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DAY I

THEME: WELFARE STATE POLICY AD GOVERNANCE

Moderator

Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Head, Jagran School of Public Policy and International affairs

Speakers

Shri Hari Mohan Gupta, Honorable Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University

Mr Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative, Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung

Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS

Chairperson

Dr. Christian Wagner, Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

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Inaugural Report

Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Head, Jagran School of Public Policy and International Affairs introduced and welcomed the dignitaries present in the conference and threw light on the various themes of the conference.

Mr. Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) gave a run through of the working of KAS. The KASs a German Political Foundation active in India for 52 years that supports freedom, rule of law, liberal ideas and works with universities, think tanks and NGOs to promote these ideas. He explained the significance of governance issues and political reforms that have taken place in the Indo Pacific and provided a European perspective to it.

Following him, Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University introduced the Conference theme and outlined the daily schedule of the sessions

Shri Hari Mohan Gupta, Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University delivered the inaugural address. He explained the relevance of the theme and listed crucial governance and policy issues. Lastly, he highlighted the importance of various reforms as they reflect the needs of changing times and declared the conference officially open at the end of his statement.

Keynote Address

The conference was graced with the presence of Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS for the Keynote Address. The speaker introduced the participants to 'how they go forward with the idea of Indo Pacific'. In particular referring to India and QUAD, where India is trying to move forward, the interests of EU; and the trilateral grouping of Australia, France and India. The speaker introduced the idea of Free and Open Indo Pacific (FOIP) for minimizing the monopoly on global supply chains. Focusing on the issue of welfare state, an area of great interest, the speaker gave a brief history of the concept of welfare state. He then divided the talk into three major sections:

1. Global setting
2. The historical Indian thought about the welfare state
3. Contemporary initiative by India

Dr. Sachin indicated the way forward in his concluding remarks. He said that there is no one definition of welfare state but it changed from country to country. He recalled the 5 P's as a part of SDG's 2030 agenda viz. People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnership. Innovative Governance (ABCD- Artificial Intelligence, Block chain, Cloud and Data), as per him could be the way forward for reducing the digital divide and addressing skill gaps. Other solutions as highlighted by the speaker were the Connect and role of communities and the reinforcement of ethics and morals as mentioned by him in context of Dharma.

The keynote address was followed by a brief question and answer round followed by concluding remarks given by Chairperson of the session Dr. Christian Wagner Senior Fellow, Stiftung Wissenschaft and Politik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs.



DAY I - Parallel Session I

Moderators

Dr. Anshika Makhijani, Jagran Lakecity University
Pooja Vijayakumar, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Ruchi Ghosh

Presenters

Jalaja Saji
Mausami Hajela
Amitabh Shrivastava,

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Ms. Jalaja Saji presented a paper on Response Framework for the Government of Madhya Pradesh to Address the Immediate and Prospective Challenges of Migrant Workers Due to COVID-19 Lockdown. After defining the meaning of migrant workers, she discussed the plight of millions of migrant workers induced by COVID- 19 pandemic. The researchers analysed the issues and the difficulties faced by the migrant workers from Madhya Pradesh.

Presentation II -

Ms. Mausmi Hajela presented the paper on The Overlooked Home Economics: Formalising the Unheard voices through SmWedNaYojna – Smart Wages and Welfare Scheme for Domestic Helps in Madhya Pradesh. She said domestic help services has now become an indispensable source of livelihood to a large population especially households below poverty line in urban areas. The COVID- 19 pandemic made even their employability difficult. This resulted in a piecemeal incentive given to these employees.

Presentation III -

Mr. Amitabh Shrivastava presented a paper titled Include the Excluded: Inclusive planning and policy interventions for Transgender community in Madhya Pradesh. The examples of 6 different members of the community from various states were highlighted in he explained 2 people one from Tamil Nadu and the other from Madhya Pradesh who were marginalised because of the policies of the states in not recognising them as existing individuals of the community with their own choice of living.

