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NEW YEAR MESSAGES



Dr. Chenraj Roychand

Chancellor
JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

As we stand on the threshold of a new year in 2024, I extend my heartfelt New Year wishes to the entire readership of **The Social Science Perspective (TSSP)** affiliated with the **Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE)**. With the arrival of the latest edition of TSSP, I commend the dedication, foresight, and resolve exhibited by the editorial team.

In today's landscape, I believe that social science research goes beyond mere quantification. It presents viable solutions to a wide array of societal, commercial, and economic challenges. I am proud to be a part of the CeRSSE initiative, which plays a pivotal role in conducting extensive research in social science, placing a strong emphasis on education and development. Throughout this incredible journey, the TSSP has been integral to CeRSSE, serving as its cornerstone. It facilitates discussions and shines a spotlight on our University's significant contributions to the research domain.

I am confident that the forthcoming newsletter edition will showcase the research endeavours undertaken and the potential inherent in our scholars. Eagerly anticipating the insights to be unveiled in the upcoming edition.



Dr. N. Sundararajan

Member
JGI Steering Board

It was a pleasure for me to go through the October 2023 issue of **The Social Science Perspective** Newsletter from the **Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE)**. My hearty congratulations and appreciation to the entire team of CeRSSE.

We all know how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected numerous lives and livelihoods. The contribution of social science research in identifying the gaps in policy approaches will help policymakers in the formulation of inclusive policies that has been helping the post-pandemic recovery period. In our country the problems faced in the socio-economic front are complex, obtaining financial aid towards social research is scarce and the researchers involved in solving the societal problems are not well equipped with the latest research techniques. These challenges are a major stumbling block in the progress of social science research. We should strive hard to overcome these challenges since they would determine the future of social science research. In this regard, I am happy to note that CeRSSE of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) is playing a vital role in promoting social science research. It is through research that society is consistently developing and given the pace at which our society is moving, there is a need for more quality research. I am sure, in the above context, the **Social Science Perspective** plays a major role in expressing the perspectives of scholars and researchers on a variety of social issues.

I congratulate once again the uphill task undertaken by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education at our university in bringing out this newsletter. I am sure that the Centre will contribute immensely for the growth of social science research.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year 2024!



Dr. Raj Singh

Vice Chancellor

JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

The academia today is in dire need of promoting multidisciplinary and interdisciplinarity studies primarily in social sciences and humanities which would bridge the gap between theory and practice. In the present era, it is essential that the differences between humanities and sciences need to be alienated for an egalitarian society. Universities these days are required to focus on inculcating the curiosity and analytical power among the young scholars to debunk societal prejudices. Multidisciplinary research enables us to examine the complexities we face in the contemporary world. Our society today has become global and borders between multiple disciplines are constantly getting dimmed. Therefore, a multidisciplinary approach helps address the obstacles that have engulfed traditional disciplines.

The Social Science Perspective, a newsletter by the **Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE)**, recently awarded with an ISSN number, has been committed to the social responsibilities of inculcating social awareness among the readers, with a variety of select editorial articles presenting interdisciplinarity ranging from science and technology to art, literature and global politics. I commend the zealous spirit and effort of the entire editorial team and the contributors for their firm determination to take this newsletter to higher aloft. I wish team CeRSSE, the contributors, and readers of the TSSP a very Happy New Year, 2024!



Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra

Registrar

JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Dear readers,

I take this opportunity to congratulate the “Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, School of Humanities and Social Sciences” for demonstrating their on-going drive in the quest for excellence. This is the time for all of us to reflect as to what went right and what could have been done better in 2023. Such self-reflection would facilitate in making the resolutions that strengthen the energy-giving thoughts and actions and thereby truly make the new year, a happy and prosperous one.

The Centre is making its own mark in the field of Social Science Education by its research endeavors and innovative practices. The release of the fourth volume of the magazine “The Social Science Perspective” is one of such innovative contributions by the Centre. The issue has come up very well in terms of its wide perspectives. I am confident that the readers of this issue would find it a source for thought-provoking insights.

On this occasion, I heartily wish a wonderful year - 2024 to all dear colleagues of the “Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, School of Humanities and Social Sciences” and their family members and look forward to greater accomplishments by the Centre in the new year.

I take this opportunity to convey my hearty new year greetings to all esteemed readers of the magazine “The Social Science Perspective”.

May innovative ideas and the collective efforts lead to continuous improvements all around in 2024!

EDITORS' DESK



As the world witnessed one of the most difficult phases of the COVID-19 pandemic, its impact can be witnessed in multifarious levels of human society. It has enhanced the importance of addressing non-traditional issues more than ever with issues such as climate change, poverty and food security which were disrupted as the world stood still for months. However, the economic as well as non-economic effects from it were felt the most by the marginalised sections of society including the refugees, internally displaced people, migrants, indigenous people, and gender at large. The difficulties of different sections increased further with the post-pandemic world witnessing the re-emergence of the state as an institution and conventional war and conflicts in multiple territories.

While the current world scenario puts the onus on the governmental level once again, addressing the complexities of different issues at the global level remains a challenge as the world is increasingly becoming polarised into different antagonistic blocs. India's response during the pandemic, however, has been far better than many and its role as a "Vishwaguru" in terms of vaccine diplomacy has been revered by different countries of the world. The world being divided into different camps has further complicated the effects of different issues. One of the most talked about issues has been the effects on migrants (both legal and illegal) throughout the world. The response towards the migrants (be it cross-border or internal) has been different in different countries which has raised questions on several fronts. The pandemic has worsened the conditions for women and other marginalised sexes which has been further aggravated by the ongoing war and conflict situations. Considering these multiple aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, exploring the above domains in research-

oriented deliberation would be significant in bringing innovations in policy making, academic research, and empowering society for the post-pandemic world order. We, at CeRSSE, committed to our social responsibility of inculcating social awareness among our readers and fostering multidisciplinary, are bringing to you a select academic write-up, reflecting one of the major events organised by the centre. This is the twelfth edition of TSSP covering the period between October and December 2022. This time we bring to you the *international conference special edition*. CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) in collaboration with Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Orissa; Central University of Haryana, Haryana; and University of Kalyani, West Bengal organised a two-day international conference on 'Post-pandemic World Order: Issues and Challenges', 11-12 December 2023.

This issue starts with the new year messages from the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). The next section presents a very illuminating and extensive report on the international conference. Following this section, the issue would highlight the key arguments made during the four plenary sessions capturing the multidisciplinary theme of the conference and covering some of the contemporary issues of importance at the domestic and global level. We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we took pleasure in curating it for you.

Priyanka, Rubina, Amrita, Sneha
Editors, TSSP



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE REPORT

Two-day International Conference

on

The Post-Pandemic World Order: Issues and Challenges

In a resounding success, the two-day International Conference on the "Post-Pandemic World Order: Issues and Challenges," hosted by Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), JAIN (Deemed-To-Be University) in collaboration with Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Central University of Haryana and Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, recently concluded on 11th- 12th December, 2023 at CMS-B School, Seshadri Road Bengaluru, setting a new standard for intellectual discourse in the post-pandemic era. The event witnessed an overwhelming response with a plethora of abstracts received, featuring 120 paper presentations from around the world.

The conference was marked by a palpable atmosphere of intellectual enthusiasm, attracting scholars, experts, and participants eager to explore the intricate nuances of the post-pandemic world. Guided by the wisdom of renowned experts, the event proved to be a culmination of two days filled with exploration, enlightenment, and invaluable insights.

Diverse themes were explored in various parallel technical sessions across two days, each focusing on distinct themes that provided a robust platform for in-depth exploration. Themes such as migration dynamics, climate justice, virtual education trends, and mental health concerns were addressed, encapsulating the multifaceted challenges and opportunities presented by the post-pandemic world.

The International Conference garnered an overwhelming response, with over 200 abstracts pouring in from various corners of the world. This exceptional turnout is a testament to the conference's relevance and impact on a diverse audience of scholars, researchers, and experts.

The conference distinguished itself by featuring 30 distinguished speakers, representing a spectrum of knowledge and expertise, hailing from five different countries outside India namely Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, the USA, and Bangladesh. These speakers added a rich tapestry of perspectives to the event. The international presence added a unique dimension to the conference, fostering cross-cultural perspectives and enriching the dialogue on post-pandemic challenges.

The paper presentation sessions showcased the conference's commitment to inclusivity, featuring presenters from 10 states across India. The list included prominent cities and states such as Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Pondicherry, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tripura, Delhi, Punjab, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. The conference witnessed Central, State and Private universities participation from across India. This broad representation ensured that the conference addressed a wide range of issues and perspectives, fostering a holistic understanding of the subject matter. The diversity of topics covered, coupled with the international reach of the conference reflected the shared commitment of scholars from various corners of the globe.

The success of the conference is attributed to the collaborative efforts of participants, speakers, and organizers CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-To-Be University). The overwhelming response and global participation have reinforced the significance of fostering international dialogue on the post-pandemic world.



Prof. (Dr.) Sushma Yadav, Pro-VC, Central University of Haryana, being felicitated by Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)



Prof. (Dr.) Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) addressing the audience



Dignitaries lighting the auspicious lamp to mark the Inauguration.



Release of 'The Social Science Perspective' (TSSP) with ISSN number

INAUGURAL SESSION

The Inaugural Programme of the International Conference marked the beginning of an enlightening and inspiring two-day academic event. The session was graced by distinguished personalities in the field of education and social sciences, creating an atmosphere of anticipation and intellectual curiosity among the attendees. The inaugural segment of the conference set the stage for a comprehensive exploration of the multifaceted impact of the COVID-19 pandemic across various domains. The introductory remarks eloquently highlighted the widespread repercussions on public policy, international politics, art, literature, economy, institutions, education, and technology, among others. The acknowledgement of the exacerbation of non-traditional threats such as climate change, human security, and trafficking reflected the gravity of the challenges faced globally.

The symbolic lighting of the lamp by dignitaries and the invocation song performed by Yashashwini Sedde added a ceremonial touch, heralding the auspicious beginning of an event that promised to be a platform for meaningful discussions, insights, and collaborative efforts to shape the post-pandemic world order. The stage was set for an engaging and enlightening conference that would navigate the complexities of a world emerging from the shadow of the pandemic. The event began by welcoming the dignitaries starting with a welcome address from **Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-To-Be University)**. He delivered his speech encapsulating the theme of the conference in totality.

Prof. (Dr.) Sushma Yadav, Pro Vice Chancellor of the Central University of Haryana, served as the Guest of Honour. Her presence added immense value to the event, symbolising a collaborative spirit in the academic community. Prof. Yadav's insights and experience undoubtedly contributed to the significance of the occasion. She focused on the issues and challenges of the post-pandemic world order. Her address covered a spectrum of topics, emphasizing the impact of COVID-19 on various aspects of our lives. Dr. Sushma Yadav commenced her address by eloquently portraying the subtle yet profound alterations in the global landscape following the pandemic. She articulated how the concept of the state has transformed, becoming more insular and self-centric. This, she contended,

signifies a paradigm shift in our perception of the world, revealing a tapestry where interconnectedness is both palpable and intricate.

Delving into the intricate fabric of individual lives, Prof. Yadav brought to attention the physical toll exacerbated by the COVID-19 virus. Her discourse illuminated the intricate ways in which the pandemic has influenced the overall wellbeing of individuals, not merely as a health crisis but as a pervasive force with far-reaching implications on the human experience. Drawing historical parallels, Prof. Sushma Yadav drew attention to the aftermath of World War II, suggesting a similar trajectory in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. She postulated that the aftermath of the virus might witness the emergence of new global powers. While acknowledging the survival of the fittest, she emphasized the resilience and strong will that are indispensable for both individuals and nations alike in navigating these transformative times.

Public philosophy and sustainable consumerism and venturing into the realm of philosophy, the distinguished speaker invoked the timeless concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the World Is One Family) advocating for a world where humanity recognises itself as one interconnected family. Furthermore, she reflected on the notion of "Tena Tyaktena Bhunjitha," urging a more moderate and balanced approach to consumption. Notably, she expounded upon the rising ethos of sustainable consumerism, heralding a new era of responsible and mindful consumption. She expressed her confidence in the power of collective thinking, lauding the quality of papers presented at the conference. She envisioned the collaborative efforts of participants as a potent force capable of generating effective solutions and recommendations for the multifaceted challenges articulated during the deliberations. In a poignant reflection, she contended that the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored the interconnectedness of humanity. Despite geographical, cultural, and political differences, she urged a collective move towards a world that embraces co-dependency, fostering unity rather than isolation.

