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Indian Student Parliament (Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad) is a platform created for the student union leaders and also other politically active student leaders of India to encourage them to voice their opinions and provide them with an opportunity to listen to the experts on various issues facing the nation, so that they can unite together to assume public leadership responsibilities to strengthen the democratic fabric of the nation.

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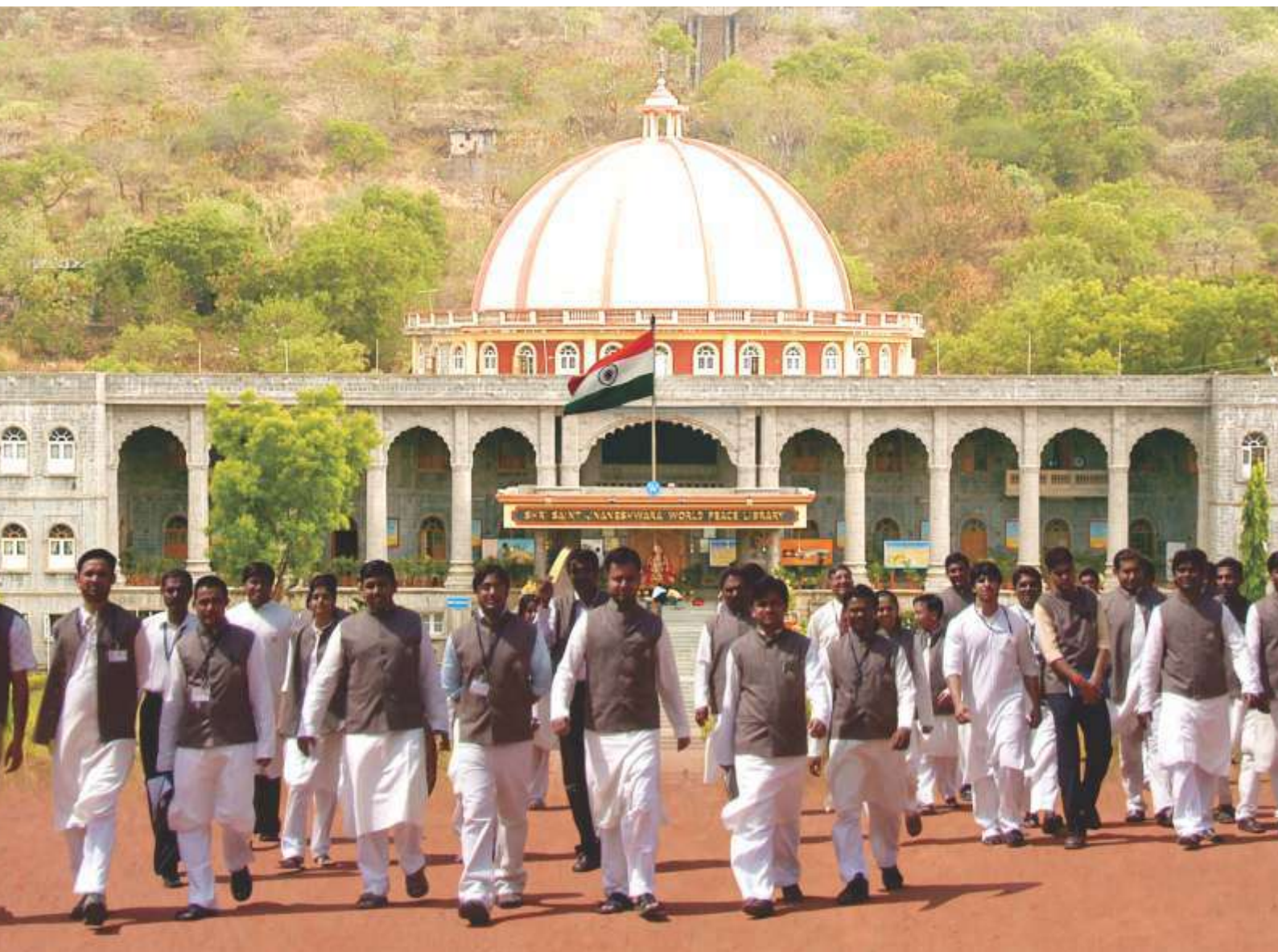
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The mission of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) is to mobilize the student union leaders & other politically active students of India to come together on a single platform with a view to entering public life and bringing about a positive change in the leadership of the country. This will be done by regularly convening parliament of student leaders at national & state levels, in collaboration with the legislative assemblies of the respective states and expose the leaders to eminent personalities of repute, who will guide them in this endeavour.

The photograph shown above is of World Peace Centre building at MIT campus, Pune where MIT School of Government, the first school for professional education in politics & government is established in India.

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VISION

The Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad envisages that motivated, committed and dynamic political youth leaders will emerge to provide a positive and effective leadership to their country and practice morality & ethics in politics for the betterment of the country and the world.

The photograph shown above is of participants of MPG-03 of MIT School of Government at Rashtrapati Bhavan during their National Study Tour. The study tour is organized each year as a part of the academic curriculum for MIT-SOG participants to Delhi, India.



I suppose leadership at one time meant muscles;
but today it means getting along with people.
That is what leadership is, in democracy.

- Mahatma Gandhi

"If we can have youngsters in their 20s running multi-crore business empires successfully, why can't we have youth take over the reins of politics in India? Today, it is Young India led by Old Leaders. Why can't youngsters assume leadership roles and bring about positive changes in our polity?"

- Rahul V. Karad

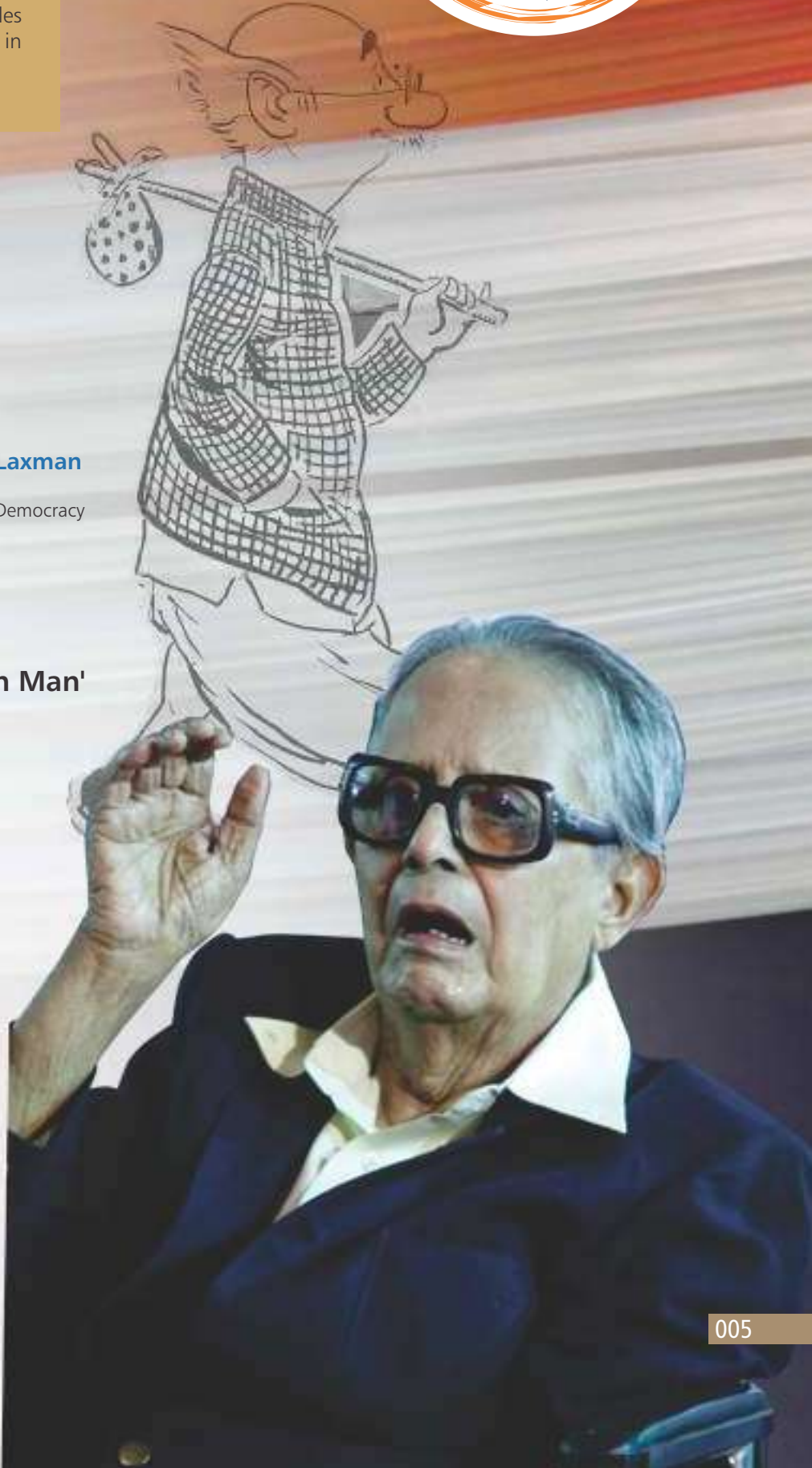


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Felicitated on the occasion of the
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for his lifelong contribution
to the promotion of democracy...

...he made the '**Common Man**'
a **Leader**...





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80 Speakers

**10,000 Politically Active
Student Leaders**





Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) – A Seed Thought

“The time is ripe for the youth to come forward to shoulder the responsibility of public life and leadership.”

Rahul V. Karad

Founder Convenor, Indian Student Parliament

India is the largest democracy in the world and certainly amongst the more mature ones. If India has to change, we need politics of development. To bring in this change, we need youth who are committed to politics. The criminalization factor in politics has to end. Criminals and corrupt people should not be allowed in politics. We need to develop an interest among youth for embracing public life

and politics as a profession, with a view to strengthen the democratic fabric of our nation.

