



Report on Public Policy and Administration Programme organized by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL)

Overview

St. Stephen's College hosted its first ever E-Course on Public Policy titled 'The Practice of Public Policy and Administration'. The decision to conduct the E-course was taken due to the prevailing COVID-19 pandemic. The 5-day Intensive Programme on **Public Policy and Administration** was hosted by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL) from 18th May 2020 - 23rd May 2020. The candidates were shortlisted through a rigorous and robust interview process taken directly by the Principal of the College. The Programme also included International applicants from New York and Canada.

The course focused on the Policy formation and its implementation at the Central, State, and local level. The course was inaugurated by Smt. Shailaja Teacher, Honorable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala. She spoke on the Kerala Model of handling Covid 19.

Dates and Duration of the Lectures

The programme was a 5- day intensive Programme commencing from 18th May 2020 - 23rd May 2020. The timings of the lecture were from 1400hrs-1600 hrs and the duration of lecture (per day) was for two hours.

Inaugural Address

The course was inaugurated by Smt. Shailaja Teacher, Honourable Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Government of Kerala. She spoke on the Kerala Model of handling Covid 19. The lecture was made open to alumni, including Mr. Philip Mathew, President St. Stephen's Alumni Association, Senior members, and others from the media fraternity.

The honorable Minister spoke elaborately on various aspects on the management of COVID 19 which touched upon different layers of administration under the State Government. She stressed on the importance of District Collectors who have played a crucial role in handling the covid crisis in their districts. She also stated that Kerala was able to control the pandemic because of their quick action at the very early stage of the crisis including alerting the State Response/Health team to take necessary actions. However she expressed serious concerns over the state of administration if the cases were to increase in Kerala.

The welcome address was given by Principal Prof. John Varghese and the session concluded with the Vote of thanks by Mr. Blesson Mathew, Program Coordinator, SCAL.

Details of the Speakers and Topics

S.No	Date	Name of the Speaker	Topic	Duration
1	18.05.20	Mr J.K. Dadoo Former Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Commerce & Industry Gov. of India	Introduction to Policy: Ideas to Improve Governance in India	90 minutes
2	19.05.20	Ms K.K. Shailaja Teacher Hon'ble Minister for Health, Social Justice, and Woman and Child Welfare Department Gov. of Kerala Dr. K.P. Krishnan Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Gov. of India	Keynote Speaker: Public Health, The Kerala Model for COVID-19 Policy Formulation, Implementation and Administration	60 minutes 90 minutes
3	20.05.20	Ms. Joyce Vaghela, Dr. Amod, Dr. Abha Mangal	Gap between Policy and Implementation with regard to Health	90 minutes
4	21.05.20	Ms Gayathri Kalia Former COO, DDU-GKY, Ministry of Rural Development Gov. of India	Policy Formulation and Skill Development	90 minutes
5	22.05.20	Mr Sanjay Sahay Former ADGP, Karnataka Police	Policing and Administration	90 minutes

List of Participants

1	Abhijit Nikhade
2	Achintya Kumar
3	Ankur Pandey
4	Arun Ameta
5	Baksheesh Sachar
6	Haya Wakil
7	Kavya Abraham
8	Kripa Abraham
9	Kunal Dhamija
10	Mohammad Khan
11	Neel Mathur
12	Pratibha Mishra
13	Rajat Shahi
14	Rushali Srivastava
15	Sahar Munjal
16	Saloni Bhardwaj
17	Sathyanarayana Nayene
18	Srilekha
19	Siddharth Kumar
20	Sidhi Baweja
21	Sindhuja Penumarty
22	Swasti Sharma
23	Tanvi Dubey
24	Theras Tom
25	Venkat Narayan
26	Vinay Sharma

Assignments

A 3000-5000 word essay on the following questions was submitted by 10th June 2020 23:59pm (IST)

1. Choose a public policy analysis framework from a theoretical basis by justifying why it was chosen and undertake a critical analysis of the Indian Government's response to COVID 19.
2. It is a good well rounded well planned policy that lays the foundation for success of its objectives. Critically examine the statement with illustration.
3. Political influence is central to Policing and Administration, which has the potential to harm the moral and functioning of the Police force. Critically examine this statement.
4. What is policy formation? What are the factors and challenges affecting policy formation and implementation in India?
5. Indian skill development has many actors in the public sector. Is that amenable to policy coherence? Examine the processes in place for such coherence.
6. Critically examine the statement that skill gap is the key bottleneck to jobs.
7. Is it the policy paralysis or the paralysis of implementation which is slowing the growth of India?