DAY I - Parallel Session II

Moderators

Dr. Reena Rajput, Jagran Lakecity University
Devanshi Singh, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Ashutosh Kumar

Presenters

Priyanca Mathur
Gyanranjan Swain

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Dr. Priyanca Mathur gave her presentation on the paper 'Women and Decision making in State Legislatures in India'. She talked about the Karnataka State Legislative assembly and women's participation in it. She analyzed the impact of reservation of women and role of women MLAs and the reasons for low number of women in politics.

Presentation II -

Dr. Gyanranjan Swain gave his presentation on 'Contextualizing competitive populism and Governance in Odisha'. He talked about patronage democracy and competitive populism, specifically Odisha's model and theories regarding competitive population in Odisha, including their principles. He also explained about the leadership of Naveen Patnaik and concluded by telling everyone about Odisha as an administrative state.

DAY I - Parallel Session III

Moderators

Mr. Raghuraj Khullar, Jagran Lakecity University
Prerna Jaiswani, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Vinay Joshi

Presenter

Reetika Syal

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Presentation by Panelist

Presentation I -

Dr. Reetika Syal, presented her paper on Exploring 'Spaces' of Collaboration between Civil Society and the Indian State. Her focus was on the role of states, agencies and the formal channels for involvement of citizens. The word 'spaces' used by her reflects the collaboration and involvement of citizens outside the formalized policy arena. She highlighted the Operational Definition for Research and Types of Spaces.

DAY I - Parallel Session IV

Moderators

Mr. Anshul Pathak, Jagran Lakecity University
Sameeksha Rai, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Nilesh Khare

Presenters

Tarun Arora
Nagarjuna Sadineni

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Dr. Tarun Arora presented his paper titled 'Innovative methodology for sampling and categorization of households in urban India' authored by him and co-authored by Ms Katie Pyle. In his paper, he addressed the constraints of conventional sampling methodologies for households in urban research in India and described new methodologies in the context of Jana- Brown citizenship Index Project, which is one of the biggest urban governance projects in the country.

Presentation II -

Mr. Nagarjuna Sadineni presented his paper titled 'Relevance of Ancient Indian concepts of "Dharma and Yogakshema" to current IT Industry Leaders.' The objective of the paper was to explore the relevance and influence of Dharma (the righteous behaviour) and Yogakshema (sustainable welfare) to corporate governance. The paper presentation included ancient wisdom from few Indian texts such as Ramayana, Mahabharata and Arthshastra for ideas of good governance, leadership and strategy. It also covered the concepts of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbkam' and 'sarve jana sukhino bhavantu' and their relevance to today's corporate leaders and also in UN's strategies for sustainable development goals.

DAY I - Parallel Session V

Moderators

Mr. Rajat Pandey, Jagran Lakecity University
Srishti Vajpayee, Student, Jagran Lakecity University

Chairperson

Dr. Ruchi Sharma

Presenters

Priya Sharma
Ashish Sharma

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Srishti Vajpayee, Student, Jagran Lakecity University

Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Ms. Priya Sharma presented her paper titled 'Reboot of State Road Transport: Social welfare and governance'. In this paper, she explained the objectives of MPSRTC, how it helps in promoting the businesses, industrials and agricultural activities. followed by importance of road transport, problems, reforms to avoid duplicate materials, parts, etc.

Presentation II -

Dr. Ashish Sharma presented his paper titled 'Drought, financial relief and economic growth: An analysis of Bundelkhand region, Madhya Pradesh' here he gave geographical and economic representation of MP. He covered empirical evidences for droughts and financial relief towards it, research issues and others.