Concluding her address, Prof. Sushma Yadav expressed her pleasure at being a part of the conference,

conveying her best wishes for its success. She painted a vision of a future where collaborative efforts transcend past developmental achievements, steering humanity towards a more co-dependent, sustainable, and interconnected world. She addressed the immediate concerns of the post-pandemic era, offering a profound exploration of interconnectedness, resilience, and sustainable progress. As the conference progresses, the anticipated richness of discussions and the collective intellectual endeavor are poised to yield valuable insights and recommendations for navigating the complexities of the future.

The Chief Guest for the event was Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera, Vice Chancellor of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences. Prof. Deepak Behera could not be in person but sent his address which was read out with the theme of the event, setting the tone for a thought-provoking discourse.

The inaugural day of the two-day international conference continued with an enlightening address by Hon'ble *Vice-Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)*, **Dr. Raj Singh**, as he delivered the Keynote Address. Dr. Singh's address delved into the evolving landscape of social sciences and its profound impact on contemporary society. His insights provided a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, encouraging the audience to engage in critical reflection. Dr. Singh's speech focused predominantly on the impacts of the post-COVID world order, touching upon various facets that have reshaped our global reality.

Dr. Raj Singh commenced his discourse by reflecting on the unexpected shift to online learning during the initial days of the pandemic - Transition to Online Learning and the National Education Policy (NEP). He noted that, despite initial skepticism about the efficacy of online education, circumstances compelled the academic community to embrace this medium. Coincidentally, this period coincided with the launch of the National Education Policy (NEP), leading to increased acceptability of online education.

Highlighting a pivotal moment of projections for the Post-COVID time in 2021, Dr. Singh referred to a survey conducted by the prestigious science journal Nature. Virologists and scientists predicted that the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic would persist for at least a decade, accompanied by the emergence of variants and a myriad of associated issues. This forecast encompassed the profound impact on all segments

and sectors globally. He presented Global Statistics and India's Response through sobering statistics, citing data from December 6, where the World Health Organization reported 7 million deaths and 772 million confirmed cases globally. Transitioning to the Indian context, he underscored the significant toll on the nation, with 5 crore people affected and 5.33 lakh deaths. Despite these challenges, Dr. Singh lauded the efforts of the scientific community and emphasized the role of universities in driving innovation and solutions.

Reflecting on debates of globalisation, self-reliance, and sustainability, Dr. Singh delved into the socio-political scenario, referencing the ideological shift prompted by the Prime Minister of India towards "Atma Nirbhar" or self-reliance. This led to debates on globalisation versus deglobalisation, with a renewed emphasis on local goods and sustainability. The strengthening of local supply chains became a notable example of adapting to the evolving global landscape.

'Impact on Multi-Civilisation World and Changed Equations', quoting Samuel Huntington's paradigm shift from a two-civilization world to a three-civilization world, Dr. Singh highlighted the post-COVID impact on the equation of economics, politics, and military. He pointed out the foresight in Huntington's predictions, evident in events such as the rise of Hamas and Chinese expansionist policies. The multi-civilization world, he argued, has redefined global dynamics.

Focussing on the effects on democracy, digitalization, innovation ecosystem, and well-being; Dr. Singh emphasised the changing state of democracy with single-leader countries altering the democratic landscape. He further outlined the impact of digitization, the rise of a robust innovation ecosystem, and a heightened emphasis on health and well-being. Mental health issues and character-building gained increased attention, showcasing both the positive and negative facets of humanity. The significant impact on human rights, noting a surge in custodial deaths and violations were emphasised. He highlighted the shortage of medicines and associated challenges as contributors to human rights violations. Despite the challenges, he also acknowledged the positive side of the pandemic, including the release of several schemes aimed at addressing these issues.

Dr. Raj Singh's address provided a comprehensive exploration of the multifaceted impacts of the post-COVID world order. The insights shared by him set the stage for thoughtful contemplation and collective efforts towards a better future.

Expressing gratitude on behalf of the organising committee, **Dr. Priyanca Mathur**, *Head and Associate Professor at CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University)*, delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. Mathur acknowledged the distinguished guests, speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions to the event. Her words conveyed a sense of appreciation for the collaborative efforts that made the inaugural session a resounding success.

Official Release of Newsletter: 'The Social Science Perspective'

A highlight of the Inaugural Session was the release of 'The Social Science Perspective', a significant publication in the field of humanities and social sciences. This CeRSSE Newsletter, a testament to the collective wisdom and scholarship of the academic community, has been a valuable resource for researchers, scholars, and students alike. In a moment of pride for the entire CeRSSE team, the International Conference witnessed the official release of its quarterly newsletter, 'The Social Science Perspective' (TSSP). This marked a significant milestone as TSSP obtained its ISSN number, a notable achievement and the first of its kind in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).

Having published 11 editions since its inception in July 2021, the newsletter serves several crucial objectives:

- **Enhancing Research Productivity:** TSSP provides a dedicated platform for researchers, students, and faculty members to publish academic articles, opinions, and commentary, thereby contributing to the overall research productivity.
- **Disseminating Information:** The newsletter aims to disseminate information on various domains of social sciences and address issues of national and international political relevance.
- **Highlighting Perspectives:** TSSP brings to the forefront the social science perspective from around the world, with a specific focus on India and Karnataka. It acts as a medium to showcase diverse viewpoints on critical issues such as climate change, gender equality, migration, and more.
- **Amplifying Voices:** The platform provides a space for voices from grassroots communities and student contributors, ensuring a well-rounded representation of perspectives. The honor of formally releasing TSSP with its ISSN number was bestowed upon the esteemed dignitaries on the dias along with

the Board of Editors present at the event: Prof. M. J. Vinod, Prof. Surendra Kumar, Dr. Pratip Kumar Chattopadhyay, Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Dr. Amrita Purkayastha, Dr. Rubina Pradhan and Ms. Sneha Yadav. This ceremonial act symbolised the commitment to scholarly dissemination and the pursuit of knowledge in the field of social sciences. The release of TSSP with an ISSN number further solidifies its status as a recognised and valuable contribution to academic discourse.

The Inaugural Programme set a promising tone for the ensuing sessions of the event. The convergence of esteemed personalities, the release of a noteworthy publication, and the insightful addresses collectively marked the commencement of a knowledge-sharing platform that promises to enrich the academic and intellectual landscape. As participants eagerly look forward to the subsequent sessions, the inaugural address undeniably laid the foundation for a stimulating and enriching academic experience.

PLENARY SESSION 1

Envisioning India in the Post-pandemic World



Dr. Priyanca Mathur

Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE
JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

The first Plenary Session of the International Conference was chaired by **Professor M. J. Vinod**, *Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru*. He began by discussing the huge impact that COVID has made in everyone's lives and how it has put forward notable lessons for the world, drawing parallels with historical events like the Spanish flu. Stating that every event in the global arena highlights the necessity of the dual process of learning and unlearning, he reflected on the memory of the 30 Years' War in the first half of the 17th century, where 8 million lives were lost due to human conflict whose devastating consequences were well known. Events like these (including COVID) raised questions about the role and stand of geopolitics, especially in relation to China, in the context of the pandemic and its role in creating the entire COVID discourse. The overarching perspective is that COVID-19 has prompted deep reflection, emphasising the need to learn from historical errors made in order to reform and bring about better alternatives. He added that the pre- COVID normalcy is not necessarily the best option that we should be carrying forward so as to tackle and mitigate the current situations, developments, challenges and crises.

The prominent changes post-pandemic has made the world realise of loopholes, which were otherwise unseen. These discourses are full of positives and negatives, thus it lies with the individuals, schools of thoughts and states as to what part of them are segregated and assimilated with the present scenarios and discover ways to learn from them. The issues are of such a kind that they are always evolving, making some changes in the world order. Thereby the way of engagement with these changes also must change. He analysed that what had happened post-pandemic was to happen as the process for that had started before the outbreak - COVID merely acted as an interlude between this transition. Instead this process of transition started from the time of the demise of the Soviet Union, and this discourse hence included many events that brought about dynamic turns to the trajectory.



Prof. M.J. Vinod Chairing Plenary Session 1

The first speaker, **Prof. Arvind Kumar**, *Professor of United States Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*, spoke extensively on 'Emerging India's Role in the Post-Pandemic World Order' highlighting how in India, there appears to be a notable effort for the first time to grasp the potential contours of the post-pandemic world order. His thought-provoking analysis highlighted India's role in the post-pandemic world order, explored the economic, political, and social dimensions, shedding light on how India can emerge as a key player in shaping the future trajectory of global affairs. Kumar's insights sparked discussions on India's potential to contribute significantly to global resilience and recovery. With regard to the critical global issue of climate change, India has stressed on less dependency on the use of fossil fuel.

According to Prof. Kumar, most developed countries like the United States have not been able to demonstrate their will in terms of addressing many of these global problems, which India has done. This seems to be changing the larger discourse on the geopolitical dimension which the world is going through, because the world scenario is still highly uncertain with the ongoing challenges from Israel-Hamas's conflict, and another ongoing conflict for more than almost 2 years in February – the Russia - Ukraine conflict. Besides, India has moved ahead in demonstrating its autonomy in the foreign policy making, showing how India would play a pivotal role in shaping the world order. He also highlighted the subtle distinction between the terms 'global order' and 'world order,' noting that the line between these concepts are thin, emphasising that the idea of a bipolar world order was perceived as more straightforward, contrasting with the present multipolar system. In this current multipolar landscape, nations with geopolitical visions are vying for influence, creating a more complex scenario. India, however, stands out by not pursuing a zero-sum game approach, aiming to create a relevant situation that benefits all.

In areas like climate change, finance, and justice, India has demonstrated its commitment to finding solutions that benefit the global community. The recent controversy at COP (Conference of the Parties) surrounding India's stance on fossil fuels diverted attention from India's original contributions to the debates. Despite this, India's willingness to address global concerns without undermining the interests of others has been evident. Additionally, the speaker highlighted India's historical foreign policy orientation, which diverged from the capitalist-communist binary.

The next speaker of plenary session 1, **Prof. Manish, Chairperson and Dean, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat** presented an overview of the course of the presentation, highlighting how the World Order used to look like during the pandemic and the time afterwards. He stated that COVID cannot be called the 'Wuhan Virus,' but there lies some connection with the place as to where the Virus is known to be generated, though the source of it lies unknown till date. He also mentions that, despite efforts to get a report about it was expected from China, but the political scenario there did not let the sources be revealed. Secondly, it is important to reflect back as to when did the WHO declared COVID to be a pandemic. It was after one and half months that the virus had already spread to Milan, reasons being the intimate connections between Wuhan and Milan due to the prominent textile industry of the latter.

Some of the core debates revolved around if the pandemic is a part of the Globalisation, deglobalisation, the economic impacts and China's role on this, which has remained suspicious all this time. The economic contest between China and the USA is constant and will remain in future in vivid forms, if not militarily. When we move towards understanding the rise of China, it is mainly economic development and brings in challenges that are not linear in nature. China's economy faced a setback, but it was able to emerge out of a financial crisis. The post covid world order reflects how states are still facing the pandemic hangover in the form of low growth, stubborn inflation and rising interest rates. This is more likely to bring about challenges for the SDG goals. Global trade, according to him, will remain under pressure due to various reasons like geopolitical tensions, Russia-Ukraine War and the crisis in the Middle East. Another constant challenge is the weakening of the Global demand, such as in the case of Sri Lanka. This gets worsened due to the tightening Monetary and Fiscal Policies which will keep the global inflation at 5 percent in 2023-24. He focussed on scenarios in Asia, where China plays a major role is likely to shape the Asian economy which will ultimately have a print on the global economy. He commented that Japan and India are global players, but with challenges and the first one being the ageing population. He presented the statistics that show by 2025, one in four people will be over the age of 60. Whereas in case of India, 66 percent of the population will be under 35 years of age, which the speaker highlights as a strong point for India to work upon and in fact has made efforts to uplift and empower its youth in due course of time.

He then puts forward the importance of the G20 Conference which led to the coming up of a Consensus Document, which is a major achievement, despite the ongoing turmoil in and around countries. India made a huge move by bringing in African countries in the G20 Conference, despite the fact that this is an area where China and India are going to contest. In gradual times, the Global South has somewhat understood the hypocrisy of the Western world and the external minister made it clear in G20 that it is high time that Europe gets out of the mindset where it thinks that their problems are the 'world problems' but world problems are not Europe's problems, be it environmental security, food security and many more. Hence, India is a major contender in the Global south and looking at this, China equally has an eye on this realm. China provided the BRI, but it is also looking for an alternative world order. While India tries to be the interconnecting bond between the Global south and the North, China on the other hand wants to make

its own multilateral institutions which are non-western, which will as a result keep the contestation between India and China, the talk of the town for a long while and probably will never diminish.