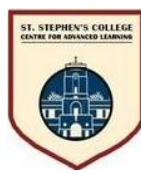
Valedictory Address

None

Coordinator's Comments

We have gained significant insights from the programme we have successfully conducted in the past. The necessity of transitioning from offline to online mode in the time of pandemic was implemented and accepted with ease and our second programme on Public Policy and Administration drew candidates from across the globe. It was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Health, Social Justice and Woman and Child Development, Government of Kerala - Ms K. K. Shailaja Teacher. The idea behind this course was to invite and involve young minds from around the world, which would facilitate better exchange of ideas, thoughts, innovation and national integration of information and intellect. This Course witnessed senior Civil Servants from the Indian Administrative Service, Indian Police Service and from the Audits and Accounts Service who shared their immense wealth of knowledge and expertise on policy, management, leadership and Policing. For the first time, SCAL provided mentoring support to the applicants of the course .

Blesson Mathew



Report on Law in Action Programme organized by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning

Overview

This was proposed as the third online course to be offered by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL). Law in Action was a 3-Day Intensive e-Course which hosted seasoned Lawyers and Bureaucrats conducting the sessions. The course opened up deeper understanding of how the legal machinery works and provided finer insights for the candidates especially for those who had a background in Law.

Dates and Duration of Lecture

The 6 Day intensive programme commenced on the 15th June and the final lecture was delivered on the 20th June 2020. Each session was 120-150 minutes.

Details of Speakers & Topics

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name of Speaker</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Duration</u>
1.	15/06/2020	Mr. Jyoti Sagar	Intellectual Property Law & Enforcement	180 mins
2.	16/06/2020	Mr. Baljit Singh Kalha	International Law	180 mins
3.	20/06/2020	Mr. Bishwajit Bhattacharyya	Constitutional Law	180 mins

Coordinators Comments:

Honorarium paid to three facilitators - INR 10,000 each. The three lectures that happened were recorded for SCAL archives. The possible reason for lack of applicants was the high course fees, i.e. INR 25,000.

Davina Smith

Report on International Relations Programme organized by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning and Global Dialogue Forum

Overview

The 10 -day Intensive Programme on **India and The Reshaping of the World Order - A certificate Programme in International Relations** was hosted by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL) in Partnership with Global Dialogue Forum (GDF), a global think tank and a not for profit organization from 21st September 2020 -2nd October 2020.

The aim of the Programme was to offer an in-depth study and understanding of geopolitics from a global perspective through a series of lectures by seasoned practitioners from different fields. The course encapsulated a broad range of issues within International Relations extending from India's emerging security challenges in the neighborhood, the Indo Pacific vision and China, Future wars in Space and Cyber Security, Indo-China Relations, Peace and Conflict Resolution, Education and environmental concerns among others.

The inaugural address was delivered by H.E. Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla IFS, Foreign secretary – India which was followed by 27 speakers who shared their expertise and knowledge on different topics under the International Relations paradigm.

Dates and Duration of the Lectures

The programme was a 10 day intensive programme commencing from the 21st of September 2020 to 2nd October 2020. The timings of the lecture were from 1400hrs-1800 hrs and the duration of lecture (per day) was four hours.

Inaugural Address

The inaugural address for the International Relations Programme was delivered by His Excellency Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla IFS, Foreign secretary – India on the 21st September 2020 at 1400 hrs. The online lecture was live streamed by the MEA.

Mr. Shringla congratulated St. Stephen's College for introducing the certificate programme on International Relations and expressed his happiness on seeing greater academic focus on IR - a subject of paramount importance for a nation like India with strong external engagements in purview of the increasingly important world view. 'The study and practice of international affairs is both an art and a science. It is a science because it requires an ability to ascertain and determine facts. It is an art because it often involves the divination of patterns and lessons in a non-linear manner. Experience, study, contemplation are necessary', said Mr. Shringla.

