

# THE SOCIAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE

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## **Book Launch: Jain University Press**

**'Discovering New India: Multiculturalism, Pluralism, Harmony'**

A volume of essays edited by

**A Ravindra & Priyanca Mathur**

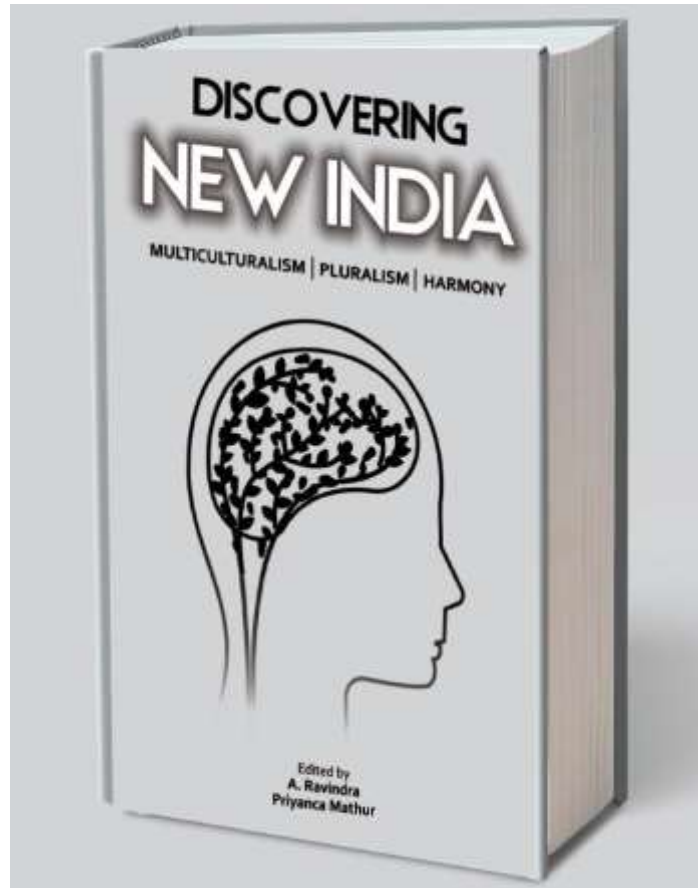
Venue - **CMS Business School, #17, Seshadri Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bengaluru - 560009**

Time - **1600 hrs**

Date - **Saturday, 17th September 2022**

Jain University Press launched a volume of essays titled *Discovering New India: Multiculturalism, Pluralism, Harmony*, edited by **A Ravindra**, former Chief Secretary, GoK and **Priyanca Mathur**, Head and Associate Professor, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at the CMS Business School, Seshadri Road Campus. A collection of thought-provoking and well-written articles by a group of progressive thinkers of the society, it reflects the country's aspirations for national solidarity, economic prosperity and social justice. This book is an initiative to propagate the values we espouse, namely harmony and hope and promote positivity that can reduce violence and hatred; to critically examine issues of contemporary relevance in the context of the current socio-economic religious and political events, and to stimulate discussions on these disciplines in the public domain. It has been produced with the vision of promoting India as a model of unity and diversity. This edited volume aims at inspiring citizens to work towards strengthening India's potential as a unifying moral force in world affairs while it is emerging as a global economic power.

This book has been specially curated by the *Ekam Sat Trust*, which was formed in 2021 to promote the concept of unity in diversity and social harmony under the leadership of Dr. Ravindra. It seeks to foster constitutional and human values through dialogue and discussion, particularly among the youth in India.



***Contributing Authors in the Book (In the order of appearance):***

- i. Mr. GURUCHARAN GOLLERKERI, Director of the Public Affairs Centre (PAC) & former Secretary of State, Govt. of India. He wrote on *Changing Beliefs and Unchanging Hopes*.
- ii. The second chapter namely *Religion and Socio-Secular Engagement* is written jointly by Dr. MAXIM DIAS SJ, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science and Peace Studies at St Joseph's College (Autonomous) Bengaluru and Prof. D. JEEVAN KUMAR, Superannuated Professor of Political Science, Bangalore University (BU).
- iii. Mr. AJAI KUMAR SINGH, Retired IPS, who wrote an article titled *Concerning Religion...*
- iv. Dr. MK RAMESH, Former Commercial Tax Officer in Govt. of Karnataka and former Vice-Chancellor of the National Law School of India University, Bangalore and his chapter concerns *Constitutional Vision and Commands*.
- v. The fifth chapter concerns the aspect of *inclusivity in NEP-2020* and is authored jointly by Dr. Raj Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University) and Dr. Payel Sen, Assistant Professor and Coordinator-Training at JAIN (Deemed-to-be University).