The next speaker, **Prof. Sreeradha Datta**, *Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana* brought to the attention the democratic deficit in South Asia, addressing the challenges faced by the region. Her incisive examination of the state of democracy sparked conversations about the importance of fostering democratic values and institutions in the face of evolving political landscapes. She particularly focussed on the countries of South Asia, largely India, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and even Nepal, Bhutan. Her major argument rested on the robust civil society that every country in South Asia without which political leaders would have used power to consolidate their positions far more strongly. Another major argument made by her is that it's not only individuals who look up for democracy, states have also changed their positions, namely India. She concluded by highlighting that the year 2024 is going to be a year of election in South Asia – beginning with January in Bangladesh, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka.

Dr. Pratip Chattopadhyaya, *Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani*, was the last speaker for the session who spoke on G-20 Delhi Declaration and India's Moment in the Post-pandemic World. He highlighted the basic difference that is found between the period of globalisation and the period of post-pandemic world order is the fact that during globalization, we were talking about interdependence, connectivity at a world scale between countries. But in the pandemic period, it has taught us that collaborations, connectivity, network building must also be within the country, within the nation itself, touching across the margins. Hailing from a theoretical background of national role conceptions that K.J. Holstey talked about in the 1970s, the speaker looked at what India wanted, how India wants to create its own identity, what image or construction India wanted to have. When India started its foreign policy way back in 1947, there were two moments: moment of non- alignment, moment of opening up of the economy in 1991. But both these fundamental foreign policy shifts actually took place on the basis of domestic requirements. When the policy of Non-alignment was pursued, it focussed on building the domestic economy, so that entanglement with the global power game would be avoided. In 1991, the Indian economy had to be liberalised due to the balance of payment crisis. In

both of these instances, they have the domestic pulls that have influenced our Foreign policy shift. But the pandemic is external which enhances India to build its domestic economy and infrastructure.

The Plenary Session 1 was followed by an engaging question and answer session that covered the importance of China for India's growth and development, sustainability and survival, civil society and democracy, etc.



Faculty members of CeRSSE with the speakers of Plenary 1

PLENARY SESSION 2

Impact of Pandemic and Sustainable Governmental Policies



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The COVID-19 pandemic can be seen as a door that divides the world before and after significantly, the effects of which we are still experiencing. The changes affected different sectors differently which the second plenary session tried to address. The session reflected the changes of the pandemic at various levels, be it state-centric or through the lens of science and diplomacy, human rights or media. The session was chaired by **Prof. R.S. Deshpande**, *Former Director of Institute of Social and Economic Change (ISEC)*, who with his experience just yielded his magic by connecting the entire session with different topics into one. The session had four well-known speakers from four different sectors.



Prof. Deshpande chairing the session

The first speaker, **Shri T.M. Vijay Bhaskar**, (*IAS Retd*), *Former Chief Secretary for the Government of Karnataka and current chairman of the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission and Indian Institute of Public Administration (Karnataka Regional Branch)* spoke on 'State of Administrative Reforms in Karnataka Post-Pandemic Challenge' giving a state-centric view regarding the issues they faced during the pandemic focusing on Karnataka. As someone who was directly involved with state affairs serving as the Chief Secretary for the Government of Karnataka during the Covid-19 pandemic, he had first-hand experience and understanding of both the approaches taken and the flaws that the state has experienced. Through his presentation, he has outlined the necessity to empower the local governance sector including different units such as gram panchayats, municipalities and other offices that are involved with public dealings in the rural setting as they would be directly serving the people at the grassroots level.

One of the biggest challenges that the pandemic saw was the issue of migrants, both inter-state and intra-state and the problems that it had associated with it such as proper documentation processes as well as providing them with social security benefits including temporary housing and capacity building for street vendors who were affected due to the lockdown restrictions. The speaker also emphasised the different measures that the state government undertook for the benefit of the citizens such as providing better internet connectivity education as well as business transactions were the first aspects that went digital. Another significant aspect that the government has emphasised was the health sector, both in rural and urban areas with an increase in testing facilities, ICU beds, oxygen cylinders etc. The pandemic saw a rise in two aspects- an increase in the trust in traditional healthcare such as Unani and Ayurveda along with the quantity of services provided online.



Shri. Vijay Bhaskar (IAS Retd) spoke about the state-centric approach during his session



Shri. Vijay Bhaskar emphasised the importance of local governance

The second speaker, **Prof. M.J. Vinod**, *Department of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru* focused on the interface between science and diplomacy during the pandemic where he examined the effects of covid19 in terms of diplomacy. He emphasised that despite the huge loss of lives, the pandemic was able to tie different regions through science and diplomacy resulting in multilateralism and collaborative action between nations. Science diplomacy has continued in the post-covid era and has displayed the benefits of transcending through disciplines and boundaries. The speaker has argued for including science in different fields of diplomacy combined with the case of climate change and diplomacy. He has also focused on different styles of science diplomacy that are used by different leaders to fulfil different goals of national policies. Although Prof. Vinod has highlighted the presence of different types of science diplomacies with the emphasis that there is no single type of science diplomacy that can be developed by all nations of the globe, he has also pushed to adopt science which will help boost global knowledge and help in the expansion of the multilateral collaboration between nations citing the comparable increase of people in the science diplomacy jobs in the post COVID era.



Prof. Vinod during his session

Prof. Vinod was succeeded by the third speaker, **Dr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti**, *President of INHURED International, Kathmandu, Nepal* who analysed the pandemic from the lens of human rights. Apart from the huge loss of lives, the pandemic had a terrible impact on human rights, especially on the marginalised sections of society. Dr. Siwakoti, hailing from Nepal has particularly emphasised that people who are vulnerable to natural disasters and other conflicts as these people have minimal social protection and are more prone to harm. Additionally, the shrinking of multiple economies with many countries entering recessions has resulted in the Least Developed Countries (LDC) experiencing the burn in their already poor economies. To counter the problem, Dr. Siwakoti has argued for changing the way funding takes place. He emphasised continuous and consistent funding which is critical for avoiding the negative impact of the pandemic. His session ended with him urging for a sustainable 'new normal' which will help in creating a fit blue planet where everyone can live with dignity.



Dr. Siwakoti spoke about the state of human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic



Dr. Siwakoti with his recent publication, "Borderless Benevolence"

The last speaker of the session was **Mr Himanshu Shekhar Mishra, Senior Editor, Political and Current Affairs, NDTV India**. He has looked into the lens of reporting during a crisis and spoke about COVID-19, Crisis Communication Challenges and a New Pandemic Law: An Ethical Code for 'Inclusive' Pandemic Reporting. He has compared the COVID-19 pandemic with the days of the Spanish flu of 1918-1919 which was the largest public calamity before COVID-19. He has highlighted the terrible impact of the pandemic with an increase in food insecurity, poverty, unemployment and a decline in national income for most countries halted the progress for SDGs in these countries. Lastly, he has highlighted how the pandemic has resulted in institutional flaws and public health communication in several countries.



Mr. Himanshu Shekhar Mishra spoke about reporting during crises

With the four speakers highlighting the impact of the pandemic on four different areas, the audience was compelled to think about these areas and grasp the technical difficulties that each sector faced during the pandemic. The last part of the very enriching second plenary session was the discussion segment where ideas flowed with several questions and comments to the speakers which the speakers were delighted to answer. The session ended with expert comments from the Chair, Prof Deshpande where he accumulated the ideas from all four speakers and summarised them. Finally, the speakers and the chair were felicitated by the organisers of CeRSSE.



Discussions and Q/A session with the four speakers

Plenary Session 3

Significance of Human Capital in the Post-pandemic Landscape



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The recently concluded international conference at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) served as a dynamic platform for intellectual exchange and collaboration, bringing together eminent speakers from diverse backgrounds to explore and delve into pressing issues that shape our world. The thought-provoking plenary session emerged as a focal point, addressing critical themes that are instrumental in defining the post-pandemic landscape.



Panel Members during the 3rd Plenary session

The plenary session of the conference commenced with Dr. Priyanca Mathur, the session moderator, introducing the esteemed chair and four distinguished speakers.

The focus of the session centred on the pivotal theme of human capital and its profound significance in the post-pandemic landscape. One of the central themes that resonated throughout the plenary session was the intersection of Science and Climate Change. The speakers, hailing from various disciplines, engaged in illuminating discussions on the profound impact of climate change on our planet. They elucidated the latest scientific advancements, innovative technologies, and sustainable practices aimed at mitigating the adverse effects of climate change. The conference fostered an environment where experts and attendees alike could contemplate actionable solutions to address the urgent environmental challenges facing the global community.

Mental health emerged as another pivotal theme, drawing attention to the psychological repercussions of the pandemic and beyond. Distinguished speakers, including mental health professionals and scholars, shared valuable insights into the evolving landscape of mental well-being. Discussions delved into the challenges posed by the pandemic, emphasizing the need for holistic approaches to mental health that encompass societal, cultural, and individual dimensions. The conference provided a platform to explore strategies for destigmatizing mental health issues, promoting resilience, and advancing mental health policies.

The theme of Migration added a socio-cultural dimension to the discourse, highlighting the intricate dynamics of population movement and its implications. Renowned experts in the field of migration studies examined the impact of the pandemic on migration patterns, emphasizing the role of governance in shaping inclusive policies that address the needs of diverse migrant communities. Insights from this session contributed to a nuanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by migration, fostering a dialogue on the importance of fostering an inclusive and equitable society.

Governance in India emerged as a focal point, with experts shedding light on the evolving landscape of policy, administration, and governance structures. The discussions encompassed a wide range of topics, including the role of technology in governance, the need for transparency and accountability, and strategies for

addressing complex socio-economic challenges. The conference facilitated a multi-dimensional exploration of governance issues, encouraging participants to critically analyse and contribute to the on-going discourse on effective governance practices.

In essence, the international conference at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) provided a rich and comprehensive exploration of Science and Climate Change, Mental Health, Migration, and Governance in India. By bringing together experts from various fields, the conference fostered a collaborative environment that not only enhanced the collective understanding of these crucial themes but also inspired actionable solutions and initiatives for a more resilient and sustainable future.

Some Highlights

Chaired by **Dr. K Sridhara Murthi**, *Member of the Chancellor's Advisory Board at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)*, the session delved into critical topics ranging from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on education to socio-economic progress in Bangladesh and the role of the Indian Ocean in the post-pandemic world.



Dr. Sridhara Murthi chairing the 3rd Plenary Session

The first speaker in this Plenary was Prof. **(Dr.) Vinitha P. Guptan**, *Vice Chancellor, Saito University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia* who spoke on "Deconstructing Education Post-Pandemic: A Time for Academic Reflection." Delving into the challenges posed by Covid-19, she highlighted the pandemic's role in necessitating a deconstruction of standardized education systems. Dr. Guptan underscored the importance of adapting education to meet the needs of marginalized communities, sharing insights from her work and emphasizing the transformative power of education. She emphasized the need for academia to adapt to the challenges posed by the pandemic and reflect on innovative approaches to education.

Prof. Guptan highlighted the importance of leveraging technology, fostering resilience, and creating inclusive learning environments to navigate the evolving landscape of education in a post-pandemic world.



Prof. (Dr.) Vinitha P. Guptan Presenting her paper in 3rd Plenary Session

The second speaker was **Dr. Fahmida Khatun**, *Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh*, who spoke on 'How the COVID-19 Pandemic Impacted on Bangladesh's Socio-Economic Progress?' Dr. Khatun addressed the new social problems arising globally due to Covid-19. She particularly highlighted the setback in globalisation during the pandemic, shedding light on the reluctance of developed nations to share vaccines with the developing world. Dr. Khatun's presentation underscored the challenges posed by global disparities and the need for international cooperation. She discussed the challenges faced by Bangladesh in terms of socio-economic setbacks during the pandemic and emphasised the need for strategic policy measures to address the impacts. Her presentation shed light on the resilience of the Bangladeshi people and the importance of international cooperation in overcoming the socio-economic challenges posed by the pandemic.