Mr. Shringla also focused on the changing nature of globalization and India's emergence as a global nation with diverse global interests. 'We have one of the largest and most able diasporas. Our economy, and our material wellbeing, is linked to global value chains and supply chains. We are a services powerhouse with a distinct international presence. We see the world as a borderless economy with an interlinked marketplace' said Mr. Shringla.

Details of the Speakers and Topics

S.No	Date	Name of the Speaker	Session	Topic	Duration
1	21/9/20	Shri Harsh Vardhan Shringla IFS, Foreign Secretary-INDIA		Indian and the Reshaping of the World Order	60 min
2	22/9/20	Dr. Maya Tudor , Assistant Professor Blavatnik School of Governance, Oxford University	I	The New Economic order and Its effects on Globalization	90 min
3	22/9/20	Mr. Gita Wirjawan , Indonesia's former Minister of Trade, and Chairman of the Advisory Board, School of Govt. and Public Policy, Indonesia	II	The New Economic Order & its effects on Trade and Commerce	90 min
4	22/9/20	Dr. Rajiv Kumar , Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, Government of India	III	Reforming the outdated institutions of Multilateralism	70 min
5	23/9/20	Professor RashedUz Zaman , Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka	I	South Asia and Afghanistan in the Extended Neighborhood of India	90 min
6	23/9/20	Mr. Vikram Doraiswami IFS , India's High Commissioner designate to Bangladesh & Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India	II	South Asia and Afghanistan in the Extended Neighborhood of India	90 min
7	23/9/20	Maj General B.K. Sharma AVSM, SM & bar (Retd), Director, United Service Institution of India	III	South Asia and Afghanistan in the Extended Neighborhood of India	90 min
8	24/9/20	Dr. Kavita Sharma Former President, South Asian University, New Delhi	I	Education as a Critical Driving Force in Developing Nations	90 min
9	24.9.20	Ms. Atishi Marlena Educationist, Member of the Delhi State Assembly	II	Education as a Critical Driving Force in Developing Nations	90 min

10	25.9.20	Dr. Christopher Snedden Eminent Australian strategic analyst, previously Professor at Asia Pacific Centre for Security Studies in Hawaii, US	I	The Indo-Pacific Vision and China	90 min
11	25.9.20	Dr. Connie Bakrie , President, Indonesia Institute for Maritime Studies, Jakarta, and Trustee at National Air Power and Space Centre of Indonesia	II	The Indo-Pacific Vision and China	90 min
12	25.9.20	Commodre Anil Jai Singh , (Retd), Vice President, Indian Maritime Foundation	III	The Indo-Pacific Vision and China	90 min
13	28.9.20	Ashok Swain , Professor of Peace and Conflict Research, UNESCO Chair of International Water Cooperation, Director of Research, School of International Water Cooperation, Uppsala University, Sweden	I	In Pursuit of Sustainable Environment and Equitable Development	90 min
14	28.9.20	Professor Prashant Goswami , leading Climatologist, Chairman, Institute of Frontier Science and Application, Bangalore	II	In Pursuit of Sustainable Environment and Equitable Development	90 min
15	29.9.20	Air Marshal Diptendu Choudhury AVSM, VSM, VM, Commandant of the National Defence College, New Delhi	I	Data, Cyber, AI and Space at the Frontiers of War and Peace	90 min
16	29.9.20	Lt. General P.J.S. Pannu PVSM, AVSM, VSM, (Retd), former Deputy Chief, Integrated Defence Staff, Indian Armed Forces	II	Data, Cyber, AI and Space at the Frontiers of War and Peace	90 min
17	29.9.20	Mr. Ranganath Sadasiva , Chief Technology Officer, Hybrid IT, Hewlett Packard Enterprise India, Bangalore	III	Data, Cyber, AI and Space at the Frontiers of War and Peace	90 min
18	30.9.20	Rt.Hon.Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd , former Chief Justice of England and Wales	I	International Justice System and the New World Order	90 min
19	30.9.20	Dr. Jill Goldenziel , Associate Professor of International Relations, Marine Corps University, Quantico, US	II	International Justice System and the New World Order	90 min
20	30.9.20	Justice Kurian Joseph , former	III	Indian Constitution and its Values	70 mins

