift from Danda to Nyaya.



Dr Ruchita presented three New Criminal laws defined as, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) replacing respectively the three colonial-era criminal codes, viz., Indian Penal Code 1860 (IPC), the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 (CrPC) and the Indian Evidence Act 1872 (IEA). Dr Ruchita argued that in order to understand any criminal law, the motive must be identified since it plays an important role in knowing the basic ingredients of the laws. The first law, the BNS is the substantive law which provides the community with the services of different types of punishment from sexual offences to hit run cases. The second and third laws - BNSS and BSA are the procedural laws that tend to explain the proceedings and evidences requirements in

the cases. It starts from the registration of FIRs to collection of evidences.

Exploring the change from Danda to Nyaya, Dr Ruchita clarified the essence of the two - Danda and Nyaya - the former highlighting the idea of punishment whereas the latter hinting the betterment of the society. Looking from the citizens perspective, Nyaya stimulates better than Danda in the sense of security. An eye opener session was concluded by Prof Sunil K Choudhary, Director of the Centre who visualised the new criminal laws in the form of Nyaya, Nagarik and Niyam - the N³ Phenomenon as an important indicator of understanding the new criminal laws in holistic manner.

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.



The Centre’s Director, Prof Sunil K Choudhary and Deputy Director, Dr Mahesh Kaushik participated as Subject Panelists in various discussions under the Sansad TV covering areas like Budget, UK Elections and the like.

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.