- vi. Dr. NARENDRAN KONDANDAPANI, Director of Research at the Center for Advanced Spatial and Environmental Research (CASER). His chapter is titled *Hope for Current Social, Economic and Environment Crises*.
- vii. Mr. HARISH MV, Managing Partner of ECube Investment Advisors has written on ESG which is *Environment, Society and Governance- A Tool to Promote Social Harmony*.
- viii. DR. DEBANGANA CHATTERJEE, Assistant Professor at Jain (Deemed-to-be University) has written on *Intersectionality in Gender Mainstreaming*.
- ix. Ms. SHILPA NAGARAJU, Research Scholar at Bangalore University's Department of Political Science, has written on *Patriarchy-Driven Matrilineal Society*.
- x. Ms. MAMATHA GOWDA, Inspector General of Stamps and Registration, Government of Karnataka and her chapter is on *Leadership Stories from Rural Women Self-Help Groups* in managing Covid-19 in Karnataka.
- xi. The next chapter focuses on the aspect of Inclusivity in Malayalam Cinema and is contributed by Mr. SABAREESH M ANIL, Master's student in Political Science at St. Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore
- xii. Dr. ANNAPOORNA RAVICHANDER, Head of Policy Engagement, Communication, and Training at the Public Affairs Centre (PAC), Bengaluru jointly with Dr. PRIYANCA MATHUR has written on the Youth Policy in India.
- xiii. Ms. PRIYA KRISHNAMURTHY, co-founder of CMCA - Children's Movement for Civic Awareness. Her chapter is titled *We the Young of India*.
- xiv. Mr. CHITRESH SRIVASTAVA, Research Scholar at Jain (Deemed to be University), writes on *Railway as a tool for nation-building*.

**Dignitaries at the Book Launch Event –**

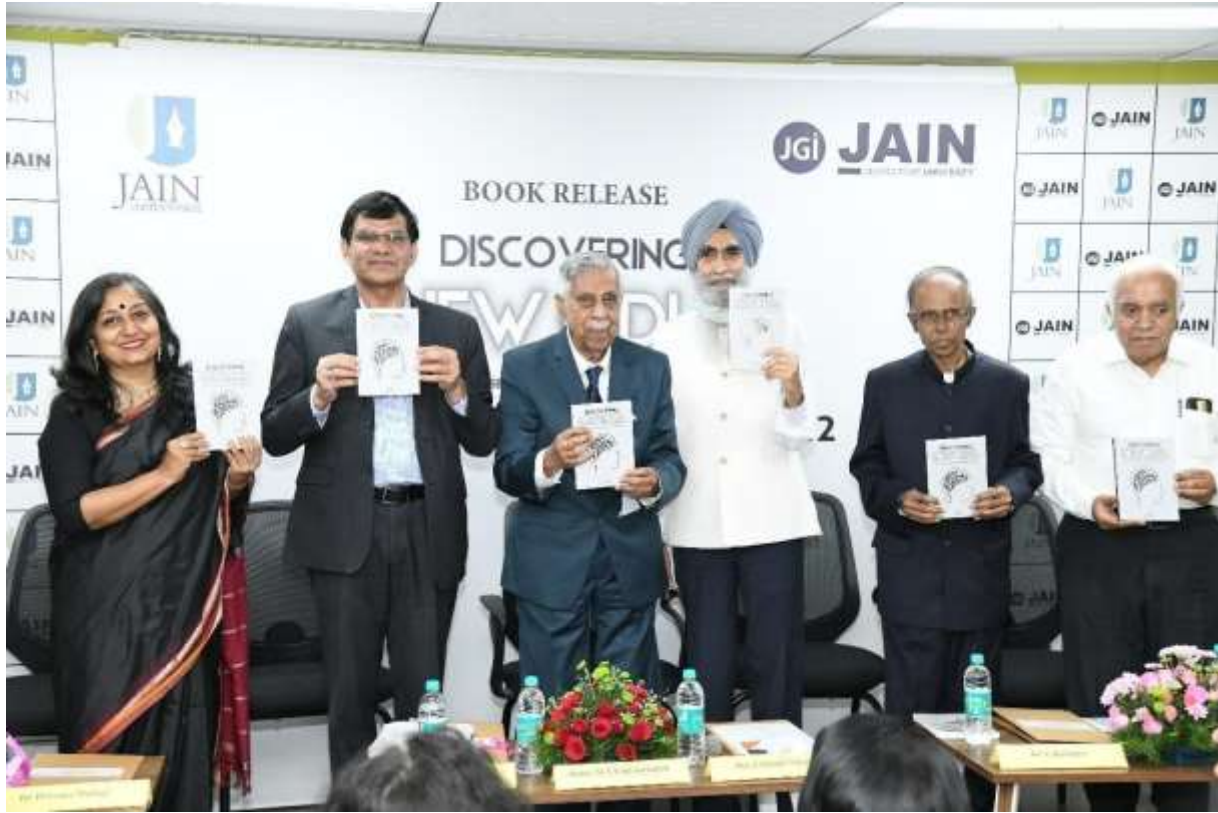
- **Justice M N Venkatachaliah**, Former Chief Justice of India
- **Dr. Raj Singh**, Vice Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)
- **Prof. R N Iyengar**, Director of the Centre for Ancient History and Culture, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)
- **Shri. Chiranjiv Singh**, IAS (Retd.), Former Additional Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka
- **Dr. Raj Singh**, Vice-Chancellor, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)
- **Dr. A. Ravindra**, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka & Editor of the Volume
- **Dr. Priyanca Mathur**, Head, CeRSSE, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), & Editor of the Volume



Dignitaries seated during the book release event



Audience during the book release



Formal book launch by the dignitaries (From Right to left: Prof. R. N Iyengar, Dr. A. Ravindra, Shri. Chiranjiv Singh, Justice M. N. Venkatachalaiah, Dr. Raj Singh & Dr. Priyanca Mathur)





Authors holding the book after the release