Yes, social activism is there among youth, but they have developed a hatred for politicians, political offices and politics. But all political parties are not bad. It is imperative to change the image of politics among youth. To have healthy democracy, it is important to have good politics in the country. Good politics can facilitate healthy democracy in our country.

In our country, we have various NGOs and social activists like Anna Hazare who can play a major role to create awareness about healthy democracy. But they can't be at its core, the institution has to be democracy.

I need not stress separately that democracy is one of the best forms of government, where the rule is of the people, by the people and for the people. In 2005, under the mentorship of Mr. T. N. Seshan, former Chief Election Commissioner of India, we started MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG), which is an institute to train the youth for a career in politics and government. Many people did not appreciate the concept. In 2005, we had completed nearly 58 years of our country's independence and it was high time that we thought of good governance. However, we were very sure it could only come through educated and trained young men and women.

Today, it is a matter of pride for us that nearly 250 alumni of MIT-SOG, who are trained in the functioning of various democratic institutions of the country and who are aware of different political ideologies, are working in various political parties and will have a very crucial role to play in the politics of the country in the near future.

To further this noble mission, the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad was launched in 2011. It is an extension of MITSOG, wherein we can reach a larger fraternity in India to sensitize them, provide knowledge & training and also a proper platform to enter politics.

Student politics is not new to India. In the early years of India's independence, most leaders who came forward were from the freedom struggle. But in later years, many leaders who came into limelight were the product of student movements. In fact, the first non-Congress government that came to power at the centre in 1977 was the result of the 'Navnirman Movement', which was initiated in a students' hostel in Gujarat under the guidance of Jai Prakash Narayan, and which later turned into a nationwide movement during the period of National Emergency. It was this movement which later resulted into the formation of the Janata Party, which formed the first non-Congress government in India.

Today, many Chief Ministers of the various Indian states like Mamata Bannerjee of West Bengal, Nitish Kumar of Bihar, Shivraj Chauhan of Madhya Pradesh, Narendra Modi of Gujarat are the result of student political movements. Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad aims to ignite this very spirit of student politics in the youth of today.

The time is ripe for the youth to come forward to shoulder



the responsibility of public life and leadership. The Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad is a unique platform created for the youth of India, which makes them aware of the realities facing the nation. Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad also gives the youth a platform to voice their opinions and question eminent personalities who have made a mark in their respective fields. Thus, it provides them the first lessons on the functioning of a parliamentary democracy.

During their formative years, the youth can decide on any political ideology that they think would best serve the country and follow it. BCS is not a slave to any political ideology or party. Instead, BCS promotes the ideology of developmental politics.

The Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, in a way, is a classroom that provides political coaching to nearly 8-10 thousand students at a time. It provides lessons on the functioning of a democracy by allowing the participants to take part in discussions and vote on resolutions. In the age group of 18-25, when the students are morally and ethically sensitive, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad provides them lessons not just on the issues facing the country, but on how to face these issues in a morally and ethically sensitive way.

We have conducted two student parliaments in 2011 & 2012 respectively. The idea of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad is now gathering momentum. It has only completed the second year and it will take 4 to 5 years to get matured. The various governing bodies will then take better cognizance of the various resolutions that are passed in the Sansad. As the first step towards convening state-wise students' parliaments, we are organizing the Haryana Chapter of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad on 17th & 18th of March 2012. The day is not far when this idea will travel beyond the borders of India. We have a vision to have Chapters of the Indian Student Parliament or the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad in all States of India, facilitated by the respective Legislative Assemblies of India.

Even a country like USA, which has nearly 1500-2000 universities, does not have a common single platform on which the students can come together to discuss the real issues facing their country. It is so in many other countries also. I envisage that Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad and the manner in which it is conducted can lead the way for other countries to emulate.

In conclusion, let me say that we cannot do without Good Governance. There is no place for corrupt and

criminal people in the polity of our country. We need to bring in rapid changes in the way our country is governed. I feel there are NGOs and other institutions, which have their own roles to play and they are doing it well by serving as a political wheel. But the only way things can change at the top is through politics. I urge you all to please rise above regional and sectarian considerations, look at our country as a single entity and come forward to lead it!

JAI HIND! JAI BHARAT!





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TOWARDS TOMORROW'S ENLIGHTENED LEADERSHIP...





MESSAGES

PATRON



I am happy to learn that MAEER's MIT School of Government, Pune is organizing 'Parliament of Students Council Members - Maharashtra', where young, enthusiastic and bright minds will participate. It has been brought to my attention that the event has been proposed to be organized collaboratively with the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education.

I am sure this initiative taken by MIT School of Government will unify the might of youth and engage them in meaningful dialogue sharing issues and concerns of local, regional and national importance. I am confident the provided platform will infuse a renewed sense of commitment in the youth for the society and nation at large.

In view of such larger objective and magnitude of the event, the Ministry of Technical and Higher Education will take this opportunity to associate in this mission.

On behalf of the Ministry of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, I extend my wholehearted support and my best wishes to MIT-SOG in conducting such purposeful event to contribute towards nation building.

Rajesh Tope

Minister for Higher & Technical Education,
Govt. of Maharashtra State

PATRON



I am happy to learn through your letter dated May 20, 2011 about the 1st Parliament of Indian Student Council Leaders, held in the month of January 2011 at MIT Campus. I congratulate you for conceiving a concept which will greatly benefit the youth and the student community. Your endeavor of educating and sensitizing the youth for the purpose of Nation building is truly commendable. I thank you for submitting me the report of the function which reflects the magnitude and seriousness with which the whole event was organized.

It is also a pleasure to learn that the objective and efforts of the Indian Student Parliament is aimed for the welfare of youth. The Government of Maharashtra and the Ministry of Sports and Youth Welfare are pursuing number of schemes which are precisely focused for the welfare of youth. In view of the similitude in objective and efforts through the BharatyaChhatraSansad, I am pleased to accept your proposal of association and hence, giving my consent to be the Chief Patron of 2nd Parliament to be held in January 10-12, 2012 in Pune.

I am sure the methodical planning and sincere efforts will yield great results in the exercise of Nation Building.

Padmakar Valvi

Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs
Govt. of Maharashtra State

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PATRON



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Dear Shri Karad,

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I am indeed happy to note that Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) is organizing the 2nd Student Parliament from 10-12th January, 2012 in Pune. I take this opportunity to convey my deep appreciation to the dedication and team effort with which you organized the First Student Parliament. One of the main objectives of my Ministry is to development the spirit of voluntarism and quality of good citizenship in the youth of the country. I am sure this Student Parliament will certainly go a long way in achieving this common vision and purpose which we share.

I will be very happy to attend the Inaugural Ceremony on 10th of January, 2012. I have directed the concerned officers in my Ministry to depute to this Programme volunteers enrolled under the two Flagship Programmes viz. National Service Scheme and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan so that they can contribute to the success of your endeavour.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ajay Maken
(Ajay Maken)

Shri Rahul V Karad
Convener, Indian Student Parliament
Founder & Dean
MIT School of Government
Pune



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PRESIDENT



It is a simple scientific phenomenon that the gap between kinetic energy and potential energy reduces the speed or impact of action. It means that potential energy is not fully applied or utilized or explored to get the desired result. This analogy befits the present scenario in our country. In spite of having the covetous force of youth population, the pace of the progress is not gaining the desired motion. We will not be following our dharma if we don't explore the potential energy of our youth and apply it for the rightful purpose. The nation is waiting for leaders of iron will, who can undertake the Himalayan task of nation building. Instead of waiting for others, it becomes our Rashtra dharma to come forward and shoulder the responsibility.

According to the Great Noble Son of India Swami Vivekananda, "Union of Science and Religion/Spirituality alone will bring peace to the mankind". When we founded the World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune in 1996, we took a step towards trying to bring together science and spirituality with the intention of establishing a 'Culture of Peace in the World'. India is often referred to as the 'Knowledge Corridor of the World', and can play a major role in creating a union of science and spirituality for world peace. When more and more knowledgeable and motivated youth take active interest in nation building, India will be in a position to lead the world in all areas.

The resounding success of the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad has generated hope for India's future. The MIT Group of Institutions, Pune, India is proud to have hosted this august gathering for two consecutive years and would like to extend its whole-hearted support for this noble cause in the coming years as well. I am confident that the energy and enthusiasm witnessed will be converted into a positive action on the part of our youth, who will become the torchbearers of hope and aspirations of our and aspirations of our countrymen.

Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad

Founder, Executive President,
MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions

CHAIRMAN



Today, India is on the threshold of being a developed economy. Its strength lies in its young population, which is certainly enviable for other countries. This is the right opportunity to guide and motivate these youngsters to utilize their sparkling energy for the noble cause of nation building. The best way to develop and nurture this abundant talent of our nation is to concentrate our efforts on the student leaders who would be shouldering the responsibilities of making a stronger India. To approach all the youth in our country might be tedious but bringing all the youth leaders on a common platform for deliberations and dialogue is possible.

The 1st Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament), has sown the seeds of motivation, action and commitment of youth towards positive action. The importance of this Parliament lies in the fact that we lack the leaders with vision and leaders who are capable of taking bold decisions. Several times, leaders dither when it comes to decide, either because of their ignorance of the issues or because of their myopic vision. This problem could be rectified by enabling the present student leaders for rightful electoral politics as the present electoral politics is the root cause of several evils in public life. The corrupt electoral politics will never produce ethical leaders committed to clean and healthy politics. The Chhatra Sansad can pave the way for this innovative undertaking and create leaders with oozing energy and dynamism. I wish that this Chhatra Sansad will generate new ripples of enthusiasm and enlightenment in the nation.

T. N. Seshan

Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

MESSAGES

CHAIRMAN, ACADEMIC COUNCIL



We are proudly witnessing the great strides made by the Indian youth in several spheres of activities. But the youth has been shying away from socio-political responsibilities today. The challenge is to get the youth involved in building the future India, which is their India, which will script their own future.