		Judge of the Supreme Court of India			
21	1.10.20	Shivshankar Menon Former National Security Adviser of India	I	India-China Relations- Alternate Paradigms	90 min
22	1.10.20	Professor (Dr.) Song Zhihui , Vice Dean, School of International Studies, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China	II	India-China Relations- Alternate Paradigms	90 min
23	1.10.20	Mr. Salman Khurshid , Former Minister for External Affairs, Government of India	III	India-China Relations- Alternate Paradigms	90 min
24	1.10.20	Lt. General S.L. Narasimhan , PVSM, AVSM, VSM (Retd), Director General, Centre for Contemporary China Studies. Member, National Security Advisory Board	IV	India-China Relations- Alternate Paradigms	90 min
25	2.10.20	Ms. Lena Sundh , Senior Swedish diplomat (Retd), Chair of UN's International Commission of Inquiry for Mali, Member, Swedish Women Mediation Network	Panel	Peace and Conflict Resolution- Theory and Practice	20 min
26	2.10.20	Dr. Tasneem Meenai , Professor at the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia	Panel	Peace and Conflict Resolution- Theory and Practice	20 min
27	2.10.20	Lt. General Satish Nambiar , PVSM, AVSM, VrC (Retd), Padma Bhushan, first Head of the UN peacekeeping mission in the former Yugoslavia	Panel	Peace and Conflict Resolution- Theory and Practice	20 min
28	2.10.20	Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi , Former Governor, West Bengal	Valedictory	Conflict Resolution- The Gandhian Way	30 min

List of Participants

1	Aditi Singh
2	Akansha Poonia
3	Ashwin Unnikrishnan
4	Bhoomik Sanjay
5	Chinmoy Samajhdar
6	Eshmeet Kaur
7	Harsh Shah
8	Jhaswant Naidu
9	Karma Norbu Bhutia
10	Keveiepe Zehol
11	Kunwer Sher Singh
12	Masroor Lodhi
13	Medhansh Bharadwaj
14	Navneet
15	Nitin Walia
16	Ojasvi Chugh
17	Parsis Mehra
18	Prachi Narayan
19	Prakarsh Mishra
20	Shubhika Tagore
21	Shubjangi Thakur
22	Vardhaan Wanchoo
23	Varun Bhagat

Assignments

You are requested to submit an essay on any ONE of the topics. The word limit of the essay is between 3500-4000 words. The deadline for the assignment is on the 18th October 23:59pm.

Kindly ensure that the assignments are typed, font size 12, Arial, double spaced, and send either as word or pdf file.

1. "The United Nations is simply a way for the Great Powers to maintain control over the International System" . Discuss this statement.
2. What are the effects on the new economic order on Globalisation, Trade and Commerce.
3. What is the role played by the United States in the India-China-Pakistan nexus?
4. What is National Interest? How according to you does the US influences National interest of Nations/States
5. 'The power, when it comes , will belong to the people of India, and it will be for them to decide to whom it is placed in the entrust- Mahatma Gandhi.' Discuss this in detail.
6. How has the new corona world order affected the concept of multilateralism? What do you think are the challenges ahead of Nation/States?
7. What according to you is India's biggest security concern in the last 10 years?

Valedictory Address

Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Former Governor, West Bengal

Topic – Conflict Resolution – The Gandhian Way

Coordinator's Comments

This programme has been one of the best programmes on International Relations hosted by the College. The College invited various luminaries from the International arena and provided the SCAL cohort with an opportunity for interaction. The long list of speakers included the Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of England and Wales and senior professors from the Oxford University who addressed the SCAL cohort on the various topics related to International Relations. The highlight of the programme was the inaugural address by Shri Harsh Shringla and sessions taken by Mr. Vikram Doraiswami, Additional Secretary, MEA and High Commissioner designate to Bangladesh; Shri Shiv Shankar Menon, Former National Security Adviser to India; and the valedictory lecture by Shri Gopal Krishna Gandhi, Former Governor West Bengal.



Report on 6-week Executive Programme on Public Policy and International Relations by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL)

Overview

The 6 week long Executive Programme on **Public Policy and International Relations** was hosted by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL) from 11th January 2020 – 23rd February 2020. This was the flagship programme of the newly instituted St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL) which attracted mammoth national media coverage and appreciation by the Stephanian community at large. The Executive Programme aimed at equipping young professionals with the practical understanding of the Public Policy and Diplomacy by covering crucial subjects including policy formation, development and implementation, policy economics, international relations, international security and diplomacy. The Public Policy and International Relations course was targeted at the entry and mid-level professionals.