She was followed by **Saliya Weerakoon**, *President and CEO, Eqwta Limited Winsocially, Colombo, Sri Lanka*, who spoke on, 'The Power of Indian Ocean: The Post-Pandemic Story'. Saliya Weerakoon, brought a unique perspective to the plenary session in his presentation and shifted the focus to the geopolitical realm by emphasising the paramount importance of the Indian Ocean. He engaged the audience by discussing the decline of the American dream and the rising significance of South Asia. He highlighted the role that both India and Sri Lanka play in shaping the future dynamics of the region. Mr. Weerakoon delved into the strategic significance of the Indian Ocean in the global recovery process post-pandemic. His insightful analysis explored the potential for collaboration among nations

bordering the Indian Ocean to drive economic growth, trade, and sustainable development in the wake of the pandemic.



Saliya Weerakoon, addressing the audience during plenary Session

The fourth speaker for this Plenary session was **Ms. Simraatraj Kaur**, *Head of Social Policy & Human Rights at Bait Al Amanah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*, who focused on "Post-Pandemic Policy Approaches for Socio-Economic Recovery: Safeguarding Migrants and Refugees in Malaysia." As the final speaker, Simraatraj Kaur, addressed the critical issue of safeguarding migrants and refugees in Malaysia through her presentation titled "Post-Pandemic Policy Approaches for Socio-Economic Recovery: Safeguarding Migrants and Refugees in Malaysia." Ms. Kaur brought attention to the challenges faced by these vulnerable groups during the pandemic and criticised the discriminatory policies of the Malaysian government. She argued for a shift towards recognizing the untapped economic potential of these populations instead of categorizing jobs as "dirty, dangerous, and difficult." Her presentation addressed the challenges faced by vulnerable populations, particularly migrants and refugees, in the aftermath of the pandemic. She highlighted the importance of implementing policies that ensure the well-being and rights of these communities while contributing to the overall socio-economic recovery of Malaysia.



Ms. Simraatraj Kaur presenting her paper in the 3rd plenary session

The plenary session concluded with a vibrant question-and-answer session, engaging the audience in a stimulating dialogue with the esteemed speakers. The insights shared during this session not only enriched the academic discourse but also provided a roadmap for addressing the multifaceted challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in diverse contexts. The conference, with its diverse and insightful sessions, marked a significant contribution to the global dialogue on post-pandemic recovery and resilience. The plenary session encapsulated a diverse range of perspectives, sparking meaningful discussions on education, globalization, geopolitical shifts, and socio-economic recovery strategies in the post-pandemic era.



Dr. Srividya Shivakumar felicitating Dr. Vinita Gupta



Dr. Rubina Pradhan presenting the memento to Dr. Fahmida Khatun

PLENARY SESSION 4

A Reflection on Diplomacy and Policy Post-pandemic



Dr. Rubina Pradhan

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JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)

Considering the theme of the conference, 'Post-pandemic World Order: Issues and Challenges' and the focus on multidisciplinary, plenary session four converged the aspects of vaccine diplomacy, migration, and geriatric crisis during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chairing the session, **Prof. Arvind Kumar**, *Professor of United States Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi* made a remark on the importance of ideological debates which would help in the development of significant research ideas.



Professor Arvind Kumar delivering his speech as a Chair for the session

On the above note, the first speaker **Prof. S.Y. Surendra Kumar**, *Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University* presented a paper on 'India and China's Vaccine Diplomacy: A Soft Power Perspective'. He made important observations on how the role of Covid 19 'vaccine' as soft power has resulted in the re-emergence of the ideological divide between the East and the West, new political identities between have and have-nots – where States became more pragmatic in terms of survival setting aside the concept of collective security. Vaccine diplomacy aims at creating a mutual relationship which can be called as public health diplomacy. Vaccine diplomacy is not a new concept and with time has become important for grants and other aspects. Emphasis was made on India's leading position in providing vaccines to different countries in need, especially in the form of grants, accessibility, and affordability. Such an act has strengthened the image of India as a humanitarian country.

China's vaccine diplomacy, on the other hand, has been backed by Chinese authoritarian institutions. Both the countries started with advantages – while India has a market of cheap pharmacy, China made vaccines affordable for developing countries. While India had limited commercialisation unlike China, China faced criticism regarding the West looking in for vaccine nationalism.

He opined that the pandemic allowed India and China to achieve a moderate growth rate in the post-pandemic period, unlike the economies of the West. Further, the most vital aspect is that China and India emerged as key players in the global arena by providing the vaccines to fight the virus at a lower cost/free for developing and least developed nations. Therefore, many academics, decision-makers, and political figures view China's and India's vaccine diplomacy as a successful form of soft power strategy that has strengthened the stature of both rising powers. Concluding his remarks, he highlighted how geo-political interests are similar to both countries and despite using vaccines as a soft power, its impact remains short lived.



Professor S.Y. Surendra Kumar sharing his thoughts on vaccine diplomacy

Next was **Dr. Vanita Banjan**, Associate Professor, SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous), Mumbai, Maharashtra who presented a paper on 'The Migrant Population: A Chronicle of Covid- 19's Impact and the Role of Civil Society'. She laid emphasis on the role played by civil societies in tackling the challenges posed by Covid- 19. She broadly gave an overview of the three organisations viz. Khana Chahiya, Sonu Sood Foundation, and Money Life Formation. While 'Khana Chahiye' focussed on providing nutritious food to the migrants travelling during Covid, 'Sonu Sood Foundation focussed on providing health benefits, vehicles facilities for seamless communication. 'Money Life Foundation' on the other hand emphasised on providing housing to the migrants. Dr. Vanita highlighted collaboration of the three organisations and the government in handling the COVID situation when it comes to the plight of the migrants. Mention was made on the pivotal role of citizens who volunteered in different arenas and extended helping hand to these organisations in providing humanitarian relief to the migrants. Summing up, emphasis was made on active engagement of the three NGOs, government and citizens in providing support, aid, and advocacy for irregular migrants during the Covid-19 pandemic and how NGOs play a vital role in disseminating and amplifying information.



Dr. Vanita Banjan sharing her thought on migrant population

It is said, "we are not living in fear, we are living in faith". The third speaker in this plenary was **Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee**, Associate Professor, Centre for Women Studies, Bangalore University, who presented a paper on 'Pandemic and Beyond: Reflection on Geriatric Crisis and Intervention' making an impactful analysis on the vulnerable section of the population who faced neglect, i.e. the old population. Stress was made on India's lack of geriatric policy or social security benefits. During COVID, the notion of family had changed with the care challenges being humongous in the nuclear family. Multiplicity of problems were noticed for old age. She explicitly elaborated on inter-generational conflict to be one of the reasons for making communication intervention a challenge. She pointed out that traditional social values demand the elderly members be treated with utmost honour and respect. However, in the absence of well-defined state-supported social-security benefits like access to quality health care and financial support, families are more or less responsible for elders' care. With increased life expectancy and recent changes favouring smaller family sizes, migration, increasing professional demand for both men and women and the absence of social security benefits and institutional care services causing much strain for caregivers, followed by increasing vulnerabilities of the elders within families.

Deducing her arguments, she emphasised on the adoption of geriatric policy, access to health from institutional perspectives, universal access, pension schemes and participatory inclusion to be the need of the hour to address the geriatric crisis in India. It is therefore crucial to draw lessons from the pandemic to construct a more supportive and inclusive society for older adults.



Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee sharing her thoughts on geriatric crisis and intervention

The remarks made during the plenary session were beautifully aligned with the conference theme showcasing the multi-dimensional perspectives on the post-pandemic world order. The discussions that

followed hinted at the fact that as much as India is gaining popularity in foreign policy making and practices, it is also essential to take a closer eye on the domestic policies catering to societal needs.



Speakers of plenary session 4 with the chair

Valedictory Session

The two-day international conference ended with a valedictory session on 12.12.2023 at CMS Business School, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). The session was graced by **Dr. N.V.H. Krishnan**, *Member of the Chancellor's Advisory Board, JAIN ((Deemed-to-be University)*. Ms. Sneha Yadav, Assistant Professor, JAIN ((Deemed-to-be University) was MC for the session who started off by welcoming everyone in the hall and inviting Dr. Priyanca Mathur to facilitate Dr. Krishnan. Ms Yadav gave a brief concluding remark about the conference and invited Dr. Krishnan to deliver his remarks. Dr. Krishnan started off by congratulating CeRSSE for organising and concluding the conference excellently. He also expressed his gratitude to all the invited speakers from across the world and the country for taking out their valuable time to be a part of the conference. He highlighted that the theme of the conference was well suited for the contemporary world and appreciated the plethora of issues that were discussed during the conference. The conference provided a platform for young scholars and academicians to debate and discuss the areas of vital importance for a stronger recovery post-Covid-19.

Following this, the MC Ms. Sneha Yadav invited Dr. Rubina Pradhan, Assistant Professor, CeRSSE to present the vote of thanks. Dr. Rubina Pradhan expressed her heartiest gratitude to everyone associated with the conference including the management, administration, invited speakers (international and national), all the participants, student volunteers, etc. She also thanked the creative team of JAIN, catering team, JAIN University Press, photographers, among others. The valedictory session ended with Dr. Krishnan facilitating all the participants and student volunteers of this conference.

Glimpses of the valedictory session



Dr. NVH Krishnan (centre), Dr. Priyanca Mathur (left) and Dr. Rubina Pradhan (right) at the valedictory session



Dr. Priyanca Mathur handing over the memento to Dr. NVH Krishnan



Dr. NVH Krishnan delivering his valedictory speech



Participants and volunteers post valedictory session

FEEDBACK FROM THE INVITED SPEAKERS



Congratulations to all for a great conference!

Prof Sushma Yadav

Pro Vice Chancellor,
Central University of Haryana

I wanted to take this moment to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible effort and dedication put into organizing the conference. It was an exceptional event that left a lasting impact on all participants, including me.

From the insightful presentations to the engaging discussions and seamless logistics, every aspect of the conference was meticulously planned and executed. The diverse range of topics and the caliber of speakers truly enriched our understanding and stimulated meaningful conversations within the research community.

I eagerly look forward to future events organized by the team and remain grateful for the ability to participate in this conference. Thank you once again for your outstanding efforts.

Simraat Dhillon

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Dear Team CeRSSE,

I deeply appreciate the manner in which the Conference was organised and conducted. You all have scored full marks in conceptualisation, deliberation and conduct of the conference. Each one of us was treated royally by your students (definitely trained by you all). The papers presented were a wealth of knowledge that we have gained. It was wonderful to meet all delegates and have a rich experience sharing that we had with each other. Of course I will fail in my duty if I do not appreciate the food that you arranged on all days. It was indeed a nice experience that we had of your hospitality. Keep it up and surely CeSSRE will reach the peak of academic success.

Regards,

Vanita Banjan, Associate Professor,
Dept of Politics, SIES College of Arts, Science and
Commerce (Empowered Autonomous) Sion (W) Mumbai

Dear Organisers,

I extend heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful opportunity and warm hospitality. Your meticulous planning and dedication have created an exceptional experience. I eagerly anticipate rejoining your esteemed events, as your commitment to excellence truly sets a standard worth applauding. It was a pleasure to contribute to the International Conference on Post-pandemic World Order. The diverse perspectives and insightful discussions made it a rewarding experience. Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this enriching event.

Kind Regards

Firdous Ahmad Mallik

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A large thank you for the invitation and the wonderful conference. The resource persons were all so fabulous too, I enjoyed my interaction with one and all.

A big shoutout for the students and the younger faculty. I know how tough these conferences can be from the planning stage to the final concluding session, and the work continues much beyond what I know. They did an amazing seamless job with smiles intact too.

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Congratulations to Team CeRSSE for the successful completion of the international conference. It was very nicely organised. Thank you once again for your hospitality.

Prof. Arvind Kumar

Professor of United States' Studies, School of
International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Thank you for the enriching explorations. CeRSSE has raised the bar. It was a memorable conference and your team pampered the participants.

Dr. Mekhala Venkatesh,

Associate Professor and Research Guide,
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EVENT REPORTS

Prize Distribution Ceremony
Annual Essay Competition, 2023 and
A Panel Discussion on

Citizen Centric Governance in Karnataka - A Reform Agenda.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony of Annual Essay Competition, 2023 and a panel discussion on 'Citizen Centric Governance in Karnataka - A Reform Agenda' was organized by CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Public Administration Karnataka Regional Branch (IIPA-KRB) was conducted on 29th of November, 2023, at JP Nagar campus, JAIN (Deemed-to-be-university), Bengaluru between 3.00 PM and 5.00 PM.

This thematic discourse sought to highlight the dynamic between the government and its constituents by prioritizing the needs, concerns, and aspirations of citizens in the formulation of policies. Karnataka, embracing a reformative paradigm, is positioned to establish a governance framework that actively engages citizens in shaping the future trajectory of the state. This agenda underscores a commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and efficiency, ushering in a new era characterized by collaborative governance between the government and the populace it serves.