DAY II

THEME: SECTORIAL POLICY REFORMS – STATUS AND EVALUATION (HEALTH, EDUCATION, ECONOMIC AND OTHERS)

Moderator

Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal

Speaker

Dr. Rupak Chattopadhyay, President, Forum of Federations, Ottawa

Chairperson

Dr. Rajeshwari Deshpande, Professor of Political Science, Savitribai Phule University, Pune

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Keynote Address

Dr. Sandeep Shastri, Vice Chancellor, Jagran Lakecity University introduced and welcomed the keynote speaker Dr. Rupak Chattopadhyay, President, Forum of Federations, Ottawa and Chairperson Dr. Rajeshwari Deshpande, Professor of Political Science, Savitribai Phule University, Pune. Dr. Rupak Chattopadhyay spoke about social policy making and reforms in the context of federal and multi-level government. He gave a comprehensive definition of federations and talked about the world being a continuum of various centralized and decentralized systems. He explained why countries choose federalism, the advantages of this institutional structure in delivering policy reforms, how it helps build progressive social policies and the crucial role of federal governments in standardizing policies that have universal appeal and are central in policy reforms. He concluded by saying federal structure is crucial in understanding the complexity of reforms in populous and diverse countries.

This was followed by a question and answers round.

Dr. Rajeshwari Deshpande also gave her concluding remarks on federalism, crisis of capitalism, development of welfare states and democracies and the session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava.

DAY II - Parallel Session I

Moderators

Mr. Anshul Pathak, Jagran Lakecity University
Devanshi Singh, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Anitha Govindraj

Presenters

Chitresh Shrivastava
Anshul Puriya
Manisha Madhava

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Mr. Chitresh Shrivastava gave his presentation on the paper 'Modernising India's Railway: The Opportunities and Challenges of Private Train Operations in India'. He talked about the factors influencing the need for private train operations including Capital intensive nature of railroad organisations and their inadequate maintenance. He also talks about the significance of private participation in train operations and the methodology revolving it.

Presentation II -

Mr. Anshul Puriya presented his paper which was on the topic 'Modifying the fire safety regulations in India'. He talked about the need for modifying regulation and the Methodology involving Literature review, modification with respect to Madhya Pradesh and expert suggestions. He also explained the theoretical and conceptual framework as well as the limitations of the study.

Presentation III -

Dr. Manisha Madhava presented on the SDG based opportunity identification and technology based indigenous solutions – A Case Study on RiGAS LPG Management System. She talked about women and workforce participation with many technical and statistical details and the Internet Penetration in India including gender bias. She included the methodology and qualitative study of urban women's use of digital media. She talked about women entrepreneurship during Covid-19 involving delivery of organic food and book distribution.

DAY II - Parallel Session II

Moderators

Dr. Urvashi Dutta, Jagran Lakecity University
Prerna Jaiswani, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Simi Mehta

Presenters

Ashima Gupta
Saloni Khandelwal

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Ms. Ashima Gupta presented on the topic Urban Policies and Urban Villages in Post- Colonial India. The focus was on the start of urban villages, how and when they came into existence and the role that states play when it comes to these urban villages. Certain arguments were put forward followed with fruitful discussion on the master plans for urbanization of different cities.

Presentation II -

Ms. Saloni Khandelwal co-authored with Sayed Aqa Raza presented on the title Empowering Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) to Deepen Decentralized Governance in Urban Areas: Need for a Policy Intervention. The presentation began with introduction of the housing societies, mismanagement in their functioning followed by governance and judicial sides of it. Field Survey and Case studies were done in the states of Madhya Pradesh where lack of accountability in context of RWAs was clearly visible in municipalities, housing societies and government as the research further processed. The study analyzed the Status of RWAs in different states of India and their participation in local development.

DAY II - Parallel Session III

Moderators

Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Jagran Lakecity University
Sameeksha Rai, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Vivek Khare

Presenters

Sneha Tiwari
Smriti Panjwani
Apoorva Dixit

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Ms Sneha Tiwari presented her paper titled 'National Education Policy 2020: A Critical and Comparative Analysis.' In her paper, she compared the ancient and modern system of education in India and gave a detailed analysis of the New Education Policy. The presentation covered the ancient education system from the time of gurukuls and their role in providing holistic learning to students to modernization of education in British period. She also discussed the challenges in present education system which led to formation of NEP 2020 and the loopholes in it.