In this context, I consider the success of the 1st Indian Student Parliament (Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad) as an important milestone in today's socio-political environment of India. Indeed, the MAEER's MIT School of Government has done remarkably well by drawing an overwhelming response from the student community by holding the first ever Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad in Pune. The event drew a wide appreciation from the Indian youth. Further, this brought the youth, the decision makers, eminent members of the civil society, corporate leaders and senior political leaders on one common platform. Another great first!

I would like to applaud the bold, dynamic and visionary leadership of Rahul Karad. From concept to execution, he led from the front. I must also appreciate the commitment of Government of Maharashtra, as shown by its genuine support of the idea as well as the event.

I am confident that if we mobilize the student leaders all over the country, instill confidence in them, create a social awakening, then India will be on the move to occupy a top seat at the table in the community of nations as the 21st century unfolds.

I extend my heartiest greetings for the successful conduct of the 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

Dr. R. A. Mashelkar

Chairman, Academic Council, MIT-SOG, Pune

EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN



During our freedom struggle the idea of 'Nai Talim' was contemplated by Mahatma Gandhi and his close associates. The purpose was to integrate academic learning with external environment. At a higher level, the scheme stimulated students' awareness about the surrounding issues and empathy about it and initiated their preparation for social commitment.

The concept could not gain enough ground, but its relevance remains everlasting. And especially in today's times, when educational system has become so career-oriented, compartmentalizing the society and rendering individuals as isolated units in themselves. Instead of bringing people together it has created walls and distances among them.

Consequently, there is apathy among the students about the serious issues in the society and lack of concern for the marginalized population. This self-centric education can't create leaders and activists.

This state of affairs needs major churning. Fortunately, the initiative by MIT School of Government to organize the Indian Student Parliament deserves appreciation. It will help percolating the social bonds and commitment and inspire students for action. Its motto 'Inspiring Youth For Strengthening Democracy' is greatly symbolic in the sense that time has come for the action of youth. I extend all my wishes for its success.

Tushar Gandhi

President

Mahatma Gandhi Foundation



MESSAGE FROM H.E. THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



I am happy to learn that the MAEER'S Maharashtra Institute of Technology School of Government (MIT-SOG), Pune in association with the Ministry of Higher & Technical Education and the Ministry of Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, is organizing the 2nd Indian Student Parliament (Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad) during January 10-12, 2012.

Our country has a large youth population. The power of our youth and its potential should be utilized for positive governance. The deliberations, debate and interactions at this Student Parliament can help in shaping the dreams of a better India. I am sure that this parliament of young student leaders, will help in enhancing the role and relevance of youth in the democratic process and representative institutions.

I extend my warm greetings and felicitations to the MIT School of Government for coming out with such an innovative and eventful platform.

Pratibha Patil
(Pratibha Devisingh Patil)

New Delhi
January 6, 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA



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MESSAGE

The Prime Minister is pleased to know that the 2nd Indian Student Parliament (Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad) is being organized in Pune.

Democratic values and political institutions are at the core of our Constitution. It is important that our young citizens should imbibe these values.

I am glad to convey the Prime Minister's best wishes and greetings to the participants for the successful.

(Harish Khare)

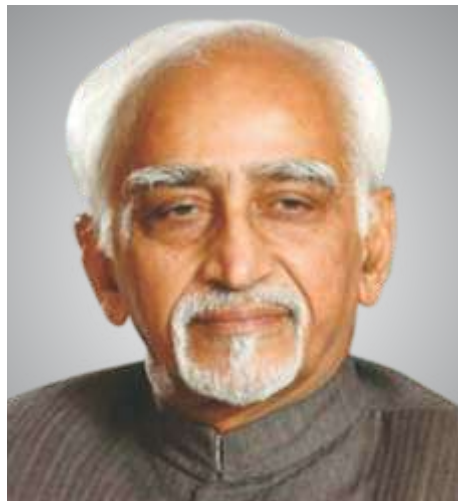
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VICE PRESIDENT OF INDIA



DEPUTY CHAIRMAN, RAJYA SABHA



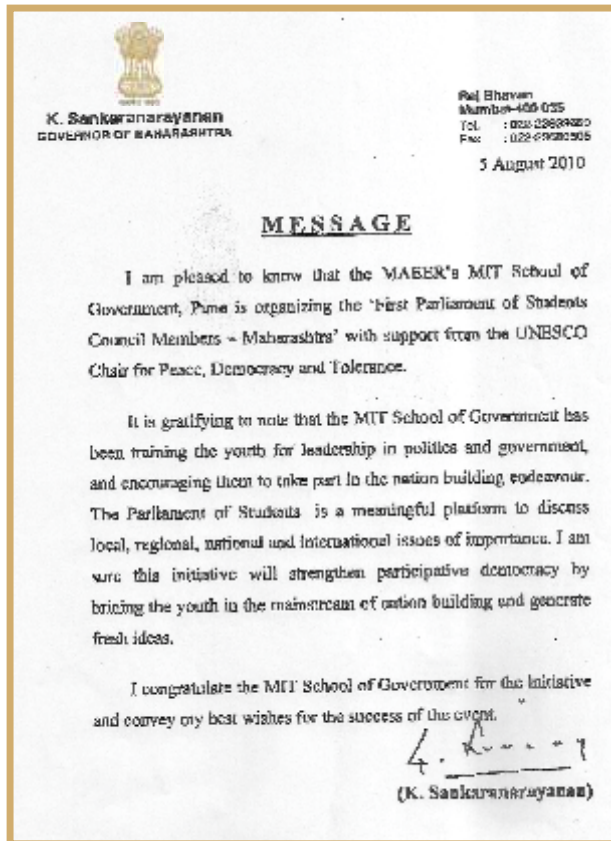
DEPUTY SPEAKER, LOK SABHA



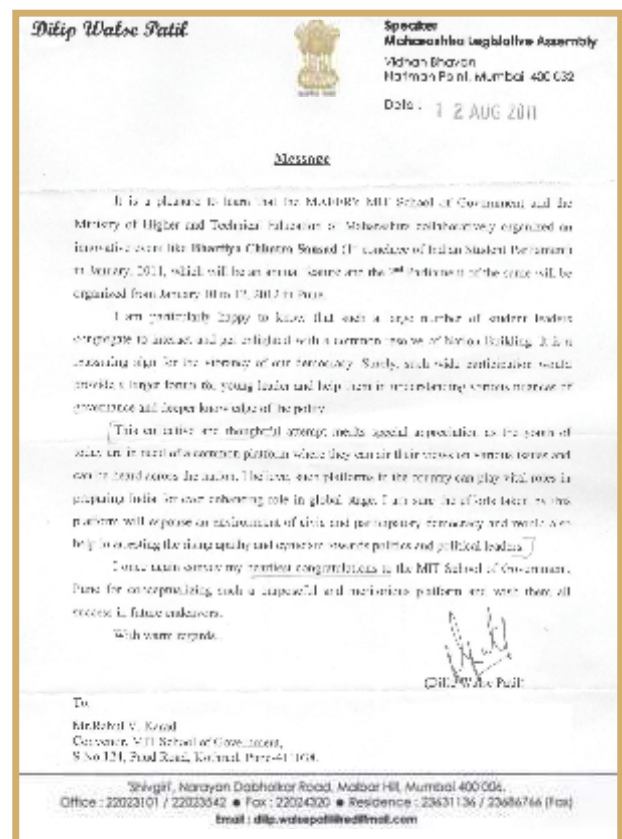


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GOVERNOR OF MAHARASHTRA



SPEAKER, MAHARASHTRA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY



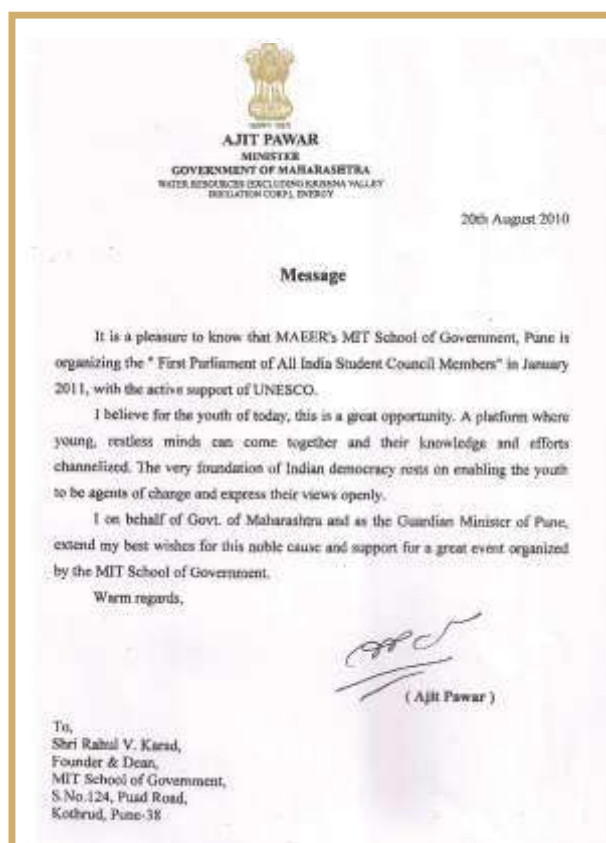


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CHIEF MINISTER, MAHARASHTRA



DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER, MAHARASHTRA



INTERNATIONAL MESSAGES

SECRETARY-GENERAL, UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

**H.E. Mr Ban Ki-moon**

Secretary-General, United Nations
Message read on video conferencing

“This student parliament is a chance to start tackling some of the toughest issues of our day.”

Namaste!

I am pleased to send greetings to all participants of the 2nd Indian Students Parliament. India has a special place in my heart. My first diplomatic posting was in New Delhi 30 years ago. I have been back many times since then. Whenever I visit, I am even more impressed by India's great development. Your country continues to consolidate its democracy. India is a living example of unity in diversity. The economy is growing and India is a leader in technology. I hope you continue to advance and move steadily ahead.