Dr. Dileesh Sasi giving his views

The program commenced with a warm welcome extended to the distinguished guests who graced the occasion, followed by a brief introduction. Noteworthy among the esteemed attendees was T. M Vijay Bhaskar Sir, the former Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka. Sir embarked on his career in the Indian Administrative Service within the Karnataka cadre in 1983, contributing 37 years of dedicated service in various capacities within both the Government of Karnataka and the Government of India. Over the course of his extensive tenure, he held key roles in district administration, education administration, rural development, and coordination, spanning posts in both the Government of India and the Government of Karnataka. Presently, T.M. Vijay Bhaskar serves as the



Shri T.M Vijay Bhaskar as chair of the panel discussion

Chairperson of the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission-2, a position he has held since January 2021. Under his leadership, the Commission has submitted six reports to the Government of Karnataka.



Dr. Shalini Rajneesh (IAS) sharing her thought via zoom



Panel Discussion

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh (IAS), Additional Chief Secretary of the Government of Karnataka, was warmly welcomed as she joined the program remotely. Dr. Shalini Rajneesh entered the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in 1989, accumulating diverse experience in various capacities within the Government of India across Ministries such as Finance, Civil Aviation, Shipping, Agriculture, and Road Transport. As the Principal Secretary to the Government in the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, she spearheaded the ground breaking Karnataka's Guarantee of Services to Citizens Act, 2011, widely recognized as "Sakala." Presently, she holds the position of Additional Chief Secretary & Development Commissioner, overseeing the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (e-Governance) Department. The program also welcomed Dr. Dileesh Sasi (Serving IAS), Director of Electronic Delivery Citizen Services. Dr. Sasi, an IAS officer from the 2017 batch, serves as the Director in the Directorate of Electronic Delivery of Citizens Services (EDCS), a specialized unit under the e-Governance department of the Government of Karnataka. This unit is dedicated to managing government services to citizens efficiently.



Mr. T Sethumadhavan expressing his views during the panel discussion



Panel Discussion

Mr. Thayyil Sethumadhavan (IA&AS, Retd.), an Executive Council Member of the IIPA Karnataka Regional Branch, graced the panel discussion as one of the esteemed guests. He brings a wealth of experience, having served as a former member of the Audit Advisory Board of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India and as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Consultant to the Government of Gujarat. His distinguished career includes retirement from the Indian Audit & Accounts Service (IAS; AS 1966) with the position of Principal Accountant General, Madhya Pradesh. Following his service in India, he assumed the role of Budget Adviser to the Government of Bahrain. Mr. Sethumadhavan has held pivotal roles such as Accountant General (Audit), Tamil Nadu, Principal Director of Receipt Audit at the CAG of India, Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser in the Ministry of Power, Director of External Audit at the United Nations, Director in the Department of Atomic Energy, Chairman & Managing Director of Sutej Vidyut Nigam, and Director of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Power.

The program was joined by Dr. Raj Singh, Vice-Chancellor JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).

T. M Vijay Bhaskar Sir inaugurated and chaired the panel discussion. He thanked JAIN (Deemed-to-be-university) for the collaboration and welcomed all those present in the program. He started by emphasising on the right to vote of citizens and spoke about citizen being the centre of governance in a Republic nation. The citizen centric governance gets affected when there is illiteracy, social inequality, gender inequality and economic inequality. The Scandinavian countries have set up a good model of citizen centric governance. He praised the initiatives like "Sakala " and emphasised on schemes that would help making the transactions or services time bound, paperless, contactless and also cashless. He emphasised on the importance of having e-office and stressed on the increase in ease of doing business with initiatives like Grama-One, Bengaluru-One, Karnataka-One, Bapuji Seva Kendra and many others. Karnataka is leading in such initiatives empowering Gram Panchayats and civic bodies at all levels.

Chair spoke about the initiative taken to reach out to 75000 citizens to record their experience with respect to obtaining government services. Out of 75000, they were able to reach 25000 of them and got good feedback. Few of the major concerns as expressed by citizens were as follows.

1. The time it took to get a service is too long. It is not time bound. Services were not available in time.
2. Those who were favoured by the officials, got their work done faster compared to others.
3. Citizens emphasised on the need of a system like tatkal in all government offices where they could pay some extra amount and avail service faster.
4. Number of documents requested by the officials are too many and people will be made to come back again and again even with small problems in those documents causing inconvenience to the public.
5. Many citizens from Karnataka emphasised on websites offering services to use both English as well as Kannada.
6. There should be a system to broadcast information in a way that citizens know about it well and thus can reduce calling of officials by people again and again.
7. A feedback system would help correct the shortcomings in the services provided.
8. No requests from the citizens for any service should be closed without their knowledge.
9. The quality of interaction by officials with the citizens should improve.
10. There should be help desks at every office.
11. There should be someone who could help people fill documents or forms or applications.

12. Enough care must be taken that the people do not face trouble during the absence of any official at offices.
13. Government officials must be trained well to make the process easier for citizens.
14. User-friendly technology should be emphasised on and webpages should be updated often to show the present status of the applications of citizens.
15. Role of brokers or middlemen should be reduced.
16. Server issues have to be solved.

Shri T.M Vijay Bhaskar spoke on how these feedbacks were eye-openers and how the government should work in this direction to make the process hassle free, timely and convenient and user friendly. Online usage to avail services must be encouraged.

Dr. Shalini Rajneesh (IAS), our subsequent speaker on the panel, underscored Karnataka's prominent position in the realm of good governance. She highlighted the integral role played by Information Technology as the backbone facilitating the connection between the government and its citizens. Dr. Rajneesh pointed out the significant impact of platforms such as Bengaluru One, Sakala, Grama One, and Bapuji Seva Kendras, which collectively have processed millions of transactions.

Addressing the audience, she elaborated on Karnataka government's guarantee schemes, including Anna Bhagya, Gruha Jyothi, and Gruha Lakshmi, emphasizing their instrumental role in providing security and support to the women of Karnataka. These schemes are strategically designed to ensure the fulfilment of citizens' basic needs, encompassing shelter, food, biological necessities, and social requirements. In alignment with the preceding speaker's sentiments, Dr. Rajneesh reiterated the crucial importance of the attitudinal orientation of service providers at all levels, emphasizing a service-oriented mindset from the highest echelons to the grassroots service providers.

When Sakala was introduced, the first major step taken was to train Group A, Group B, Group C and Group D workers to deliver service on time and to maintain accountability and transparency in the service. She emphasised on the importance of raising public awareness about the government schemes. She stated there are more than 2000 acts and yet citizens are unaware of them. People should demand for the service instead. The office bearers including politicians and bureaucrats should execute the trust and faith that people have kept in them.

She highlighted, Chief Minister of Karnataka recently conducted a Janata Darshan to receive by himself any requests or complaints by the citizens themselves. There were more than 4000+ requests submitted in person. He observed and spoke to lower level officials that these requests should be resolved at lower levels itself as they have been empowered with it and people shouldn't be made to wait to avail such services. Citizen Centric governance is a continuous process that needs to be improved. She said the citizens are the main stakeholders. COVID 19 brought in a situation where people were not able to avail the services like free ration because of the lockdown situations. The old aged and the specially challenged people found it more difficult to avail such services. A task force was constituted to deliver such service to the doorstep of the beneficiaries. Every person is not tech savvy thus citizens should be provided with a system to order any service they want either through call centres or through WhatsApp and their requirement gets delivered to their doorstep just like the Swiggy food application does. Thus, she stated that the government of Karnataka has launched Jana Sevaka application for doorstep delivery of government services.

When people used the Sakala scheme, they were provided with a SMS which had their 15 digit application number. They were also provided with a help centre number to which they could call to enquire about the status of their application. That call would be considered as an appeal and required actions would be taken. The major step towards citizen centric governance was introduction of self-attestation of documents. There were no more requirements of affidavits. The E-Governance has helped in a great way. The Kutumba database has all the information of a family including the head of the family and members. The Digi locker too has all the required information of a person. It has more than 45 departments in it. Government is planning to have a QR code in Digi Coker, unique to all users which could be used to scan and obtain any relevant documents.

Finally, Dr. Shalini Rajneesh emphasised on the matter that citizens awareness, political will and administrative competence are most important in any state and nation and expressed her wish that all services reach citizens so well that there should be no people who turn up at CM's Janata darshan with any complaints.

Dr. Dileesh Sasi (Serving IAS), Director, Electronic Delivery Citizen Services spoke on how Karnataka is leading in citizen centric governance and how Karnataka has potential to deliver such services. He stated a very important point and perspective where citizens

are not just mere beneficiaries but should be seen as customers. This perspective would help to take required measures to improve the system to provide services in time and also to record grievances. He stressed on the importance of making schemes through the citizen's perspectives. He stressed on point that though the government offices have moved from physical files to computer based files, the procedures and steps have remained the same. A file has to go through many steps which would consume more time and thus service gets delayed. For example, providing a bus pass to students had 14 different steps earlier and required any documents but now it's reduced to only two steps. There is a need to re-engineer things to make services more efficient.

The delay in service happens when the files have to wait for the approval by the higher authorities. He spoke on the fact that when there is all required information in the system, there should be no waiting for the signature of officials. People should be able to get their service obtained in no time. But, issues like system glitches, privacy and security of citizen's information should be taken care of. Karnataka today has around 7000 to 8000 Seva Sindhu centres which provide all services including banking services, state and central services. He finally stated that the system should be inclusive to adapt to the needs of minorities, age old and specially abled citizens.

Mr. Thayyil Sethumadhavan (IA&AS Retd.) as a panel member expressed his happiness to have associated with JAIN. He was amazed by the well written thoughts of essay writing competition participants. He stressed upon the fact that good governance and reform projects not only depend upon the institution but also on their capability to take such initiatives forward. He spoke on how the former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh laid emphasis on removal of insufficiency and corruption from government services. E-Governance has opened up new opportunities to simplify and improve the quality of delivery of services to the citizens. He emphasised on the fact that administration depends not just on higher officials but also on civil servants at all levels of government.

He quoted Dr. Mohandas Pai who said timely delivery as well as courteous, polite behaviour and attitudinal change of civil servants is crucial. He stressed upon making procedures easier. People expect timely delivery of services, accessibility of officials, convenience, broker-less transactions and transparency. Rigidity, hierarchy, too many intermediates, micro management

and extreme centralisation of services are the problems currently. He stated that civil servants should be trained to the cutting edge level. Training servants at all levels to bring about ethical behaviour in them is very important. He spoke about honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mission Karma Yogi which is a landmark initiative to turn civil servants to be role based and not rule based.

On mentioning the problems faced by the citizens, he also gave a few suggestions on how to improve the service delivery by the civil servants. He mentioned about four points on bringing the betterment in the quality of work to be available to the citizens. They are,

1. All senior officers must spend at least two to three days of a month in the cutting-edge level where implementation of the schemes and programmes are done. They should see how things are working and also to guide the process at such offices.
2. Outsourcing of services is a good way to reduce corruption and increase efficiency and he quoted about outsourcing Passport services to TCS.
3. He stressed upon improving the facilities of the public grievance system and
4. The practice of conducting social audits of the schemes and the implementation of the schemes.

Upon the conclusion of the Panel discussion, panel members engaged with questions from participants and winners. Joshua Varghese (NRI), one of the winners, conveyed his joy and appreciation for the enlightening and captivating nature of the panel discussion.



Mr. T. M Vijay Bhaskar extended a welcome to Dr. Priyanca Mathur to initiate the prize distribution ceremony. During the ceremony, Dr. Mathur extended her congratulations to all the prize winners. Following this, she invited Dr. Raj Singh, Honbl Vice Chancellor JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), to share a few words about the event.



Dr. Raj Singh, Vice Chancellor (left), and Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra (right), Registrar, JAIN (Deemed to-be University)

Dr. Raj Singh, expressed his views about the event saying that it was a great move both by Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Regional Branch (IIPA-KRB) as well as JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) to host an event and encourage participation by common people and collect their view to improve governance. Sir also said that it is a great platform for students to learn from the practitioners and the students are the future of the country.

Following that, Dr. Priyanca Mathur invited Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, the Registrar of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), to share his insights. Dr. Mishra commenced by emphasizing the significance of trust and understanding in relationships, particularly crucial for the success of collaborative events. He delved into historical perspectives, noting that the master-slave relationship during the British era has persisted and influenced the mindset of civil servants today.