Presentation II -

Ms Smriti Panjwani presented her paper titled 'The Indian Direct Benefit Transfer policy outlook during COVID era: An extended hand.' The objective of the paper was to measure the real advantage of Direct Benefit Transfer scheme. The paper presentation explained the emergence of DBT scheme, the integral role of Aadhar in several government flagship programmes such as DBT and the journey of the policy from 2013 to 2019.

Presentation III -

Dr Apoorva Dixit presented her paper titled 'Expanding the role of Mediation in Environmental Disputes: Indian Perspective.' In her presentation, she discussed the diversity of environmental disputes and gave a detailed explanation of mediation as a mechanism of alternate dispute resolution and how it can be an economically effective tool in resolving environmental disputes.

DAY II - Parallel Session IV

Moderators

Ms. Priya Sharma, Jagran Lakecity University
Srishti Vajpayee, Student, Jagran Lakecity University

Chairperson

Dr. Subhashini Muthukrishnan

Presenters

Anshika Makhijani
Reena Singh Rajput
Anagh

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Srishti Vajpayee, Student, Jagran Lakecity University

Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Dr. Anshika Makhijani presented her paper titled 'Policy impact of Literature on Society'. She focused on how Literature can provide insight into a social and political changes. The importance of historicism and context in a nature. The impact of reading books on people and Society. Test of D'URBERUILLES AND SUMMER. How stories have shaped the world.

Presentation II -

Dr. Reena Singh Rajput presented her paper co-authored with Rajat Pandey titled 'Impact of State Policy for Women Working in Unorganized Sector'. She focused on Why women are joining an unorganised sector? Variable and descriptions and natives. Data analysis on domestic responsibilities etc. Workers related to NGO sectors and few of the pre-existing schemes.

Presentation III -

Mr. Anagh presented his paper titled 'Self Help Group and Gender Equality – A case study on the empowered marginalised gender in Kerala'. He focused on Community based organisation have a pivotal role empowerment. Caring need of the how that the human capital accumulated in the country. Service of transgender community, calculation of national income etc. The role of transgender community in this field of activity has been presented as negligible.

DAY III
**THEME: ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE AND POLICIES FOR ACHIEVING
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Moderator

Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Head, Jagran School of Public Policy and International affairs

Speaker

Dr. Frank Umbach, Research Director of the European Center for Climate, Energy and Resource, Security (EUCERS), University of Bonn

Chair

Dr. V. Vijay Kumar, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Bhopal

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Keynote Address

Dr. Umbach gave a broader perspective of climate change and sustainability goals. He analysed the positive and negative trends with regard to climate change and the huge implications of Covid-19 pandemic on climate and energy sectors. He compared and analyzed different strategies and measures taken by 20 countries when it comes to meeting the Sustainability Goals. He talked about New Global Energy Developments and Geopolitics; Global CO₂ and Green House emissions. Emissions in terms of per capita by these countries and the proposed emission targets. Dr. Frank mentioned about Global energy markets, preparation of fossil fuel exporters for energy transition and gave the Worldwide Primary Energy Demand by IEA scenarios. He deeply analyzed the change in Coal Electricity Generation of 20 countries. He pointed out the race for renewables by China and U.S. Russia's reduced involvement in tackling climate change was also pointed out. At last, he concluded by addressing the worldwide impact of Covid 19 on balancing of short-medium- and long-term objectives.

The Chairperson - Dr. V. Vijayakumar, Vice Chancellor, National Law University, Bhopal in conclusion said that internalizing of the laws and policies should be prioritized to meet the goals.