We live in a time of great challenge and change. The world faces complex threats. Unemployment, inequality, environmental degradation, these common problems demand shared solutions. At the United Nations, we are focused on five particular imperatives:

Achieving sustainable development, preventing conflicts, standing up for democracy and human rights, supporting countries in transition and working for the empowerment of women and young people. These are not only imperatives, they are also opportunities. All of you can help seize these opportunities in India and around the world.

This student parliament is a chance to start tackling some of the toughest issues of our day. After you leave this conference premises, I hope you will stay in touch with each other, push for progress, mobilize the change, advocate for what you know is right, join forces with youth from around the world and please, bring your energy and your ideas to the United Nations. We need you in our quest for peace, development and human rights worldwide.

Let me recall here the words of the great Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore. He said, “I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I woke and saw that life was service. I acted, and behold, service was joy!”

I wish you great success at this Parliament, and I count on your engagement long into the future.”

**Vijay Nambiar**

Chef de Cabinet (Chief of Staff), United Nations

A few weeks ago, when I was in India, I had the opportunity to meet with Mr. Rahul Karad of the MIT School of Government and others behind this very laudable initiative and was informed of the details of this 2nd Indian Students Parliament. This is an immense and ambitious project and the goals you seek to achieve are nothing short of inspirational.



DIRECTOR-GENERAL, UNESCO, PARIS



Ms Irina Bokova

Director-General, UNESCO
(Directly via Video Conferencing)

“The year 2011 will be remembered as the year the young people decided to take the torch of human dignity and speak up for human rights.”

Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Students, I am delighted to address young people and students on the occasion of this 2nd Indian Students Parliament.

Let me commend this initiative of the MIT School of Government, Pune, India. Everywhere I travel I am inspired by the energy and the commitment to change that comes from young people. Young people are one billion strong in the world. They carry a billion hopes for a better world. The year 2011 will be remembered as the year the young people decided to take the torch of human dignity and speak up for human rights. It resulted in an unprecedented movement for democracy, justice and peace. Young people must be considered as actors for change and not simply as beneficiaries. They are already changing the world; they are enriching the culture and media. It is the role of UNESCO to give them the skills and tools to do so in ways that strengthen the ties between cultures that protect human rights and fundamental freedoms. Quality education is the starting point.

If we combine the hopes of youth with quality education, there is nothing we cannot achieve. This is where UNESCO will continue to fight, to provide each and every girl and boy with everything they need to share their ideas and act on them. Last October the UNESCO Youth Forum gave young people from all the member states a platform to share experiences, and to forge new ideas together. Today this second Indian Students Parliament is another unique opportunity for you to debate ideas in a democratic spirit, to envision ways to make the world a better place. Be imaginative, generous and ambitious. As your great Mahatma Gandhi put it be the change you want to see in the world. You are not only the leaders of tomorrow, you are the leading actors of today.

I wish you every success in your discussions.

BEST WISHES FROM INTERNATIONAL DIGNITARIES



"I wish the Student Parliament every success."

- **Fathimath Dhiyana Saeed**

Secretary General, SAARC

"Good wishes for the full success of exchanges in democratic debates."

- **Nicolas Sarkozy**

President, The French Republic



"I wish the best success for the event."

- **Gordon Brown**

Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom

"I extend my best wishes to this initiative and wish it all the success."

- **Indra Nooyi**

Chairman, Pepsico



"Wish you all the best."

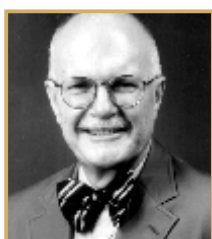
- **Condoleezza Rice**

Former Secretary of State, United States of America

"We wish you a successful and blessed event."

- **Dr. Desmond Tutu**

Anti-Apartheid Activist, Republic of South Africa



"Youth can share ideas, communicate with stakeholders and work towards building future leaders. I sincerely wish the 2nd Indian Student Parliament the very best of success."

- **Mr. A Peter Burleigh**

US Ambassador to India

"Very best wishes for the success of the event."

- **Mr. Bill Gates**

Chairman of Microsoft



"I hope it will bring enduring benefit to the involvement of youth in upholding Indian democratic traditions."

- **Mr. Kamallesh Sharma,**

Commonwealth Secretary General



MESSAGES OF STATE GOVERNORS



"The conclave will help in highlighting the mind of right thinking people towards national interest."

- **Balmiki Prasad Singh**, H.E. Governor of Sikkim

"I take this opportunity to call upon all the students to support a culture of transparency, accountability and zero tolerance to corruption."

- **B L Joshi**, H.E. Governor of Uttar Pradesh



"Indian Student Parliament is an opportunity to guide and motivate youngsters to utilize their energy towards nation-building."

- **Devanand Konwar**, H.E. Governor of Bihar

"This initiative can upgrade the youth in strengthening true democracy through their different exposures."

- **Dr. D Y Patil**, H.E. Governor of Tripura

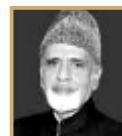


"Indian Student Parliament will go a long way in channelizing the Power of Youth and to involve them in the exercise of nation building."

- **Dr. Iqbal Singh**, H.E. Governor of Puducherry

"It is necessary to educate our youth in the art of democracy and good governance so that the country becomes politically and economically strong."

- **Dr. Syed Ahmed**, H.E. Governor of Jharkhand



"The youth have a role to play in addressing social issues, including protecting the environment, participating in political life and contributing to India's economic development."

- **General (Retd) J. J. Singh**, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, H.E. Governor of Arunachal Pradesh

"It is my firm belief that students will have foresight to face the emerging challenges and offer innovative solutions that would benefit the nation."

- **Jagannath Pahadia**, H.E. Governor of Haryana



"The emerging youth power of the country should be appropriately educated and trained in leadership qualities."

- **Janaki Ballav Patnaik**, H.E. Governor of Assam

"A nation is built by its youth. The youth have to play an active and dedicated role in strengthening the fabric of our democracy."

- **K. Rosaiah**, H.E. Governor of Tamil Nadu



"It is important that our youth are educated in the art of democracy and good governance so that our country becomes politically strong."

- **M. K. Narayanan**, H.E. Governor of West Bengal

MESSAGES OF STATE GOVERNORS



"It is important for our youth to understand the importance of Parliament, legislations and other democratic processes."

- **Margaret Alva**, H.E. Governor of Uttarakhand

"The Parliament will embolden the students with the spirit of democracy and inspire them with the message to contribute to nation-building."

- **Murlidhar Bhandare**, H.E. Governor of Odisha



"This Student Parliament would provide a profitable opportunity for our youth to discuss issues of national importance."

- **N. N. Vohra**, H.E. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir

"This Parliament should become the breeding ground for the youth to assume various leadership roles to strengthen our democracy."

- **Ram Naresh Yadav**, H.E. Governor of Madhya Pradesh



"It is necessary to educate our youth in the art of democracy and good governance so that our country becomes politically, socially & economically strong."

- **Shekhar Dutt**, H.E. Governor of Chhattisgarh

"Such conclaves provide a common platform for the young student leaders to understand the national issues and create awareness, which would prove beneficial to the country."

- **Shivraj Patil**, H.E. Governor of Punjab, Rajasthan & Administrator, Union Territory, Chandigarh



"We need young men and women who are conscious of their roles and responsibilities as citizen of the country."

- **Urmila Singh**, H.E. Governor of Himachal Pradesh

"This Indian Student Parliament will implant confidence, dependability and leadership in the participants."

- **Vakkom Purushothaman**, H.E. Governor of Mizoram





MESSAGES OF SPEAKERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES



Inspiring youth for strengthening democracy would help students. I convey my greetings and good wishes to the organizers for their efforts.

- **D. Jayakumar**, Speaker, Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

It is indeed heartening to learn that a very influential segment of population i.e. university students is being actively involved with the democratic processes of India by holding Indian Student Parliament and I wish that it will attain its meaningful propagation to all new pillars of this era.

- **Deependra Singh Shekhawat**, Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly



If such efforts to enthuse our youth to rise for the national cause are coming from some quarter of the society, the Government will gladly extend its helping hand. I extend my best wishes to MIT School of Government for the successful conduct of 2nd Indian Student Parliament.

- **Dharam Lal Kaushik**, Speaker, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly

The event will have participation of around 12,000 chosen student leaders from 400 Universities of the country. My sincere and best wishes for success of 2nd Indian Student Parliament.

- **Dr. Yoganand Shastri**, Speaker, Delhi Vidhan Sabha



Your aim to channelize the power of youth and to inspire and involve the student community in the adventures of national interest is highly appreciating.

- **G. Karthikeyan**, Speaker, Kerala Legislative Assembly

With these kinds of thoughts and empowerment of youth in mind, the innovative platform, 'Indian Student Parliament' will definitely show good and right path to the youth.

- **Ganpatbhai. V. Vasava**, Speaker, Gujarat Vidhan Sabha



Better civic education will lead to a healthier democracy and this parliament will help in development of the youth and adolescents by inculcating qualities to make them active, informed citizens of the country.

- **Harbans Kapoor**, Speaker, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly

Through this innovative Student Parliament our young generation will learn the finer points of parliamentary democracy and inculcate democratic values in them.

- **Ishwardas Rohani**, Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly



MESSAGES OF SPEAKERS OF LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES



The image of politics in our country is diminishing in the eyes of a common man. We have to restore the primary image and the 'Youth Parliament' undoubtedly is an effective measure to restore this fallen image. I wish the venture a grand success.

- Kuldeep Sharma, Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha

I am confident, this Parliament will go a long way in channelizing the Power of Youth and to inspire and involve the student community in the exercise of nation building and strengthen democracy.

- Pratapsingh Rane, Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly



The students must have a fair knowledge of democracy not only in theory but in practice and behavior and simultaneously a dedicated political motivation to maintain and strengthen democracy. I wish a great success of the programme.

- Ramendra Chandra Debnath, Speaker, Tripura Legislative Assembly

From the platform of Indian Student Parliament the power of youth will play an important role in the future of Indian Democracy.

- Chandreshwar Prasad Singh, Speaker, Jharkhand Legislative Assembly



This is a breeding ground for the youth to assume various roles and strengthen the representative democracy.