Dr. Mishra asserted that governance is currently lacking in today's government, acknowledging the improvement in government services but highlighting the continual need for enhancement in the present era. He advocated for the enhancement of government tech infrastructure to elevate service quality. Expressing his appreciation, he commended the participants and the event organizers, JAIN and IIPA-KRB, for orchestrating a profoundly impactful event.

Then Dr. Priyanca Mathur called upon Sneha Yadav to announce the prize winners of the competition. Sneha Yadav requested Panel members to award the first prize winner with a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- and memento and then announced Mr. Muhammad Talhah Bachelor of Commerce of Entrepreneurship and Management JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) as the First Prize Winner and congratulated him.



Panel members with the First prize (left) and Second prize (right) winner

Dr. Dileesh Sasi awarded the Second Prize to the winner, a cash prize of Rs. 5,000/- along with memento- Mr. Joshua Vergheese, Bachelor of Commerce in International Accounts and Finance JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) to receive his prize and congratulated him.



Panel Members with Anupriya Kembavimath (left-Third Prize winner) and Special Mention winner Ananya Sridhar Upadhye (right)

Mr. Thayil Setumadhavan sir awarded the Third Prize in Cash prize of Rs. 3000/- and memento to Ms. Anupriya Kembavimath perusing her Bachelors in Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry from Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, BIDAR and Congratulated Ms. Anupriya.

Certificates of special mention were presented to the two exceptional participants. The panel awarded special mention certificates to two other exceptional essays that earned special Mention for their outstanding creativity in this essay competition.

1. MS. Archisimta Mukherjee, Bachelor in Arts Presidency College, Bangalore
2. MS. Ananya Shridhar Upadhye, Student of Sri Bhagawan Mahaveer JAIN College

Later, participants of the essay competition present in the ceremony were presented with their certificates of participation.



Participant Harsh Gupta



Prize winners

Dr. Jitendra Mishra presented the distinguished guests with souvenirs and plant as token of gratitude from JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).



Dr. Jitendra Kumar mishra handing over the token of appreciation to Mr. T. Sethumadhan (IA & AS Retd.)

Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head of department, CeRSSE at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) conveyed profound appreciation to the esteemed dignitaries for their presence at the event. Subsequently, she extended her gratitude to the student coordinators and the technical team of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) for their unwavering support, which played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the event. The proceedings concluded with tea & snacks.



Panel members along with the faculty members and students of CeRSSE

GUEST LECTURE

on

Urban Local Governance: Challenges and Empowerment of Local Self-government in India

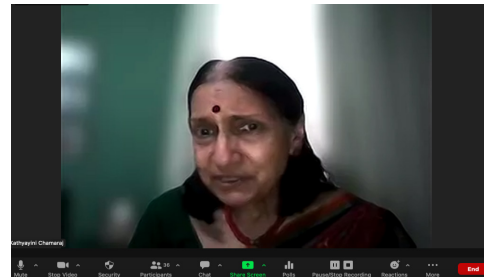
Event Report

Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) organised a virtual guest lecture on Urban Local Governance: Challenges and Empowerment of Local Self-government in India on 11.10.2023 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. It was conducted for the students of Masters in Public Policy and Administration (MAPPA) as a part of their course on local governance. However, the lecture was open to all—from within the institution as well as outside. The event was arranged and coordinated by Dr. Rubina Pradhan, Assistant Professor, CeRSSE who is also a course instructor for Local Governance and Administration (Urban and Rural), MAPPA.

The resource person for the day was Kathayini Chamaraj, Executive Trustee, CIVIC Bangalore. The event was initiated by Dr. Rubina Pradhan by giving a brief about the topic and introducing the resource person. It was then handed over to the resource person. She began by introducing the topic and then explaining the constitutional mandates under the 74th Amendment Act also highlighting the functions and responsibilities of the urban local government. She further excellently discussed the lags in the act itself as well as implementation. She highlighted how it is imperative to bridge this gap and the role of youths in questioning the inefficient functioning of the local representative and the bureaucrats. She made an account of her experience as an executive Trustee of CIVIC (Citizens' Voluntary Initiative for the City of Bangalore) in addressing various challenges that have been crippling the urban local government system.

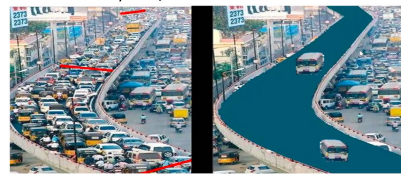
After the comprehensive lecture by the resource person, she interacted with the participants who came up with diverse questions about policy implementation, gram swaraj, bureaucracy, etc. The event ended successfully by extending the vote of thanks by Dr. Rubina Pradhan and also taking virtual photographs to mark the session.

Photographs

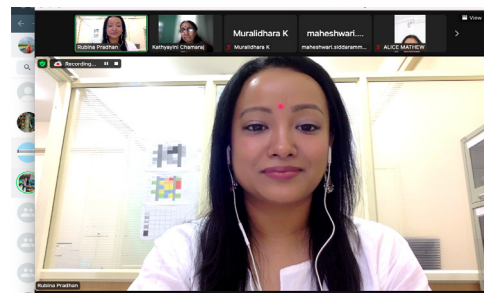


Kathayini Chamaraj during the lecture

Lack of adequate support for public transport – incentives for private vehicles in the form of flyovers, elevated corridors



During the lecture



Dr. Rubina Pradhan conducting the session

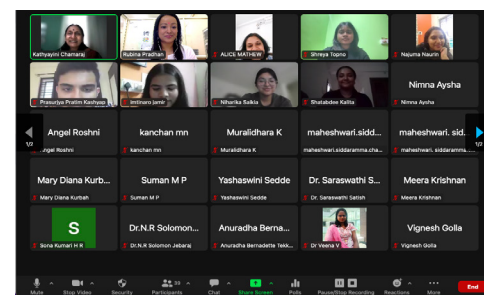


Photo session with the participants

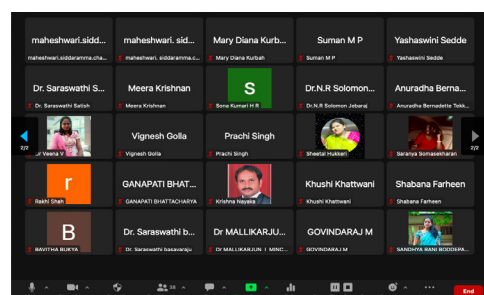
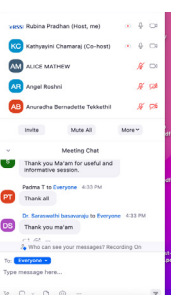
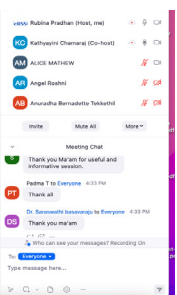
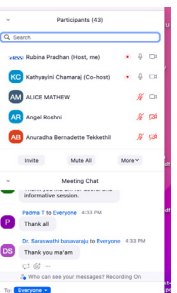
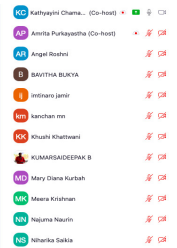
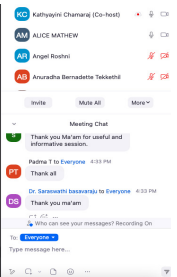


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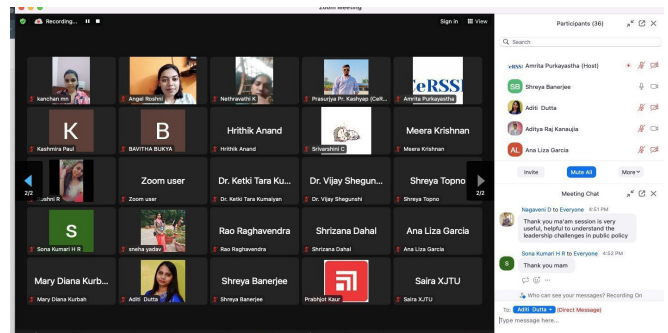
on Leadership and Communication Challenges in Public Policy

The Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) conducted a virtual online guest lecture session on the topic of "Leadership and Communication Challenges in Public Policy" focusing on the role and importance of leadership and communication during crisis situations during different stages of public policy. The resource person for the session was Ms. Shreya Banerjee, who is an assistant professor at Adamas University, Kolkata who has a specialisation in public policy. The session was started by Dr. Amrita Purkayastha by introducing the resource person to the participants after which the session was handed over to the resource person who was very interactive with her lecture. Ms Banerjee began her session from the basic level by introducing the concept of leadership and linking it with public policy. She then with different examples explained the role and importance of leadership and communication during crisis situations. One of the best and most interactive points of the session was when Ms Banerjee provided the participants with random fictional situations and asked them to solve them as policy leaders. The session was followed by interactive discussions. The participants found the session very fruitful and they had only positive comments about it. The session ended with a vote of thanks by the session moderator, Dr. Amrita Purkayastha and with a virtual photograph of everyone attending the session.

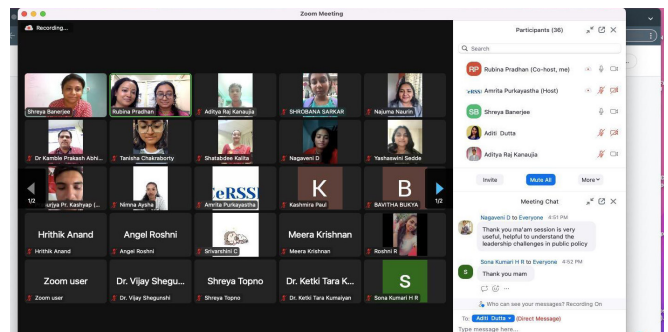
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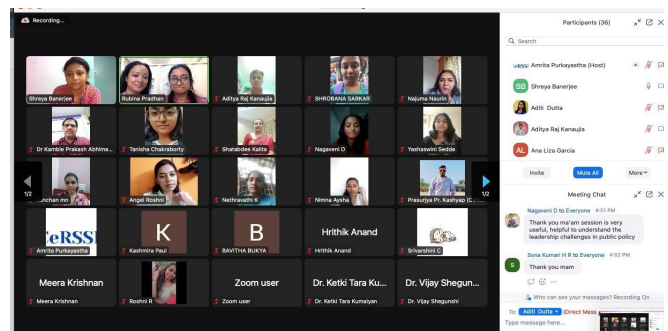
Ms. Shreya Banerjee delivering lecture



Participants during the session



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Participants during the session

GUEST LECTURE

on

Politics and Indian Administration: Evolution of Coalition Politics in India

On October 7th, 2023, a guest lecture was organised by the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), extending an invitation to all for an enlightening lecture on "Politics and Indian Administration." The speaker for the occasion was Ms. Priyanka Yadav, an esteemed Assistant Professor at Asian Law College, specialising in Politics and Indian Administration. The event, held from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, unfolded in the digital realm through the Zoom platform, a testament to the evolving landscape of academic engagement in the era of virtual connectivity.

The lecture's inception involved a scholarly introduction to Ms. Yadav, foregrounding her academic acumen and specialisation in the intricate domains of Indian politics and administration. The institutional affiliation with Asian Law College further bolstered the speaker's credibility within the academic context. The focal point of her discourse was the "Evolution of Coalition Politics in India: An Analysis." The lecture commenced with this warm introduction to the speaker.

The thematic core of the lecture pivoted around a meticulous analysis of the evolution of coalition politics in India. Ms. Yadav navigated through historical trajectories of political alliances, elucidating their socio-political ramifications and the dynamic contours characterizing the Indian political landscape.

The analytical purview extended to the examination of historical precedents, challenges endemic to coalition politics, and prospective trajectories within the Indian political milieu. The nuanced analysis offered attendees a deep dive into the historical precedents, the challenges posed by coalition politics, and potential future developments in the Indian political spectrum. An interactive session followed the lecture, allowing participants to actively engage with the speaker. Questions flowed, and clarifications were sought, fostering a dynamic exchange of ideas and perspectives. This interactive element not only enhanced the learning experience but also showcased the vibrancy of intellectual discourse among the attendees.

As a token of acknowledgment for their active participation and commitment to academic engagement, all attendees were given Certificates of Participation. This added incentive served to recognise and appreciate the audience's dedication to the pursuit of knowledge. Overall, the guest lecture on "Politics and Indian Administration, Evolution of Coalition Politics in India" proved to be an intellectually stimulating and enriching experience.