The programme received over 400 applications, out of which 80 candidates were shortlisted and invited for interviews out of which 35 candidates were selected. **The inaugural ceremony saw the launch of the Centre and the establishment of a Chair in Public Policy through a**

generous endowment by Mr. Reji Abraham, MD, ABAN. The inaugural address was delivered by **Dr. Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament, Thiruvananthapuram and Former under Secretary General-United Nations. A total of 19 sessions were conducted by Secretaries to Government of India, High Commissioners, Diplomats and policy practitioners from the field of Public Policy, Government and International Relations.

Dates and Duration of the Lectures

The Executive Programme lectures were held in Campus from 11th January - 23rd February 2020. Sessions were conducted on weekends (Saturday and Sunday). It was a 48 hours lecture programme with a minimum of 8 hours every weekend.

Inaugural Address

The inaugural address to SCAL's flagship Programme on Public Policy and International Relations was delivered by **Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament, Thiruvananthapuram and Former under Secretary General-United Nations.**

Dr. Tharoor welcomed and lauded the idea of Public policy and the pressing need for understanding policy issues among the younger generations, especially those who have joined the government in various positions and for the SCAL cohort. He stated that St. Stephen's had done its very best and now with the Centre in place, the College decided to break newer records by admitting young professionals for various executive courses which will add greater value and essence to the civil society at large.

'Traditionally the idea of Public Policy and International Relations for study as an academic subject was largely monopolized by the western countries particularly the United States, The Harvard Kennedy School of Government since 1970's alone has produced 17 Heads of Governments, numerous Cabinet Ministers, senior leaders and Diplomats to occupy top position in the governments of the world and of the civil society. This has been possible majorly because of the American format of receiving donations and endowments hence I am pleased to know Mr. Reji Abrahams generous contribution to the Centre and congratulate Principal John Varghese for taking the initiative. ', said Dr. Tharoor.

Details of the Speakers and Topics

S.No	Date	Name of the Speaker	Topic	Duration
1	11.01.2020	Dr. Shashi Tharoor Member of Parliament, Thiruvananthapuram and Former under Secretary General-United Nations	Relevance of Public Policy and International Relations	40 minutes
2	12.01.2020	Mr. Sanjay Sahay Former ADGP, Karnataka Police	Public Policy, Cyber Security and Policing	240 minutes
3	18.01.2020	Dr. Alwyn Didar Singh Former Secretary General – FICCI & Former Secretary Gov. of India Mr. Moses Manoharan Chairman, Global Dialogue Forum	Administration and E-Governance International Media and Geopolitics	90 minutes 90 minutes
4	19.01.2020	Dr. Jaimini Bhagwati Former Indian Ambassador to The United Kingdom	Indian Foreign and Economic Policies 1947-2019	90 minutes
5	01.02.2020	Mr. Swashpawan Singh Former Diplomat and Permanent Representative of India to The UN	India and West Asian Relations	90 minutes
6	02.02.2020	Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar Former Diplomat & Member of Parliament – Rajya Saba Mr. J K Dadoo Former Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Gov. of India	Indo-Pak Relations Improving Governance in India	90 minutes 90 minutes

7	09.02.2020	Mr. Kanishka Pandey	Sport and Policy	90 minutes
		Mr. Ajay Dua Former Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Economic Policy and Budgeting Rural and Agricultural Policy	240 minutes
8	15.02.2020	Mr. K P Fabian Former Indian Ambassador to Italy	India's Foreign Policy	90 minutes
		Mr. Mohan Menon IPS	International Security	90 minutes
		Mr. Ajay Singha Former ED – American Chambers of Commerce in India	Indian Public Policy from American Perspective	90 minutes
9	16.02.2020	Mr. Ajay Bisaria High Commissioner to Canada	India and South Asia	90 minutes
		Justice Manmohan Sarin Former Chief Justice – J&K	Alternative Dispute Resolution	90 minutes
10	22.02.2020	Mr Rajesh Kumar, IRS Ministry of Finance, Gov. of India	Policy and Taxation, GST	90 minutes
		Dr KP Krishnan Former Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Gov. of India	Regulatory Policies	90 minutes
11	23.02.2020	Dr Sudipto Mundle Former Director Asian Development Bank	Financial and Budgeting Policies	90 minutes
		Mr Amitabh Kant CEO, NITI Aayog	Making India a 5 Trillion Economy	40 minutes