- Tulsi Ram, Speaker, Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly

Such an exposure will be an inspirational to the youth to build the nation. I convey my best wishes to MAEER's MIT School of Government, Pune for conducting the event as an annual feature.

- V. Sabapathy, Speaker, Puducherry Legislative Assembly



This is the right forum which will provide a platform to make our nation politically, socially and economically muscular and to edify our youth in the art of democracy and good governance.

- Wanglin Lowangdong, Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly

I am glad to know that the Indian Student Parliament is organizing its 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad where eminent persons will deliver their valuable speeches. I wish the program a grand success.

- Biman Banerjee, Speaker, Legislative Assembly, West Bengal





MESSAGES OF EDUCATION MINISTERS OF STATES



"I wish a grand success to this auspicious event and extend my warm felicitations to Indian Student Parliament."

- **Anil Sarkar**, Minister of Higher Education, Government of Tripura

"I am sure that this initiative will help in turning out responsibility and socially sensitive citizens in the training of our new generation leaders."

- **Arvinder Singh**, Minister of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi



"This parliament will inspire the student leaders to join politics and dedicate themselves to build a nation of their own dream."

- **Badrinarayan Patra**, Minister of Higher Education, Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Odisha

"This endeavor will provide a congenial platform for youth leaders to deliberate, interact & exchange their views for strengthening the very essence of representative and participatory democracy."

- **Bosiram Siram**, Minister of Education, Science & Technology, Government of Arunachal Pradesh



"It provides a non-political platform for the youth across the nation to discuss issues of regional, national and international significance which may enable the various state governments to formulate their state policies."

- **Bratya Basu**, Minister of School & Higher Education, Government of West Bengal

"I appreciate the efforts of the organization in conducting the student Parliament to educate our youth in the art of democracy which will ultimately result in alleviating their cynicism & apathy towards politics & democratic processes."

- **C. Damodar Rajanarsimha**, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh



"This Parliament can not only act as a platform to harness and develop the multifaceted skills and potentials of our youth but can also serve a viable breeding ground for them to develop leadership qualities to strengthen our democracy."

- **Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma**, Minister for Education & Family Welfare, Government of Assam

"The occasion will provide an opportunity to the students of various states to sit together, exchange views, share experiences and develop mutual understanding."

- **Dr. Manohar Lal Sharma**, Minister of Higher Education, Jammu & Kashmir



"I believe that this parliament will be able to achieve the goal of educating youth in the art of good governance and democracy."

- **Dr. V. S. Acharya**, Minister of Higher Education, Government of Karnataka

"I hope the deliberations of this Parliament will help the students to learn about democratic practices and ideas."

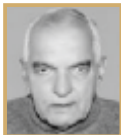
- **Geeta Bhukkal**, Minister of Education & Social Welfare, Government of Harayana



"This type of event can be a milestone in Indian Politics, for providing a platform to the students who want to be a leader of this nation."

- **Hemchand Yadav**, Minister of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Chattisgarh

MESSAGES OF EDUCATION MINISTERS OF STATES



"This Parliament is providing an effective platform to the youth to hone their skills to take up responsibilities in developing the nation."

- **Ishwar Dass Dhiman**, Minister of Education, Government of Himachal Pradesh

"This is a breeding ground for the youth to assume various roles and strengthen the representative democracy."

- **Javed Ahmad Dar**, Minister of Health & Medical Education, Government of Jammu & Kashmir



"By harnessing the power of youth, I believe the nation can be nearer to solving its social, economic and administrative problems."

- **Lalsawta**, Minister of School, Higher & Technical Education, Government of Mizoram

"Our students have new ideas and vision to take the nation forward and this event brings them together in this endeavor."

- **Laxmikant Sharma**, Minister of Higher & Technical Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh



"It is only the youth who can unveil innovative ideas which can strengthen the unity and integrity of the country and guide the democracy to success."

- **Mahendra Pratap Singh**, Minister of Technical Education, Government of Haryana

"It is extremely important and necessary to teach our youth in the art of good democracy and governance to make the country socially and politically strong."

- **Mahendrajeet Singh Malaviya**, Minister of Education, Government of Rajasthan



"I am certain that the views and ideas of our youth can help sustain the future of democracy and eventually reshape the world itself."

- **P. K. Abdu Rabb**, Minister of Education, Government of Kerala

"To strengthen the democracy, it is the need of the hour to enlighten the youth about politics and democracy and promote debate among them."

- **P. K. Shahi**, Minister of Education, Government of Bihar



"Such Conclaves provide an ideal platform to undertake different leadership roles to further strengthen the essence of representative as well as participative democracy."

- **Sewa Singh Sekhwan**, Minister of Education, Punjab

"The success of the 1st parliament shows that this platform has turned out to be the beacon of hope for thousands of youth across the nation, which will certainly gather momentum as a massive students movement in the coming years."

- **R. S. Chib**, Minister for Medical & Technical Education and Youth Services & Sports, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir





MESSAGES FROM VICE CHANCELLORS

India having one of the largest numbers of youth can create positivity, peace and nourishing values in the collective consciousness of the whole world. I am sure that this conclave will have a grand success and enable the Indian Youth to create heavenly life on earth.

- Prof. Bhuvnesh Sharma, Chancellor, Maharshi Mahesh Yogi Vedic Vishwa Vidyalaya, Madhya Pradesh

The parliament will certainly provide a good opportunity to the students to listen to the best minds of India in order to enable them to use their energy and passion to change the nation for the better.

- Lt Gen (Dr) DDS Sandhu, PVSM, ADC (Retd), Vice-Chancellor, Kurukshetra University

This action will transform today's youth into ambassadors of change. This forum shall provide student enriched understanding of the parliamentary democracy. This will shape their talent and they will make India proud in future. I wish the convention great success.

- Dr. A. T. Dabke, Vice-Chancellor, Ayush and Health Sciences University of Chhattisgarh

I have immense trust in the potentially of Indian youth in its contribution to nation building efforts. I think the 2nd Indian Student Parliament will be an event in this direction.

- Dr. J Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala

The value based education imparted by MIT-SOG inspires youth for strengthening democracy and ethical values. Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad has created a platform in the form of great gift to the youth for bringing a silent revolution among the student leaders.

- Dr. J. S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, Karnataka State Law University, Hubli

Indian Student Parliament is the right forum to provide exposure to student community about the functioning of Parliamentary democracy. I am sure that the Indian Student parliament will succeed in creating awareness about the Indian Parliamentary democracy among student community.

- Prof. K. Narayan Gowda, Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore

The Indian Student Parliament is the appropriate platform to channelize the energy of Indian national youth for the growth and development of the country. I am pleased to learn that the Indian Student Parliament has successfully completed its first Parliament during January 2011.

- Dr. M. K. Padalia, Vice-Chancellor, Saurashtra University, Rajkot

The theme selected for the meet is quite appealing as it aims to Inspire Youth for Strengthening Democracy in India. As India is moving fast to develop knowledge based economy, it is pertinent to sensitize our students towards their responsibility to strengthen the democratic set up of India.

- Dr. S. S. Chahal, Vice-Chancellor, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur

The future of a nation lies in the hands of its youth and the quality of its youth determines the kind of future, the nation will have. Therefore, we should give a perfect platform to strengthen and empower our youth.

- Dr. S. P. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, Lalit Narayan Mithila University, Darbhanga

Such an event will not only inculcate the culture of Parliamentary debating among the students, but also provide forum for developing oratory skill. It will add momentous value to a student's profile in furtherance of his/her pursuit of academic excellence.

- Justice N. N. Mathur, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Jodhpur

To further strengthen our democratic set-up, I hope that this event would help enrich youth leaders understanding of the democratic process apart from inculcating leadership skills.

- Prof. P. K. Michael Tharakan, Vice-Chancellor, Kannur University

MESSAGES FROM VICE CHANCELLORS

I congratulate the MIT-SOG, Pune for initiating Indian Student Parliament which is a very noble effort towards educating and mobilizing our youth in the service of pressing national requirements.

- Prof. M. K. Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, University of Lucknow

I hope that politics can also be a profession for aspiring youth whose only bar need not be how many people vote for them during the elections, but how much knowledge they have in their chosen field coupled with being a good human being who can guide the nation in a positive direction.

- Prof. Bimal Chandra Mal, Vice-Chancellor, Chhatisgarh Swami Vivekanand Techninal University, Bhilai

Though democracy as a form of collective self-rule is initially associated with an elective government, it is gradually redefining the relationships of the family as well as the organization of work in industry and other professions. In this context, I wish the event a great success.

- Prof. K Viyyanna Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur

World has now recognized us by looking at the percentage of youth in the total population and hoping to occupy within top-2 among nations in future. I wish such events to equip students in achieving the above mentioned goal.

- Prof. Manjappa D. Hosamane, Vice-Chancellor, Vijayanagara Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Bellary

The involvement of Chhatra Shakti is the basic pillar of the Indian democratic system. The Indian Student Parliament makes the student power well versed with parliamentary democracy. I am sure the deliberations during these 3 days will enrich our democratic values and reestablish faith in Indian democracy.

- Prof. M. L. Sharma, Vice-Chancellor, Gujarat Ayurved University, Jamnagar

This is an admirable effort of the organizers to provide a common platform to the Indian youth to share their views and ideas on various burning issues the nation is facing today, and will be instrumental tool in mobilizing the Indian youth.

- Prof. Piyush Trivedi, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi Proudhyogiki Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal

This summit would make the youth of our nation the most vibrant and the most energetic in the process of national development. Further, this innovative program would exploit the intelligence and vigor of the youth and do away the limitations from them.

- Prof. Ramanuja Devanathan, Vice-Chancellor, Jagadguru Ramanandacharya Rajasthan Sanskrit University, Jaipur

I am hopeful that the galaxy of student leaders and thought provoking ideas of eminent speakers participating in various sessions will pave the ways to build youth as a leader, policy maker, administrator and great social worker too.