GUEST LECTURE

on
Feminist Theories of Power


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Speaker : **Roshni Sharma,**
Assistant Professor,
Department of Political Science,
St. Joseph’s University,
Bengaluru

Date : 24th November, 2023
Time : 10 AM Onwards

Location :
LH01 ,MAPSIR Classroom
Jain University, JP Nagar Campus

On November 26th, 2023, the Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE) organised a Guest Lecture for all the students of CeRSSE on ‘Feminist Theories of Power’ that was delivered by Ms. Roshni Sharma, currently Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, St. Joseph’s University, Bengaluru and also Ph.D Research Scholar in Political Science at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). This lecture was held in person at the JAIN JP Nagar Campus.

Ms Sharma began with a round of introductions amongst the students and herself asking each of them why they chose to pursue a Master’s degree in Political Science and International Relations. With that broader perspective in mind she started her power-point presentation on the topic. This lecture was meant to add to the ongoing academic conversations on the course being taught to the students this semester by Dr. Priyanca Mathur on ‘Concepts in Political Theory and Debates’. She began by exploring the concepts of Feminism, Theory and Power, getting into different liberal

feminist interpretations of power as a ‘resource’, as empowerment and as domination. The latter was then explored through the lens of Nancy Harstock’s social feminist approach and Gayatri Spivak’s postmodernist feminist approach. She then also examined the different interpretations of power as empowerment, citing Miller, Held and Hoagland. Finally she looked at intersectionality, interrogating if feminism is intersectional with race, sex, caste and sexuality. The students thanked her for her most illuminating lecture and gifted her a plant. We hope that Ms. Sharma will join us again and share her valuable insights with us at CeRSSE.



Ms Roshni Sharma delivering her lecture and with the students and Course Instructor Dr. Priyanca Mathur

ANNEXURE

Programme Two-day International Conference

on

Post-Pandemic World Order: Issues and Challenges

11-12 December 2023

Venue: CMS, Business School, Seshadri Road
JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru

Day 1- 11.12.2023

Day	Venue	Sessions	Theme/ Programme	Time	Panels
Day 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	Session 1	Inaugural Programme	9:00 am - 10:00 am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks: Dr. Jitendra Kumar Mishra, Registrar, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) Guest of Honour: Prof. (Dr.) Sushma Yadav - Pro Vice Chancellor, Central University of Haryana Chief Guest: Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera - Vice Chancellor, Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences Vice-Chancellor's Address: Prof. (Dr.) Raj Singh - JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) Vote of Thanks: Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) Release of 'The Social Science Perspective'
Tea Break 10:00-10:15					
Day 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	P1	Plenary Session	10:15 am - 11:00 am	<p>CHAIR: Prof. M.J. Vinod, Professor, Dept. of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Arvind Kumar, Professor of United States' Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi: Emerging India's Role in the Post-Pandemic World Order Prof. Manish, Chairperson and Dean, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat: World Order, China's Rise and its Implications for India Prof. Sreeradha Datta, Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P.Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana: South Asia: Increasing Deficit in Democracy Dr. Pratip Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor and Head (Department of Political Science), University of Kalyani, West Bengal : G-20 Delhi Declaration and India's Moment in the Post-Pandemic World

Parallel Technical Session 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	TS 1 A	Geopolitics and Global Order	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>CHAIR: Prof. Manish, Chairperson and Dean, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas, Assistant Professor, Dept. of International Relations, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi: India's Geostrategic Significance of Andaman and Nicobar Islands in India's Indo-Pacific Policy Dr. Biplob Debnath, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Tripura University, Agartala : Democracy and the Post-Pandemic Indo-Pacific Regional Order: Role, Opportunities and Challenges Dr. Amrita Purkayastha, Assistant Professor, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): COVID-19 and Borders: Understanding the Diverse Narratives of Schengen Nations Reem Rostom Research Scholar, Department of English, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Emad Salami, Research Scholar, Department of English, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) : A Study of Post-Pandemic Crisis in Syria
Parallel Technical Session 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-2	TS 1 B	Pandemic and the State of Democracy: India and Her Neighbours	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Srikant Swamy, Director, Centre for Researcher Training and Administration JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Abhishek Karmakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Galsi Mahavidyalaya, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal: <i>Regression of Democracy amid Corona Pandemic: Revisiting the State of Democracy in South Asia</i> Dr. Kavitha D., Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Government First Grade College, Narasipura: The Impact and Challenges of COVID-19 on Democratic Institutions Socrates Shahrour, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Dr. Uma M.H., Professor and Research Guide, Department of Economics JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>The Role of Foreign Direct Investment in Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery: A Comparative Analysis of India and its Neighbours</i> Anila Bajpai, Ph.D Research Scholar, Public Policy, and Program Manager, BBA, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) : A Study on a <i>National policy Framework on Return Migrants Post-Covid 19 Pandemic in India</i>

Parallel Technical Session 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-3	TS 1 C	Post-Pandemic Policy Approaches: A Path to Socio-Economic Recovery	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Rubina Pradhan, Assistant Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Arindam Roy, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, University of Burdwan, West Bengal: <i>'Post-Positivist Turn' of Public Policy- A positive Externality of Pandemic? Some Reflections</i> Dr. Jennifer Fernandes, Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Sona Kumari HR Research Scholar, Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) : <i>Performance Evaluation of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) during and Post-Pandemic</i> Dr. Firdous Ahmad Malik, Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Management, University of People, Pasadena: <i>The Impact of COVID-19 on Garment Workers in India: Recovery with Women Empowering Alternative Models, Fair Trade</i> Basel Abou Rokba, Research Scholar, Andhra University, College of Law, Vishakhapatnam, Mohammad Ramin Hakimy and Socrates Shahrour, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Unseen Struggle: The Impact of COVID-19 on Afghan Refugees in India</i>
Parallel Technical Session 1	CMS, Board Room-2	TS 1 D Online Zoom	Marginalisation	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Swarna Rajagopalan, Founder Prajnaya and Faculty, KREA University, Tamil Nadu: <i>Agency, Lockdown, Women, Peace and Politics during and after the Pandemic</i> Farheen Masfiqua Malik, Working Professional, Global Outreach Director, BeHuman, Dhaka, Bangladesh: <i>Traversing Invisibility of the Unseen Faces of Urban Bangkok: Exploring The Impact of National Screening Mechanism (NSM) on Urban Refugees and Asylum Seekers</i> Khokan Biswas, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, Pacific Academy of Higher Education and Research University, Udaipur: <i>The Socio-Economic Conditions of Lower Castes of Rural Bengal in the Post-Covid Period</i> Priya Nagbongshi, Research Scholar, department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata: <i>Covid-19 and the Backbone of Assam's Tea Industry</i>

					<p>5. Jamsed Nasir Mondal, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, Chakdaha College, West Bengal: <i>Challenges for Muslim Women in Post-Covid Scenario in India</i></p> <p>6. Sudarshan Bhattacharjee, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani: <i>Understanding Democracy and Indian Society During the Covid-19 Pandemic</i></p>
Lunch Break 1:00 pm -2:00 pm					
Day 1	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	P2	Plenary Session	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>CHAIR: Prof. R.S. Deshpande, Former Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. T.M. Vijay Bhaskar (IAS, Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka and Chairman, Second Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission and Indian Institute of Public Administration (Karnataka Regional Branch): <i>State of Administrative Reforms in Karnataka-Post-Pandemic Challenge</i> Prof. M.J. Vinod, Professor, Dept. of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru: <i>Science Diplomacy in the Post-COVID Times: The Interface between Science, Policy and Diplomacy</i> Dr. Gopal Krishna Siwakoti, President, INHURED International, Kathman du Nepal: <i>Human Rights and Pandemic Height: Responding for Recuperation</i> Himanshu Shekhar Mishra, Senior Editor (Political and Current Affairs), NDTV India: <i>COVID-19, Crisis Communication Challenges and a New Pandemic Law: An Ethical Code for 'Inclusive' Pandemic Reporting</i>
Parallel Technical Session 2	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	TS 2A	Corporate / Business	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>CHAIR: Prof. R.S. Deshpande, Former Director, Institute for Social and Economic Change</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Sandhya S. Reddy, Teaching Assistant, Dept. of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Workplace Gender Inequality at Private Universities</i> Aishwarya Paradeshi, Research Scholar, Dept. of Commerce, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Acclimatising Digital Marketing Practices in a Post-pandemic World and its Effect on Digital Marketing</i> Abira R., Student, (Dept. of Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Genetics), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Positive Pandemic Crisis: Rooted Business Models</i> Cheruvu Sri Vidhya, Student, M.Sc. Psychology, Jain School of Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Pallavi Prahalad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Jain School of Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>The Post-Post Workplace: HRM Practices from Crisis to Transformation</i>

Parallel Technical Session 2	CMS, Seminar Hall-2	TS 2B	Institution and Governance in the Post-Pandemic World: Local, National and International	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>CHAIR: Prof. Sreeradha Dutta, Professor, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P.Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Aarti S., Associate Professor and Head, Department of International Studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai : Role of Institutions and Governance in the Post-Pandemic World: <i>Local, National and International with Specific reference to India</i> Dr. Devi Parvathy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration and Policy Studies, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod: <i>Role of Social Economy in Kerala, India: Special Reference to Co-operative Movement</i> Dr. Aradhana Talwar, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy, MS Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences, Bengaluru: <i>Geo-Politics and Security in the Post-Pandemic World Order</i> Sneha Yadav, Assistant Professor, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>State of Democracy: Navigating the Post-Pandemic Landscape</i> J. Sirisha, Student, Dept. of Political Science, GITAM University, Vishakhapatnam: <i>Misrecognition: A Study of India's North Eastern Citizens During the Pandemic</i>
Parallel Technical Session 2	CMS, Seminar Hall-3	TS 2C	Media and Infodemic and mental health	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Harold Andrew Patrick, Dean Academics, School of Management, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Farha Yashmin Rohman, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Dr. Tarannum Sarwar Dani (co-author), Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Countering Covid-19 Misinformation to Protect Public Health and Security</i> Rajkumar Badiger, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Kannada, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Impact of Media on Mental Health During Covid-19</i> Dhruthi S. Prasad, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Centre for Distance and Online Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Emotional Maturity, Career Constraints, and Well-being: A Study of South Bangalore Hotel Employee Post-Post-pandemic</i> Vaibhav Pratap, Working Professional (Content Creator) in AjnaLens by Dimension NXG Pvt.Ltd.: <i>The Reality of Virtual Films: Augmenting Human Experience and Empathy</i> Mariyam Shajil, Student, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru: <i>Impact of the Digital Surge during the Covid-19 Pandemic on India's Digital Economy</i>

Parallel Technical Session 2	CMS, Board Room-2	TS 2D Online	Geopolitics	3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Pratip Chattopadhyay, Associate Professor and Head (Department of Political Science), University of Kalyani, West Bengal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Anup Shekhar Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong: <i>Neo-Sanjeevani and Democracy in Neighbourhoods Near and Far</i> Bisari Dey, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Kutali Dr. B. R. Ambedkar College, West Bengal: <i>India's Foreign Policy Dynamics in the Multi-polar World Order in the 21st Century</i>2. Sangramjeet Roy, Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>India's Position in BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation): Study of the Post-Pandemic Period</i> Nasiruddin SK, Research Scholar, Dept. of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Sino-India Border Conflict during the Pandemic Period</i> Moumita Debnath, Student, Masters in Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Position of QUAD in the Indo-Pacific Region as a Sub-Regional Grouping</i>
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Tea Break: 4:30 pm-5:00 pm

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Parallel Technical Sessions 3	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	TS 3 A	Envisioning India in a Post-Pandemic World	9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Aarti S., Associate Professor and Head, Department of International Studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Associate Professor and Head, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Post-Coup and Post-Pandemic Quagmire of Myanmarese Refugees in India</i> Anup Kumar Dutta, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Impact of MGNREGA on the Livelihood of Migrant Workers in the Post-Pandemic Period: A Case Study of West Bengal.</i> Tania Sengupta, Ph. D Research Scholar Public Policy, JAIN(DeemedTo-Be University) & Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Public Policy, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous) Bengaluru: <i>Social Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Migrant and Non-Migrant Women of Bengaluru, India: A Comparative Analysis of Mobility and Vulnerability</i> Honey Kumari and Vaishnavi Negi, Students, Department of Aerospace Engineering, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>The Crisis of Mobility and the Dynamics of Migration during the Pandemic era</i>
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Parallel Technical Session 3	CMS, Seminar Hall-2	TS 3 B	Education	9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>CHAIR: Prof. (Dr.) Vinitha Guptan, Vice-Chancellor, Saito University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Vibhasri R Gujral, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru: <i>Ancient Indian and Native indigenous contribution across the history of epidemics and pandemics: Lessons learnt, Notes for Future</i> Y.M. Rajeshwari, Assistant Professor, Department of Kannada, School of Commerce, S&IT, School of Humanities and Social Science, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Art and Literature of the Corona Period</i> Debjit Mahato, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Post-Pandemic Education Scenario in India: Issues and Challenges</i> Bandi Meghana Sudhakar, Student, Department of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Impact of COVID 19 Restrictions on Language Development in Children at Pre-School and Elementary Level</i>
Parallel Technical Sessions 3	CMS, Seminar Hall-3	TS 3C	Mental Health	9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Devi Parvathy, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration and Policy Studies, Central University of Kerala, Kasargod</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Angel Roshni, MA Student, Political Science and International Relations, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Exploring the Impact of COVID-19 on Adolescents' Mental Health and Coping Mechanisms During and After Pandemic</i> Apoorva K.R., Student, Department of Psychology, School of Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Unmasking the Silent Struggle: Analysing Mental Health Trends on Social Media During Prolonged COVID-19 Lockdowns</i> Sowmya Sree TG and Anisha Wadhvani, Students, Department of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Challenges of Post Pandemic among Children and Adolescents: A Way Forward.</i> Varsha Vivek, Student, Department of Psychology, JAIN(Deemed-to-be University): <i>Post-Pandemic Challenges: Geriatric Depression, Technology Use, and Digital Engagement</i>