List of Participants

1	AAYUSHI BHARDWAJ
2	ADITYA BHAYANA
3	ANGAD RAVIKARAN SINGH
4	ANGAD SINGH PUNIA
5	ANIRUDH RAO
6	BELLIPADY RAMPRASAD HEMACHANDRA ALVA
7	BHAVANA KOHLI
8	CHARLES SEBASTIAN
9	DIVYA KUNDU
10	DR APARNA KOHLI
11	GUNMEHER JUNEJA
12	JAMES JOVIAN MESSIAH
13	KARTIK GULATI
14	KOSHY LEJU MATHEW
15	MACHANE DANIEL I.
16	MEHAR AHLUWALIA
17	MOZART MAXON
18	NAMAN KUMAR SINGLA
19	PALAK ARORA
20	PALLAK MALLIKA MANNAN
21	POOJA KHEMANI
22	PRANAV MEHTA
23	RADHIKA SUNGER
24	RASHI BHAN
25	REENA PURI
26	RIDHI SONI
27	RISHABH JAIN
28	SAMIKSHA MEHRA
29	SANYA MONADEEPA CLAUDIUS
30	SHWETA AVILASH BISHT
31	SIDDHARTHA SINGH
32	SONAKSHI GROVER
33	SRISHTI SETHIA
34	SWATI NAIR
35	VAISHNAVI SATYAVOLU

Assignments

Candidates submitted a 2500-3000 word essay on one of the following topics:

1. What are the challenges to Indian Administration? Has the administration evolved with the changing ecosystem and needs of our country?
2. Critically analyses and compare Indian Foreign and Economic Policies under any Two Prime Ministers.
3. In the light of raising voice of dissent across the globe, please elaborate on the role of Media in the Indian and International Affairs. Is there a global media voice emanating from our country?

Additionally the candidates also took part in Presentations and Group Discussions on subjects pertaining to Public Policy and International Relations.

Valedictory Address

Mr. Amitabh Kant IAS, CEO, NITI AAYOG delivered the valedictory address. He spoke on the topic “Making India a 5 trillion economy”. The valedictory session was attended by Mr. Alwin Didar Singh, Mr. Mohan Menon, Mr. Sudipto Mandel, Mr. Moses Manoharan and alumni members of the College.

Coordinator's Comments

The flagship programme on Public Policy and International Relations by SCAL was well conducted and received numerous appreciations from the alumni of the College. It also served as an opportunity for the College to connect back to several alumni who had not visited College since the time they graduated! Through this course, SCAL invited several ambassadors including Mr. Ajay Bisaria Current High Commissioner to Canada.

The course also offered in-depth insight to the various approaches to Public Policy from the policy shapers. The array of speakers, made this programme one of the best public Policy programmes in the recent past.



**Report on Public Policy and International Relations programme organised by
St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL).**

Overview

SCAL organised the second programme on Public Policy and International Relations (PPIR-2) from January from 23rd January 2021- 28th February 2021.

The aim of the programme was to provide the students with a deeper understanding of the policy designs and foreign policies. The inaugural address was delivered by Shri YK Sinha IFS, Chief Information Commissioner, India, which was followed by lectures delivered by speakers who extensively shared their expertise and knowledge on different topics under the Public Policy and International Relations paradigm.

Dates and Duration of the Lectures

The programme was 6-week intensive programme commencing from the 23rd January to 28th February 2021. The timings of the lecture were from 1400hrs-1800 hrs and the duration of lecture (per day) was two hours.

Inaugural Address

The inaugural address for the Public Policy and International Relations was delivered by Shri Y K Sinha, The Honourable Chief Information Commissioner of India on the 23rd of January at 14:00 hrs.