- Dr. R. S. Kureel, Vice-Chancellor, Narendra Deva University of Agriculture & Technology, Kumargani

Indian Student Parliament is an innovative effort to sensitize the Indian youth towards a responsible and responsive democracy. This will help in keeping the democratic ethos of our country at its highest level. The success of the first event has proved its importance already.

- Sachchidanand Joshi, Vice-Chancellor, Kushabhau Thakre Patrakarita Avam Jansanchar Vishwavidyalaya, Raipur

The theme for discussion, "Inspiring youth for strengthening democracy" is both exciting and topical. Our history and culture celebrates peaceful co-existence and tolerance. Buddha's teachings and Gandhi's philosophy should be the guiding stars.

- S. R. Lakha, IAS (Retd), Vice-Chancellor, Gautam Buddha University, Uttar Pradesh

As far as my knowledge goes, this is the first of its kind concept giving opportunity to students, to assemble and express their opinion through discussions on the current happening in the country.

- Prof. B. Hanumaiah, Vice-Chancellor, Babashaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow



MESSAGES FROM VICE CHANCELLORS

Only positive approach like this initiative will make sure that Indian youth will lighten up the country which is currently under the dark clouds of bribery. It is the best medicine to cure the disease of corruption. They are leaders who will give us systematic and full solution of our problems.

- **Dr. A. M. Sheikh**, Vice-Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand

Those who have conceived the idea deserve all praise. Initiatives like this are of immense help to understand the socially and culturally diverse fabric of India and also the future challenges before the nation.

- **Dr. A. R. Trag**, Vice-Chancellor, Islamic University of Science & Technology, Pulwama, Jammu & Kashmir

I hope that the students and delegates participating in the 2nd Indian Student Parliament will learn a lot and play an active role in the nation building process that will ultimately create a healthy atmosphere in the country.

- **Prof. Dr. S. S. Gill**, Vice-Chancellor, Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, Faridkot

A multidimensional non-political and non-profit platform like this will surely turn out to be a beacon of hope for millions. I happily watch this annual event and record my appreciation.

- **Dr. Sri Prakash K. S.**, Vice-Chancellor, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Karnataka

It is the platform where we can examine our technical achievements in social perspective and their acceptability in society. Such parliament will also provide the opportunity among new generations to learn about democratic practices and ideas and listen to eminent personalities on emerging issues.

- **Dr. V. P. Singh**, Vice-Chancellor, Rajendra Agricultural University, Bihar

I am confident that this will generate interest among the students to enrich their innovative zeal to go a long way to strengthen the activities and to make them highly qualified resource persons in respective arenas in the country.

- **Prof. A. Basu-Majumdar**, Vice-Chancellor, University of North Bengal

I encourage all youth, from all sections of the society to actively participate in the process of nation building within the democratic framework. Education does not mean acquiring degrees and awards, but knowledge. It is the real power.

- **Prof. D. K. Gupta**, Vice-Chancellor, Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj Medical University, Uttar Pradesh

Youth are the most vital human resource of a nation on whom the present and the future of the country depend. I extend my warm greetings and best wishes for the success of this event.

- **Prof. Harish Padh**, Vice-Chancellor, Sardar Patel University, Vidyanagar



MESSAGES FROM VICE CHANCELLORS

I hope this platform will give innovative ideas and inspire the youth to assume leadership roles in order to strengthen democracy and to engage them in dialogues and deliberations to develop national and global perspective.

- Prof. I. V. Trivedi, Vice-Chancellor, Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur

I believe, for the youth of today, the event will be an ideal platform to highlight their ideas and aspirations.

- Prof. Yogesh Singh, Vice-Chancellor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda

It is a novel initiative towards global peace and harmony through mass awakening and intellectual participation of our youth. This path setting effort of MIT School of Government deserve laudable support from all sections of the society. I congratulate the organizers.

- Dr. Y. S. Parmar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Horticulture & Forestry, Himachal Pradesh

I extend my warm wishes and greetings for the success of this students conclave and hope the outcome of the deliberations would inspire in strengthening the students active participation in our nation building and development.

- Prof. Radhye Shyam Sharma - Vice Chancellor, Rajasthan Ayurved University, Jodhpur

I wish the program grand success.

- Prof. Sudhir U Meshram, Vice Chancellor, North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon





COUNTDOWN FOR 2ND BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (ISP)

Press Conference, New Delhi



New Delhi, 6th September, 2011

From left to right: Arun Yadav, (MP Lok Sabha - INC), Mohammed Azharuddin (Former Captan Indian Cricket Team), Anand Paranjape (MP Lok Sabha - SS), Pratik Patil (Union MOS for Coal), Anurag Singh Thakur (MP Lok Sabha - BJP), Rajesh Tope (Patron), Tushar Gandhi (President, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation), Raninder Singh (President National Rifle Association of India), Hamdullah Sayeed (MP, Lok Sabha - INC), Bhavana Gavali-Patil (MP, Lok Sabha - SS), Madhu Goud Yaskhi (MP, Lok Sabha - INC), Rahul V. Karad (Founder Convenor)

Press Conference, Mumbai



Mumbai, 14th September, 2011

From left to right: Abhijit Panse (President, BVS), Mahesh Tapase (Spokesperson - NCP), Tushar Gandhi (President, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation), Rajesh Tope (Patron), Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Dr. Jabbar Patel (Eminent Filmmaker), Tejas Deshpande (Former UR, Mumbai University)

Clarion Call:



"To Give A Clarion Call To Youth To Empower Democracy"

On Nov 30, 2011

From left to right: Rahul V. Karad, Kapil Dev (Former Captan Indian Cricket Team) & Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad

Press Conference, Pune



Pune, 16th September, 2011

From left to right: Rahul V. Karad, Rahul Deshpande (Singer), Sandeep Khare (Poet), Dr. Salil Kulkarni (Music Director), Dr. R. A. Mashelkar (Former DG, CSIR), Dr. Vishwanath Karad, Arun Khore (Sr. Journalist)

Portal Launch:



From left to right: Gp. Capt. D. P. Apte, Dr. L. K. Kshirsagar, Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Jyotiraditya Scindia (Union MOS for Commerce & Industry), Sulajja Firodia-Motwani (Joint MD Kinetic Engineering PVT Ltd.), Rahul V. Karad

Curtain raiser



Ajay Maken speaking at the curtain raiser press meet on 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

MAEER's MIT School of Government, Pune organized a curtain raiser press conference on 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, which is to be hosted in January 2012 at MIT Campus, Pune. The press conference was addressed by Ajay Maken, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Vijay Nambiar, Chief of Staff to UN general secretary and Dr. Shyama Chona among others.

KIT FOR STUDENT LEADERS



Badge of BCS



Identity Card issued to the participants



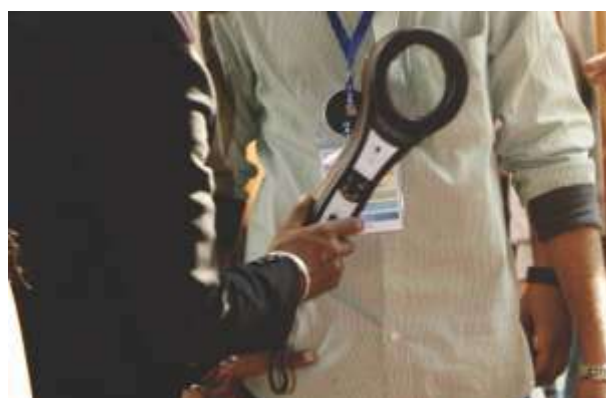
Study kit of the participant student leaders



A participant glancing through the brochure of the BCS



Student leaders: Ready to go



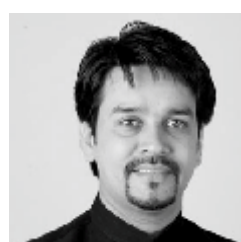
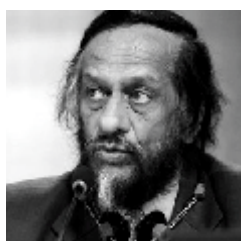
Proper security measures being taken at the venue



BRAIN STORMING: THE KEY ISSUES OF CONCERN

The speakers were meticulously chosen from the areas like politics, spirituality, science, sports, industry, social activism, education and administration. Student leaders and world leaders put forth their views about various issues of concern for today's India. The platform brought together people of diverse ideologies for constructive discussions, over three days.

- **Politics of Development:**
- **Where is India's Obama?:**
- **Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide:**
- **Saving the Planet: Is it Too Late?:**
- **Join Politics – Lead your India:**
- **CSR – Business Beyond Profit:**
- **Corruption Free India: Dream or Reality:**
- **Yes India Can:**
- **Social Networking for Social Action:**



11 RESOLUTIONS OF THE 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad

- 1) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India to formulate policies that seek to widen representation of the youth in all democratic institutions from Gram Panchayat to the Parliament, considering the fact that more than half of India is below 30 years of age.
- 2) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Central and State Government of India to give top priority to socio-economic justice in order to usher in an era of sustainable development to minimize the rift between the rich and the poor.
- 3) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India to launch the "National Leadership Development Mission" to groom the young enthusiastic student leaders, having a Global Vision based on Gandhian Ideology.
- 4) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India to implement the concept of PURA (PROVIDING URBAN AMMENITIES TO RURAL AREA), envisaged by former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, which will certainly help in minimizing the urban rural divide.
- 5) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India to formulate suitable rules and regulations so that the bio-diversity rich regions and fragile ecological regions do not fall under the ambit of land acquisition.
- 6) We the Student Leaders assembled here at the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India to constitute a committee consisting of members from national and regional parties to seek consensus to debar the candidates with criminal background from contesting elections at any level.
- 7) We, the Student Leaders assembled here in the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, resolve hereby and appeal to the Government to ensure that the educational institutions established in the corporate sectors across the country provide reservations for the students coming from the marginalized sections of the society.
- 8) We, the Student Leaders assembled here in the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India hereby unanimously resolve and pledge not to indulge in any corrupt practices and further we wholeheartedly commit ourselves to transform the dream of "Corruption free India" into reality.
- 9) We, the Student Leaders of India assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government to strengthen the NAM (Non Aligned Movement) to safeguard the interests of underdeveloped countries and intensify its fight against undemocratic regimes, hunger and poverty in those countries.
- 10) We, the Student Leaders of India assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve to make social networking a tool of social development, where all the developmental issues will get priority, so that government could utilize it as a reliable source of public opinion.