DAY III - Parallel Session I

Moderators

Dr. Deevanshu Shrivastava, Jagran Lakecity University
Prerna Jaiswani, Student, BA Hons. Public Policy and Administration

Chairperson

Dr. Mona Purohit

Presenters

Sivaram Sivasubramaniam
Anju Lis Kurian

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Mr. Sivaram Sivasubramaniam presented on the title India's Pursuit of Excellence: UN SDG 9.5 on Scientific Research and Innovation – Key Takeaways from Ancient Indian Scriptures. The paper connects Scriptures to Innovations. The major study focused on the SDG 9.5 and 5 thought leaderships namely, Rishis- a legacy of excellence, Gateway to cogent cognition, Championing enquiry, baselining inquiry and multidisciplinary and innovation convergence on collaboration. The presentation beautifully put forward strategies to pursue excellence using key takeaways from select ancient Indian scriptures.

Presentation II -

Ms. Anju Lis Kurian presented on the title Environmental Governance and Climate Refugees in Indo-Pacific: A Stumbling Block towards Sustainable Development Goals. The presentation covered climate change, climate refugee and conservation refugee. The paper witnessed potential threats of climate refugees in the regional and international security and the governance of climate refugees in Indo-Pacific. The study points out the need to craft resilience against disaster and adoption and implementation of a common disaster risk reduction strategy.

DAY III - Parallel Session II

Moderators

Dr. Reena Rajput, Jagran Lakecity University
Srishti Vajpayee, Student, Jagran Lakecity University

Chairperson

Dr. Diwakar Shukla

Presenters

Jeevan Kumar
Mohandas
Tanmay Agarwal

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Dr. Jeevan Kumar presented on the topic LOCALIZING THE U.N. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS, Role of Panchayat Raj Institutions in which he explained about SDGs at a glance, India and SDGs three phases, and localizing the SDGs (an habit report 2016), fuel cells plane about UN Secretary General and road map UNDP and UN habitat.

Presentation II -

Dr. Mohandas presented on the topic Foreign Policy of India in the Indo-Pacific Region and the Changing Dynamics. He explained about Indo Pacific Ocean, India's articulation (SAGAR DOCTRINE), he also explains about IPOI includes economic, environmental and Technologies. He also explained about India's blue economy potential regional economic integration, India interest in the Indo-Pacific, suggestion for better cooperation and ASEAN, etc.

Presentation III -

Mr. Tanmay Agarwal spoke on the topic Impact of Governance and Policies for Achieving Target 2030 for Sustainable Development. He explained his topic with SDGs focus on environmental pillars and policies, nature positive by 2030, Important of governance, policy, and implementation. Empirical research. He also explained about UNEP and environmental policies give the strength the national laws and he also tell us about Indo-Pacific sustainability governance and regulations, etc.

DAY III - Parallel Session III

Moderators

Dr. Anshika Makhijani, Jagran Lakecity University
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Chairperson

Dr. Sunil Nautiyal

Presenters

Saurav Kumar
Yash Tiwari
Ram Yadav,

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Presentations by Panelists

Presentation I -

Mr. Sourav Kumar presented his paper titled 'Using Sustainable Development as Soft Power: the case of India's sustainable development policy.' The objective of the paper was to evaluate how India utilizes its existing soft power credentials to influence the global sustainable development negotiations and as a foreign policy to expand its global influence. The presentation mentioned India's initiatives for sustainable development in areas like food security, health, education and environment at domestic level and its role in global negotiations on these sustainable development issues at international level.

Presentation II -

Dr. Yash Tiwari presented her paper titled 'Role of Environmental Governance vis-à-vis Sustainable Development: An analysis with reference to India.' In her paper, she analysed the initiatives taken by the government of India for effective environmental governance and achieving sustainable development in broader framework. She explained the legislative framework of environmental policies in India from the Environment protection Act of 1986 to the Biodiversity Act of 2002.

Presentation III-

Dr. Ram Yadav presented his paper titled 'Natural Farming as a response to climate change challenges in Agriculture: Analyzing the communicative practices of the farming communities in India' authored by him, Dr. Jayant Panda and Mr. Ambris Tripathy. In his presentation, he discussed the impact of climate change on agriculture and natural farming approaches such as farm-bunding, cattle-rearing, and integrated farming to deal with climate change challenges.