Details of the Speakers and Topics

S.No	Date	Name of the Speaker	Session	Topic	Duration
1	23/1/2021	Mr. Y K Sinha, IFS Chief Information Commissioner of India	I	Relevance of IR and Public Policy in the new emerging India	90 min
2	24/2/2021	Mr. Ajay Dua IAS (Retd.)	I	Introduction to Public Policy	120 min
3	30/1/2021	Ms. Sripriya Ranganathan IFS Ambassador to Seoul	I	Indian Foreign Policy	90 min
4	31/1/2021	Dr. Charu Malhotra , Associate Professor (E-Governance & ICT) Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)	I	Introduction and design of Public Policy	120 min
5	6/02/2021	Dr. Paul Stott Research Fellow, Henry Jackson Society European Foundation for South Asian Studies	I	Pakistan and Terrorism: A British perspective	120 min
6	7/02/2021	Dr. Jamini Bhagwati Former High Commissioner of India to The United Kingdom	I	Challenges for the Indian economy in 2021	120 min
7	13/02/2021	Ms. Usha Thorat Former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India	I	Banking and Finance	120 min
8	14/02/2021	Rear Admiral Antony George Chief of Staff, Southern Command Indian Navy	I	Options for India to counter increasing PLA Navy forays un to the Indian ocean region.	120 min
9	20/02/2021	Mr. Asim Arun IPS ADG, UP - 112	I	Enhancing state capacity through system building	120 min
9	21/02/2021	Dr. Anupam Ray IFS Joint Secretary, Policy Planning Ministry of External Affairs	I	Negotiations	120 min
10	27/02/2021	Ms. Gayathri Kalia Former Chief Operating Officer, DDU-GKY	I	Skill Development in India	120 min
11	28/02/2021	Shri Swashpawan Singh IFS (Retd.)	I	Changing Security paradigm in West Asia : Implications for India	120 min

List of Participants

1	Aakriti Bikash Kumar
2	Aashi Giri
3	Aditi Sharma
4	Aditi Dileep Joshi
5	Amolak Narayan
6	Amrit Singh Sidhu
7	Anish Kumar
8	Annly Anna Kurian
9	Ashish
10	Ashtbhuja Singh
11	Bhavya Tyagi
12	Byeongkyu Jun
13	Chelsea Marietta Pereira
14	Elizabeth Eapen
15	Gunda Jhaswanth Naidu
16	Insiyah Vahanvaty
17	Jasmeet Kaur
18	Kriti Singh
19	Kriti Kohli
20	Kudrat Brijendra Singh
21	Lata Sharan Prasad
22	Marco Antonio Hernandez
23	Nirmit Kaur
24	Pragati Rastogi
25	Richan
26	Ritika Goel
27	Riya Kejriwal
28	Rohin Raj Singh Naruka
29	Rohit Raj Chittigala
30	Shreya Sharma
31	Supreeth B M
32	Tamanna Bhardwaj
33	Udit Narayan Singh
34	Vanya Anna Pinto
35	Vinamra Bansal
36	Yash Vardhan

37	Yashita Gupta
38	Yuvraj Malik

Assignments

You are requested to write an essay on any ONE of the topics. The word limit for the essay is between 4500-5000 words. The deadline for the assignment is 23rd March 2021, 23:59pm (IST)

1. What are the factors leading the United Kingdom to assume a soft position with reference to terrorism and Pakistan?
2. Critically analyses and compare Indian Foreign and Economic Policies under any Two Prime Ministers.
3. Indian skill development has many actors in the public sector. Is that amenable to policy coherence? Examine the processes in place for such coherence.
4. What initiates the process of public policy formulation and how is it accomplished. Explain using a life cycle approach.
5. Explain with reference to UP-112 , the role played by the integration of technology into capacity building of the state apparatus. Does it improve the law & order situation?
6. Is coercive Diplomacy the need of the hour for India with its relationship to Pakistan. If not, can soft power and negotiations prove beneficial to Indo -Pak relationship.
7. Choose a public policy analysis framework from a theoretical basis by justifying why it was chosen and undertake a critical analysis of the Indian Government's response to COVID 19.
8. What should be India's response to the emergence of China as a world power. What are the economic and security challenges associated with such an emergence especially in South Asia.

Coordinator's Comments

This course was yet another successful programme which attracted the highest number of full paid applicants. The programme was similar to the first offline programme on Public Policy although the numbers of speakers were reduced this time considering the tight schedule of majority of our speakers.