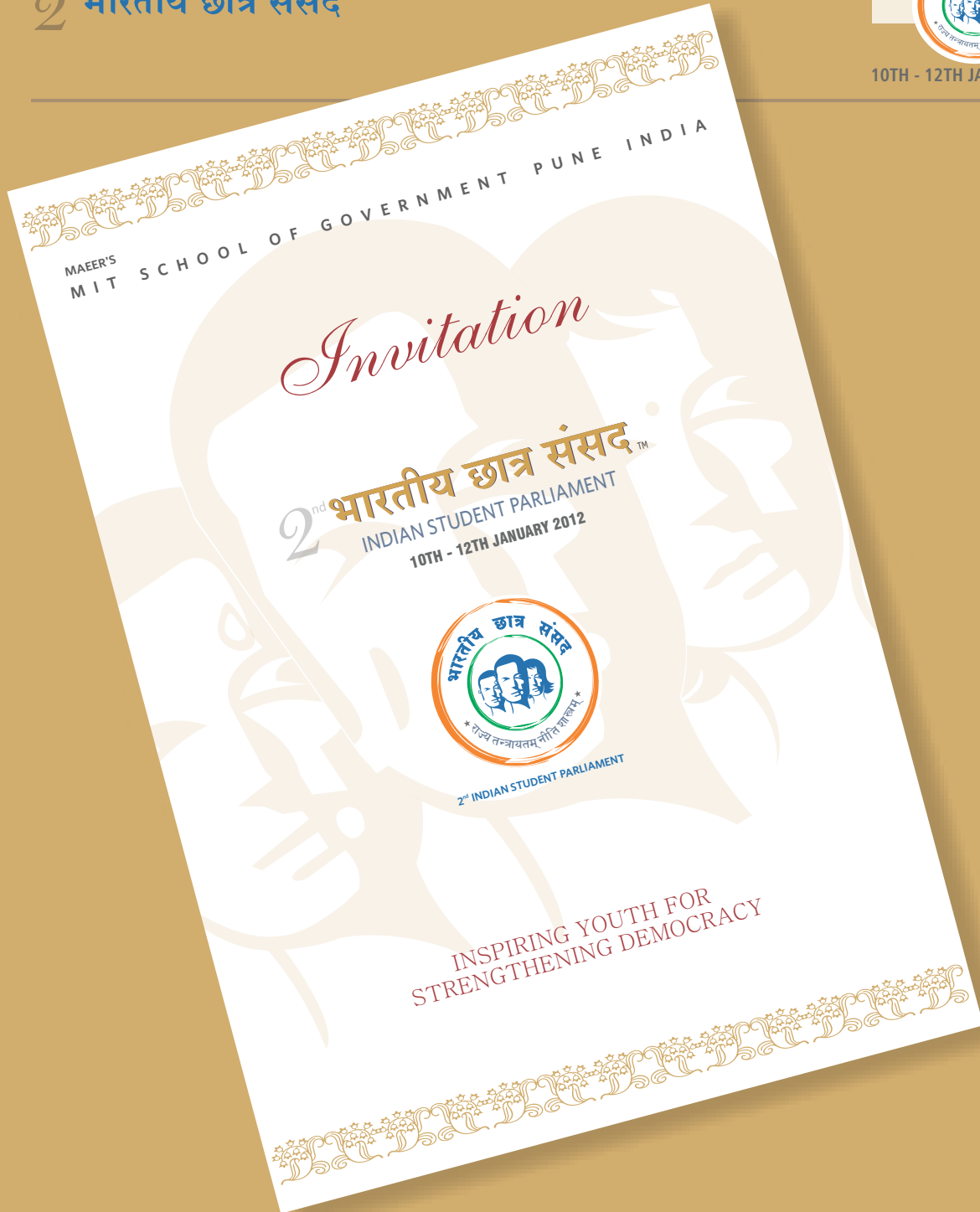
A SPECIAL RESOLUTION – PUNE DECLARATION OF 2ND BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD, PUNE, INDIA

- 1) To make specific legislations to curb the most horrifying criminalization of Indian Polity and also to wipe out the curse of hideous corruption being faced by India.
- 2) To constitute an Expert Committee comprising of legal luminaries, constitutional experts, social thinkers, visionary leaders of different political parties and able administrators at the earliest, so as to save this world's Largest Functioning Democracy from further deterioration.
- 3) Appeal to all the political parties of India, not to give candidature to any person having proven criminal and/or corrupt background for any of the elections, right from the Gram Panchayat to the Parliament.

*The above mentioned resolutions were formulated after a careful consideration and due diligence exercised by leading academicians, civil society activists, leaders from the grassroots and former bureaucrats like **Prof. Shrikant Paranjpe, Mr. Vivek Velankar, Adv. Santosh Shah, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Mr. Rahul V. Karad and others**. They were ably assisted by the faculty members of the MIT School of Government, **Mr. Vidyabhushan Arya and Mr. R Radhakrishnan**.

An elaborately designed pendal with an extravagant spread welcomed the student leaders and eminent speakers to the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad. The pandal, with its aesthetic design, added flavor to the proceedings and the event as well. It had a seating capacity to accommodate up to 10,000 delegates. The enormous dais provided a 'platform' for the eminent personalities to interact with the student leaders. It also staged cultural performances, which captivated the audience. The stage had a huge screen in the background to enable an enlarged image of the speaker to be telecast. Displays on various themes like Birth of a Nation, Democracy, Nobel Lauretes of India and Youth Icons adorned the pandal.





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INAUGURATION CEREMONY
2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad



DAY 1

Tuesday, Jan 10, 2012

VENUE: Swami Vivekanand Mandap, MIT Campus, Pune.

2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament)

Time	Description
1630 hrs	• Arrival of the Dignitaries in the pandal
1632 hrs	• Cultural Program " Swarnim " by Parimal Phadke & Group
1652 hrs	• Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
1653 hrs	• National Song - Vande Mataram
1654 hrs	• Welcome Address & Briefing on Concept Note of 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad by Mr Rahul V. Karad - Founder & Convenor
1659 hrs	• Message of Her Excellency the President of India - Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil
1700 hrs	• Felicitation of the Dignitaries on the dais
1705 hrs	• Inauguration of 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad by lighting of the lamp
1710 hrs	• Address by Mr Rajesh Tope and Mr Padmakar Valvi - The Patrons
1720 hrs	• Addresses by Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - President, BCS & Founder, Executive President, MAEER
1725 hrs	• Special Felicitation of Padma Vibhushan Mr. R. K. Laxman - Internationally Acclaimed Cartoonist
1730 hrs	• Address by Mr. Sam Pitroda - Advisor to the Prime Minister of India (Through Video Conferencing)
1742 hrs	• Message of Hon'ble Prime Minister of India- Dr. Manmohan Singh
1743 hrs	• Message by the Mayor of Pune city - Mr. Mohansingh Rajpal
1745 hrs	• Expression of Views by a Student Leader of 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad - Mr. Anirudh Bhide
1750 hrs	• Message by Mr. B. K. Pipariya , General Manager (Credit), Bank of Maharashtra
1752 hrs	• Address by Ms. Nandita Das - Renowned Actress & Social Worker
1802 hrs	• Address by Mr. Liam Burns - President, National Union of Students (UK)
1807 hrs	• Exchange of MOU between Mr. Liam Burns & Mr. Rahul Karad for partnership between NUS, UK & MITSOG, Pune
1808 hrs	• Release of book - " National & International Schemes & Awards for Youth " compiled by Mr. Dhananjay Thakare at the hands of Mr. Ajay Maken
1811 hrs	• Video Message by Ms. Irina Bokova , Director General, UNESCO, Paris
1814 hrs	• Video Message by Mr. Ban Ki Moon , Secretary General, UNO read by Mr. Vijay Nambiar , Chief of Staff to United Nations
1817 hrs	• Address by the Chief Guest Mr. Ajay Maken - Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports, Govt. of India
1832 hrs	• Concluding Remarks by Dr. R. A. Mashelkar - Chairman, Academic Council, MIT-SOG, Pune
1837 hrs	• Voting on resolution
1842 hrs	• Vote of Thanks by Prof. (Gp. Capt.) D. P. Apte
1844 hrs	• National Anthem
1845 hrs	• Inauguration Ceremony concludes
1850 hrs	• High Tea
Music & Songs - By Art of Living Foundation - "Sumeru Sandhya"	
1900 hrs	World Peace Prayer
1907 hrs	"Sumeru Sandhya" a show of Music & Songs - By Art of Living Foundation, Mr. Sahil Jagtiani & Team
2007 hrs	Felicitation of the artists of Art of Living Foundation
2010 hrs	Program Concludes

INAUGURAL FUNCTION



Auspicious beginning at the august hands of eminent guests
From left: Mangesh Karad, Mohan Singh Rajpal, Rajesh Tope, V. D. Karad, Ajay Maken, Padmakar Valvi, R. A. Mashelkar, Nandita Das, Liam Burns & Rahul V. Karad



Eminent dignitaries occupying the dais for the inaugural session of 2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad 2012.



ELUCIDATING OF THE CONCEPT & VISION



Rahul V. Karad

Founder Convener, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

“The youth have passion in their belly; they have concern about the good governance in India. I would like to say this youth should get proper guidance”

I am pleased to inform you all that our collective quest to provide the youth of India a platform to raise and deliberate issues of utmost importance, concerning their nation, growth and strengthening of democracy has been realized through the successful conduct of the 1st Indian Students Parliament (Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad) in January 2011.