Parallel Technical Sessions 3	CMS, Board Room- 2	TS 3 D	Lockdown, Isolation, Fears: The Possibility of Mental Health Concerns turning into the next Pandemic	9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Pooja Verma, Head, Department of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sangita Biswas, LMFT, Therapist, Lotus Family Therapy, San Francisco, U.S.A.: <i>Seema Rekha An Exploration of Boundaries for South Asian Women</i> 2. Moupriya Biswas, Assistant Professor (SACT-1), Kanchrapara College, West Bengal: <i>Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on the Life and Livelihood of the Migrant Labourers in West Bengal: A Case Study</i> 3. Satyajit Saha, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Impact of Covid-19 on Migrant Labour in India: Issues and Challenges</i> 4. Dr. Sonal Sethia, Independent Researcher, Professor, School of Economics, RV University, Bengaluru, and Dr. Ranjini C.R. (Co-Author), : <i>Post-Covid-19 Lockdown: Analysis of Challenges after Reopening of Schools in Tribal Areas of Manipur</i> 5. Bijetri Pathak, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in India: A Post-Pandemic Examination of West Bengal</i>
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Tea Break: 10:15 am - 10:30 am

Day 2	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	P3	Plenary Session	10:30 am - 11:30 am	<p>CHAIR: Prof. K Sridhara Murthi, Chancellor's Advisory Board, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. (Dr.) Vinitha P. Guptan, Vice-Chancellor, Saito University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: <i>Deconstructing Education Post-Pandemic: A time for Academic Reflection</i> 2. Dr. Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Dhaka, Bangladesh.: <i>How the COVID-19 Pandemic Impacted Bangladesh's Socio-Economic Progress?</i> 3. Saliya Weerakoon, President and CEO, Eqwtay Limited, Winsocially: <i>The Power of Indian Ocean- The Post-Pandemic Story</i> 4. Simraatraj Kaur, Head of Social Policy & Human Rights, Bait Al Amanah, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: <i>Post-Pandemic Policy Approaches for Socio-Economic Recovery: Safeguarding Migrants and Refugees in Malaysia</i>
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Parallel Technical Session 4	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	TS 4A	Science and Climate Change	11:30 am-12:45 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Chetan Nag, Deputy Deirector, CUBEC, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Sandeep Kumar, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>The Evolution of SARS-CoV-2 Pathogen</i> Dr. Rubina Pradhan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Post-Pandemic Dynamics of Climate Change: Towards a Green Recovery.</i> Joyprakash Mondal, Assistant Professor, Bangabasi Evening College (Affiliated with University of Calcutta): <i>Sustainable Development and Ethno-Inhabitant in India: A Mangrove Friendly Ecological Governance Study on VUCA Model as an Alternative Space in Sundarban regarding COVID-19</i> Harsheen Kour, Student, Department of Aeronautical Engineering, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Unveiling the New Face of Climate Justice After the Pandemic</i> Imroz Ameen and Sukanya Rajan, Student, Department of Neuro- Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>A Silent Pandemic: Review on the Convergence of COVID-19 and Cognitive Impairment</i>
Parallel Technical Session 4	CMS, Seminar Hall-2	TS 4B	Mental Health	11:30 am-12:45 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Srividya Shivakumar, Director, School Of Allied Healthcare and Sciences (SAHS)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Deepti Swamy, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Mount Carmel College (Autonomous), Bengaluru: <i>Challenges and Advances in the Psychological Therapy Post-COVID-19: An Indian Perspective</i> Aditi Dutta, Assistant Professor, School of Design, Media and Creative Arts, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Fears of Isolation: A Post-lockdown Mental Health concerns turning into the Next Pandemic</i> Jhalak Sharma, Student, Department of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Emotional competence among Psychology and non-psychology Students</i> Neha Arvind Iyer, Student PGD, Department of Neuropsychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Sukanya Rajan, (co-author) : <i>Examining the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Social, Emotional, and Behavioural Development of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder in India</i> Venu R, Student, Department of Psychology, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).: <i>Exploring Truth Manipulation and Mental Health Amidst COVID-19: A Post-Truth and Dystopian Lens Analysis</i>

Parallel Technical Session 4	CMS, Seminar Hall-3	TS 4C	Migration	11:30 am-12:45 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Vanita Banjan, Associate Professor, SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous), Mumbai</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Mekhala Venkatesh, Associate Professor and Research Guide, Department of English, CDOE and Radhika Ramesh (Co-author), Associate Dean, Academics, ICFAI Business School, Bengaluru: <i>Return of the Native-Repercussions of Reverse Migration in Post-Pandemic India</i> Dr. Nandeeshwara Rao, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Exploring the dynamics of Migration during the Pandemic</i> Roshni Sharma, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru: <i>Refugee Resilience in the Face of Pandemic Crises: A Comprehensive Analysis</i> Sebanti Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Centre for Distance Education and Open Learning, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Understanding Multi-layered Resilience: Labour Migration during COVID: Pandemic in India</i>
Parallel Technical Session 4	CMS, Board Room-2	TS 4D	Governance in India	11:30 am-12:45 pm	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Centre for Women Studies, Bangalore University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Priyanka Yadav, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Asian Law College: <i>Lessons from the Pandemic: Need for Government Intervention in Strengthening Primary Health System in India</i> Dr. Susobhan Maiti, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Workplace Gender Inequality at Private Universities in India</i> Papiya Bhattacharya, Ph.D Research Scholar in Public Policy, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>A Case Study of Breast Cancer Policy Awareness in Women from Rural Vitla, Karnataka</i> Syed Rizwana Qadri, Research Scholar, Lovely Professional University: <i>Social and Economic Effect of Covid 19 on Cement Industry: Case Study of Kashmir</i> Nimna Aysha, Student, M.A Political Science and International Relations, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Women in Leadership and Crisis Management: A Case study of Kerala's Health Minister-K.K. Shailaja</i>

Lunch Break 12:45 pm - 1:30 pm

Day 2	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	P4	Plenary Session	1:30 p.m. -2:30 p.m.	<p>CHAIR: Prof. Arvind Kumar, Professor of United States' Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. S.Y. Surendra Kumar, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University: <i>India and China's Vaccine Diplomacy: A Soft Power Perspective</i> Dr. Vanita Banjan, Associate Professor, SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Empowered Autonomous), Mumbai: <i>The Migrant Population: A Chronicle of COVID-19's Impact and the Role of Civil Society</i> Dr. Sudeshna Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Centre for Women Studies, Bangalore University: <i>Pandemic and Beyond: Reflection on Geriatric Crisis and Intervention</i> Dr. Karamala Areesh Kumar, Head, Department of International Relations, Peace and Public Policy, St. Joseph's University, Bengaluru and Ms Shehnaz N. Chowdhury (Co-author): <i>Security in the Post-Pandemic-19 World Order: A Paradigm Shift Towards Health Security</i>
Parallel Technical Sessions 5	CMS, Seminar Hall-1	TS 5 A	Geopolitics	2:30 pm- 3:45 p.m.	<p>CHAIR: Prof. S.Y. Surendra Kumar, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Rajini K.S., Associate Professor, Department of Management, East Point Group of Institutions, Bengaluru: <i>Examining Global Order in the Post-Pandemic Period</i> Nur Alam Mollah, Ph.D Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani : <i>India and QUAD in Post-Pandemic World: An Explorative Framework</i> Sadikshya Mahapatra, Student, Department of Political Science, GITAM University, Vishakhapatnam: <i>Vaccine Diplomacy: Assessing India and China's Soft Power in the Post-Pandemic Era</i>
Parallel Technical Sessions 5	CMS, Seminar Hall-2	TS 5 B	Art and Literature	2:30 pm- 3:45 p.m.	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Rajani Jairam, Prof. in Sanskrit, Head Department of Languages, Dean – Student Affairs JAIN (Deemed to be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Chenaraju M., Assistant Professor and Coordinator, Department of Kannada, Centre for Distance and Online Education, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>COVID Pandemic: Responses from Kannada Literature (Translator needed)</i> Diana Sushmitha, : Assistant Professor, Department of English, Bishop Cotton Women's Christian College, Bengaluru: <i>An Exploration of the Aesthetic Topo Phrenic Experiences Post-Pandemic in the Cafes of Bengaluru</i>

					<p>3. Kanchan, Assistant Professor, Centre for Distance and Online Education, Punjabi University Patiala: <i>From Crisis to Creativity: Art and Literature's Role in Shaping Post-Pandemic Resilience</i></p> <p>4. Rashmi Bhura, Assistant Professor, Department of English, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Dr. Mekhala Venkatesh (Co-author), Associate Professor and Research Guide, Department of English, CDOE: <i>Memes from COVID-19: A New Social (media) of Language</i></p> <p>5. Terence Matthew, Ph.D Research Scholar, Department of Visual Arts, Shantamani Kala Kendra, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru and Dr. Avinash Dnyandevrao Kate (Co-author), Director, Department of Visual Arts, Shantamani Kala Kendra, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru : <i>A Visual Cultural Perspective on Pandemic Recovery through Art and Literature</i></p>
Parallel Technical Sessions 5	CMS, Seminar Hall-3	TS 5 C	Marginalisation and Gender Equality	2:30 pm-3:45 p.m.	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <p>1. Dr. Nivedita Saha, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Chained Down in Domesticity? Exploring Women Lifeworld in Covid India.</i></p> <p>2. Vibha N. Kashyap, Assistant Professor, Department of English, CDOE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Ms. Masarrath Anjum, Assistant Professor, Department of English, CDOE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Post-pandemic and the LGBTQIA Community</i></p> <p>3. Aishwarya Vedula, Research Scholar, Department of English, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>Dining in the Closet: LGBTQIA+ Identities Revealed through Film's Culinary Lens</i></p> <p>4. Ayushi Dubey, Student, Department of Political Science, GITAM University, Visakhapatnam: <i>Global Cultural Backlash against Women's Rights: A Comparative Study of Wade Vs. Roe Overturn (USA) and Rise of Taliban in Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan</i></p> <p>5. Suman M.P MA Student, Political Science and International Relations, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University): <i>The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the LGBTQIA+ Community in India: A Socio-Economic Perspective</i></p>

Parallel Technical Sessions 5	CMS, Board Room-2	TS 5 D ON LINE ZOOM	Institution and Governance in India	2:30 pm- 3:45 p.m.	<p>CHAIR: Dr. Sneha Yadav, Assistant Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Jayanta Debnath, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Mrinalini Datta, Mahavidyapith (College), Kolkata: <i>Local Institutions in Disaster Risk Governance in Post-Pandemic World.</i> Prianka Saha, Ph.D Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan or Self-Reliant India Mission as Economic Stimulus in Covid-19 Pandemic in India</i> Sayantana Saha: Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>Revitalising Governance: Assessing the Importance and Necessity of E-Governance in India's Post-Pandemic Era</i> Agniraj Chatterjee: Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal: <i>The Fourth Pillar of Democracy: Understanding Mass Media Interventions in India on Centralising Trends of Indian Federalism during Pandemic</i> Jonaki Ghosh Thomas, Working Professional (Mental Therapist) and Srimahalakshmi Nagasundaram, Working Professional (Mental Therapist): <i>Measuring Depression with Relation to Self-Esteem in Adolescents uring Post-COVID-19 Pandemic: With Pre and Post Life Skills Training</i>
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