The highlights of the course were the lectures delivered by Shri Asim Arun IPS, Additional Director General of Police UP-112 and Shri Anupam Ray IFS, Joint Secretary, Policy Planning, Ministry of External Affairs. The programme saw many

new faces like Dr. Paul Stott from London, Admiral Antony George and others who were well appreciated by the cohort for the insights they infused through extensive deliberations. The feedback received from the cohort reflects an increasing request by the members for us to restart the offline version of our courses.

Total Applications received – 209

Paid application – 44

Total Application fee collection- INR 19,500/-

Total application finally paid- 38

Total collection of final fee – 3,55,000/-

Total amount – 3,74,500/-

Blesson Mathew

Programme Coordinator

SCAL



Report on Indian Civil Service Conclave organised by St. Stephen's Centre for Advanced Learning (SCAL).

Overview

SCAL organised its first ever course dedicated to the preparation of Indian Civil Service examinations. The Indian Civil Service Conclave was organised from 20th March 2021 - 11th April 2021.

The aim of the programme was to provide the students with a deeper understanding and knowhows of clearing the examination for the most coveted set of services in the country. Series of lectures were conducted online with a batch of twenty-one civil service aspirants benefitting from these lectures delivered by thirteen civil servants.

Dates and Duration of the Lectures

The programme was 4 -week intensive programme commencing from 20th March 2021 to 11th April 2021. The timings of the lecture were from 1400 hrs-1800 hrs and the duration of lecture (per day) was two hours.

Details of the Speakers and Topics

S.No	Date	Name of the Speaker	Session	Topic	Duration
1	Saturday, March 20	Ms. Pooja Elangbam, IAS SDL, Lamphel	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
2	Saturday, March 20	Mr. Priyank Mishra Collector – Katni, Madhya Pradesh	II	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes

3	Sunday, March 21	Mr. Raghav Gupta Deputy Commissioner Income Tax (Investigation)	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
4	Sunday, March 21	Mr. Sanjay Sahay, IPS (Retd.) Former ADGP, Karnataka Police Computer Wing	II	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
5	Saturday, March 27	Ms. Ilma Afroz, IPS Himachal Cadre	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
6	Saturday, March 27	Ms. Chandrima Attri	II	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
7	Sunday, March 28	Ms. Chandrajyoti Singh	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
8	Sunday, March 28	Mr. Krishan Bishnoi, IPS	II	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
9	Thursday, April, 1	Ms. Sonal Goel Special Resident Commissioner, Tripura Bhawan, New Delhi	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
10	Saturday, April 3	Mr. Rajesh Kumar	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
11	Sunday, April 4	Mr. Utsah Choudhary	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
12	Sat, April 10	Mr. Anmol Singh Senior Deputy Financial Adviser, Border Roads Organisation	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes
13	Sunday, April 11	Mr. Anshuman Kamila, Assistant Director (Office Trainee), Dept. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, GoI	I	UPSC Preparation	90 minutes

List of Participants

1	Khyati Chauhan
2	Riya Singla
3	Sai Kathik
4	Mansi Jindal
5	Anviksha Choudhary
6	Hritik Yadav
7	Pravesh Kumar
8	Navneet Sharma
9	Sukhveen Kaur
10	Amolak Narayan
11	Sagarika Choudhary
12	Anurag Dwibishyam
13	Vignesh Kumar Singh
14	Supreeth B M
15	Deep Aksah Singh
16	Sumbul Nayaz
17	Arathy Palackal
18	Andrea Nerthi
19	Tanya Jain
20	Vedanshi Tiwari
21	Manas Kumar

Coordinator's Comments

This course was yet another successful programme which attracted a good number of applications. The programme was solely focussed on the methods, strategies and resources employed in order to clear the civil service examinations. The participation of the students was enthusiastic and they were able to gain generous insights especially from the young men and women who have joined the services in the past few years.

The highlights of the course were the lecture delivered by Ms. Chandrajyoti Singh, whose strategically prepared lecture was applauded by all the participants and the conciseness exhibited in delivering the same proved to be highly beneficial. Also,

lectures by Ms. Ilma Afroz and Mr. Anshuman Kamila were soundly appreciated among the many others. The interaction session with the speakers turned out to be the most fruitful segment where the students were unhesitant to inquire more deeply about the nature of the services through some brilliant questions. Also, the speakers were truly generous to throw light on the various undermined services and propelled the aspirants to explore these areas.