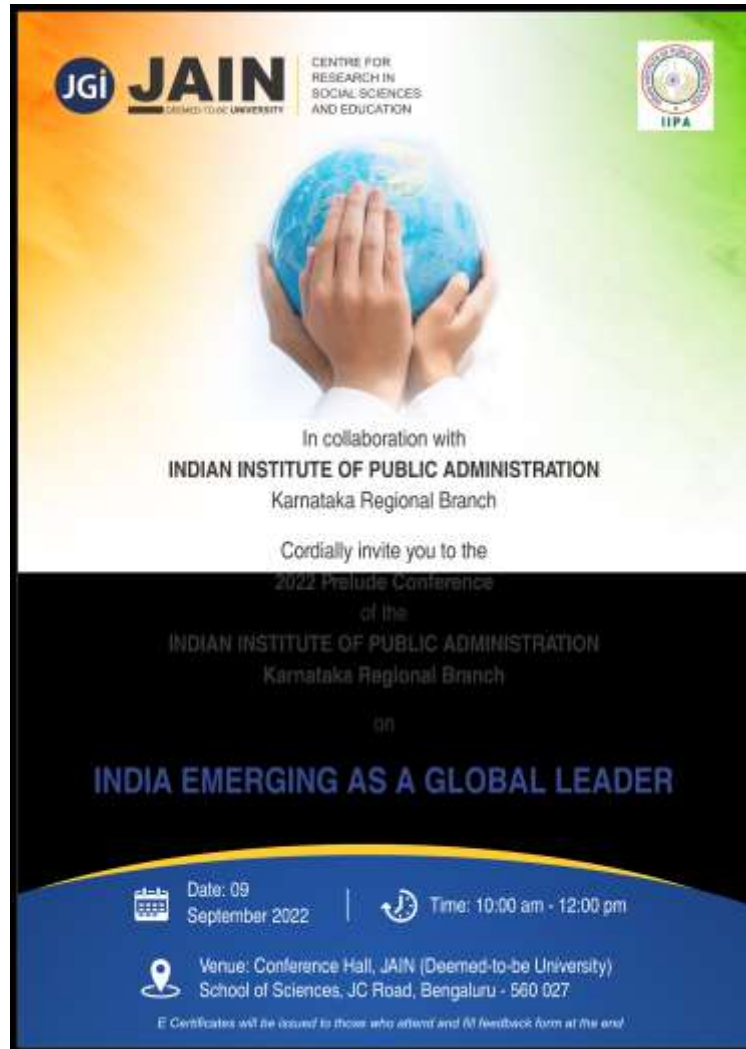


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2022 Prelude Conference of the IIPA-KRB on the topic 'India Emerging as a Global Leader'



The 2022 Prelude Conference of the IIPA-KRB was successfully concluded on 9th September 2022 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Conference Hall of the JC Road Campus, (School of Sciences), JAIN (Deemed-to-be-University), Bengaluru. The event began with Dr. Priyanca Mathur, Head, Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), welcoming the gathering and handing it over to the emcees — Dr. Debangana Chatterjee and Dr. Rubina Pradhan (Assistant Professors, CeRSSE). The emcees started by welcoming and introducing the theme for the day i.e. 'India Emerging as a Global Leader'. The emcees went on to introduce the host university — **JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), and CeRSSE** which is an indispensable part of the university that promotes interdisciplinary research in areas of social science. A brief introduction to IIPA and IIPA-KRB was highlighted as well.

To set the tone for the discussion, a background to the theme 'India Emerging as a Global Leader' was put to the fore. Following is an excerpt from the background to the theme:

Emerging powers are the states that have the capability and intention to manoeuvre their ways to great power status. India's deep-rooted civilizational legacy, its anti-colonial past, huge population, and diverse geography had always been successful in helping it to stand apart. India is now the fifth largest economy in the world leaving the United Kingdom behind. The international nuclear regime has also made special arrangements to accept India's de facto nuclear power status. It provides India with an imperative to plunge into international power politics. The argument of India's emergence seems tenable when India's achievements are evaluated by comparing the essential great power attributes like- military capability, economic competitiveness etc. with others. Having said that, the benefits of India's economic growth are still unevenly distributed. Human security still remains a matter of concern for the country. We ask- whether the real power and strength of a state flow from the emancipation of the larger Indian population. We may, therefore, ponder and look for answers after 75 years of India's independence commemorating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, if the attribute of social cohesion also becomes one of the focal points in this regard as much as others.

This was followed by the lighting of the lamp by the expert dignitaries to herald an auspicious beginning of the occasion. The dignitaries were assisted by the student volunteers who are the very **first batch of M.A. in Public Policy and Administration from CeRSSE**.

The event was followed by introducing the speakers for the day — **Shri. S. Ramanathan**, Chairman Emeritus, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Regional Branch, Bengaluru; **Shri S.V. Ranganath**, currently the Chairman of IIPA-KRB; **Dr. Raj Singh**, honourable Vice-Chancellor of JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bangalore; **Dr. Shradha Kanwar**, Chief Learning Officer, iNurture Learning Solutions **and Dr. Srikanta Swamy**, Director, Research and Analysis wing, JAIN (Deemed-to-be University); **Dr. Jeevan Kumar**, former Secretary of IIPA-KRB.

After the formal introduction of the speakers, Shri. S. Ramanathan took over the day's proceedings. He then invited Shri. S.V. Ranganath to share his thoughts, who presented some important data on India's economic growth and highlighted India overtaking the UK to be the 5th largest economy along with its increasing defence capabilities which have contributed to India's status at the global level. By 2030, India would overtake China as the 3rd largest economy and by 2050, India would have the capability to overtake the US as the 1st largest economy. He also highlighted the challenges that India faces of which population increase and a lack of infrastructure were few.

The keynote speaker of the day Professor Dr. Raj Singh took us over glimpses of India since the first half of the 20th century. He started with an interesting account of India winning gold in the 1936 Olympics under captain Dhyan Chand. He then went on to provide facts on several achievements of India in the international arena and how is India placed today in the globe. However, he also laid out a few challenges that India faces today which pose a hindrance to India's leadership goal.

Dr. Srikanth Swamy and Dr. Shradha Kanwar, concluded by weaving in the discussions by the honourable speakers. Their major focus of discussions was based on the fact on how India has been setting a powerful precedent for exerting its position as a leader in the world.

This was followed by the question-and-answer session which was very interactive and thought-provoking. A very proactive diplomacy of India in various aspects of economic, cultural and defence diplomacy was highlighted that would enhance its position in the world as a global leader. However, one can reflect on addressing the challenges that India faces at the domestic level to emerge as a global leader like food insecurity, hunger, effects of climate change, poverty, social stigma, economic inequality, etc.

Dr. Jeevan Kumar was called upon the stage to pledge a formal vote of thanks which was followed by gifting the dignitaries with small tokens of gratitude.

The 2022 IIPA-KRB Prelude Conference was thus concluded by handing over tokens of appreciation by honourable Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Raj Singh to our dignitaries from IIPA-KRB and Dr. Shradha Kanwar. The IIPA-KRB also extended their gratitude by presenting the JAIN in-house members with small tokens of appreciation.



The lighting of the lamp by the Dignitaries



Audience during the event



MAPPA Students welcoming dignitaries with a plant



Q&A session



With the dignitaries present for the event