The successful conduct of the 2nd Indian students Parliament in January 2012 clearly vindicates and reaffirms our faith in the contribution of youth in the development of their nation.

When in 2005 with the help of T.N.Seshanji, we have started this MIT school of Government. Many people laughed on us as we have started a school, which can give good political leaders to this country. Today, we have completed almost 64 years of Independence and we cannot think of good governance for our country. I am very glad that we have more than 300 students who are working in different political parties.

Similarly when I contemplated about the idea of Indian Student Parliament, it seemed an arduous task, if not impossible to accomplish. But I was determined to see thousands of student leaders gathering at a place and interacting with the eminent personalities from various walks of life. It was not only an event in itself but a small step in initiating a nationwide movement that would inspire our youth to be the active and vibrant partners in the process of

nation building and contribute their youthful energy in strengthening the fabric of our democracy. This herculean task began with the mentoring of Mr T N Seshan and with words of appreciation from Dr R A Mashelkar and Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, which instilled confidence in me and made me firmly resolve.

When I travelled throughout the country to spread the message of the Indian Student Parliament, I realized that the youth were oozing with energy and enthusiasm which reflected in their sincerity of participation in the event.

The vision and purpose of the 2nd Indian Students Parliament would not have translated into a living reality without the support of Mr Ajay Maken, the Union Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of India, Mr Rajesh Tope, the Minister for Technical and Higher Education, Government of Maharashtra and Mr Padmakar Valvi, Minister For Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Maharashtra. They have not only become the Patrons of the Parliament but extended all possible cooperation from their respective ministries. I am deeply humbled by the trust they have reposed in my efforts.

With their support, I am confident of taking this democratic movement across the length and breadth of the country. In coming years we intend to organize the Parliament outside Maharashtra too and as well have state chapter in order to decentralize it and preserve its pan-Indian ethos.

I positively look forward to have wholehearted participation from the student Leaders in our future endeavors and remain committed to enrich the legacy of our pluralistic democracy.

Thank you again. Jai Hind. Jai Bharat.

WELCOME SPEECH



Rajesh Tope

Patron and Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra, India

“My student friends you are contributing to this Indian Student's Parliament as a student leader”

“Students will write the history in the future on the enriched model of our democracy and governance”

Mr. Tope began by welcoming all the students, participants and dignitaries to the 2nd Student Parliament. He underlined the mission of the Parliament as “To create a platform for young student leaders and facilitate interaction between them and eminent leaders from different sections, on regional, national and international issues.”

He encouraged the students to participate in the elaborately planned sessions at the Parliament. This participation will help everyone in developing a truly democratic outlook. He emphasized and upheld the pains taken by the organizers and Mr. Rahul V. Karad, in taking significant pains in bringing together a plethora of social and political personalities as well as youth power from different corners of the country.

Mr. Tope highlighted the need to empower the working population which falls in the age group of 15-35 years. He said that the empowerment of this class, which constitutes about 55% of the working population, would in the true sense; initiate the progress of our society and the country. He added that this would also help in attaining equality. He concluded by branding the youth as “our asset in creating the future of India” who he trusted to fulfill all our dreams and make India a super power.





INSPIRING MESSAGE



Padmakar Valvi

Patron and Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, India

“To succeed in life we have many opportunities, you just have to identify those opportunities. If you get to know those opportunities in time, and remove all the barriers then you will definitely get success”

Mr. Valvi started with a tendency of Indians to talk more and work less. He gave examples of how many a times; “workers” are taken over by “talkers” in our society. He said that the focus of people, and especially the youth, should be more on actions than on talking and preaching others.

He added that while working in any field, the youth should always think about the country. The minister added that the youth should always try to think about “how their actions will affect the country, its image and its reputation”.

Mr. Valvi concluded by saying that all the students, present at the Parliament and outside, should strive to make use of all the opportunities that come their way. He underlined the importance of identifying the opportunities coming one's way. He called upon the students to remove all the obstacles in their paths, go through their share of struggle and eventually realize the ultimate success that they seek.



WORDS OF WISDOM



Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad

Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT

“ I am happy to see you all. You have come from all the corners of our country and what a passion you have in yourself. This shows that you have a huge fire of courage in your belly.”

Dr. V. Karad started his speech with a very humble gesture of introducing and felicitating Mr. R.K. Laxman and thanked him for the enormous contribution in terms of educating youth through his cartoons. Dr. Karad also shown high gratitude for Mrs. Laxman for her support and motivation.

He showed great respect and bow down his head in front of Mr. R.K.Laxman's contribution and his dedication in the field of journalism. Dr. Karad was very humble and often referred his own enormous contribution in developing countries fine education institute as a collaborative work of his team. He did not hesitate to call himself as a servant of this system and that shows the credibility of this amazing personality who has touched every one of us through his contribution in education. He insisted on one crucial fact that Indian youth and education are very important factors that will make us supreme power in the world. He was emotional when he was narrating life-changing incident of his own life. How Swami Vivekananda inspired him through his entire journey and how his principals helped him to hold Dr. Karad on tough times. Dr. Karad was very proud to describe the vision of Swami Vivekananda and his generosity by describing his famous Chicago and other incidents.

Dr. Karad was urging youth to gear up for the opportunities

coming in their way. He was keen on making them realize the kind of responsibilities today's youth have on their shoulders and how along with a proper understanding of our culture and religion we India's can change the picture of our country. Last but not the least, he advised student to adapt the global attitude of participating in events and bring pride to the country.





FELICITATION OF PADMA VIBHUSHAN SHRI R K LAXMAN

Internationally acclaimed Cartoonist, Illustrator, Satirist & a torchbearer of Democracy



Felicitating Mr. R. K. Laxman with a citation & a shawl (above).
The Maestro drawing a sketch of the Common Man (below).



World renowned Indian cartoonist and Padma Vibhushan awardee R.K. Laxman, creator of the unforgettable "common man" that graced the front page of the Times of India for several decades, was felicitated for his lifetime contribution at a spectacular inaugural ceremony that marked the beginning of the 2nd BharatiyaChhatraSansad (2012) in Pune. A short film capturing moments from his life was also shown on the occasion.

The 90 year old cartoonist arrived at the venue accompanied by his wife, Kamala. Visibly moved and overcome by tears, Mr. Laxman raised his hand in acknowledgement to the

standing ovation awarded to him by the 8000 strong gathering of student leaders assembled from all over India.

Describing his work ethic while speaking at a function a few years ago, the celebrated cartoonist who has been in the profession for over sixty years, had said; "Searching for new ideas is an endless process. I isolate myself for at least six hours each day. I neither speak nor listen to anyone during that time."





ADDRESS



Sam Pitroda

Advisor to Prime Minister of India on Public Information, Infrastructure & Innovations

“We need people to participate, we need rebellion, and we need people to ask questions. To participate in politics and business and to solve the problem of poor,”

Mr. Pitroda began by sharing his journey which started from a small village in Orissa. He elaborated on how he moved to Gujarat for primary education. He shared the transformation in his life, when he went to Chicago, to be part of a space program, initiated by the then US President John F. Kennedy.

He shared with the students his “vision for India” when he came back in early 1970s. He discussed the initial days when he tried to build a telephone network in India in the late 1970s, the support he got from Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, the amazing team he worked with, which included Dr. Mashelkar and also the struggle due to lack of technical expertise in software in India, in those days.

Mr. Pitroda, emphasized on the development in Information technology and how the country is today well connected after all the obstacles and hard work in the initial days when today's IT giants like Infosys and TCS had very few employees.

He also talked about how technology is the “greatest social

leveler” in a country like ours, which is otherwise full of disparities and diversities. He underlined the importance of participation of young Indian talent to redefine agriculture, sanitation and education, the three most important sectors for sustainable growth of India.



Message delivered through video conferencing

MESSAGE

**Mohansingh Rajpal**

Mayor of Pune City

“Committed youth, will strive to defend and protect their country and maintain social unity and harmony.”

He started by welcoming all the student leaders to the Indian Student Parliament and went to welcome and extend his greetings to the dignitaries present on the dais.

Mr. Rajpal highlighted the importance of the event for Pune city, which he said was proud to host the youth power and provide a platform for their discussions, which will take the country forward.

He then expressed his gratitude to the MIT School of Government for establishing the unique platform of Student Parliament. He added that all the institutes need to educate the students about the social and political situation in India.

Mr. Rajpal continued by paying his tributes to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Swami Vivekananda, two people he believed would serve as guiding lights for the youth and the country.

He concluded by welcoming Mr. Liam Burns from London and paying his condolences to Anuj Bidwe, a student from Pune who was killed in London. He appealed for world peace and added that violence of all forms should be eradicated.

JAI HIND!



STUDENT LEADER



Anirudha D. Bhide

C. A. (Final), Nagpur

“History is the proof that whenever young people have taken up any task, they have achieved a huge success. The recent example of it we saw is the Anna Hazare's movement against corruption.”

Student Speaker Anirudha Bhide from Nagpur stressed on the power of youth in India. He started by saying that “young leaders are the biggest asset of any democracy.” He said that the success achieved by the level of energy and spirit shown by youth can be seen all around, across the world.

Citing the youth participation in social activist Anna Hazare's campaign and the movement to change the government in Egypt, he enforced his belief in youth power.

He added that with the world reeling under economic crisis, the energy of young India could solve the crisis. He called upon the “young leaders” coming out of the Student Parliament to build a vision for India's future. Anirudha added that they should develop a new India on the basis of our history, culture, knowledge and science, following Swami Vivekananda's principles.



MESSAGE



Nandita Das

Actress and Social Worker

“I don't think you need to be great politicians to change the color of politics.”

Ms. Nandita Das initiated the speech by pointing out her disconnect from the political fraternity present on the dais, because of her film background and said that she would consider herself as a representative of women of this country on such an important platform.

She then proceeded to stress on the need to include the marginalized people of India, almost 400 million, who are below poverty line, in the process of development. The first step to this, she said would be providing all sections a platform from where they and their opinions can be heard.

Talking about the current gloomy scenario in the country on the back of immense corruption, she said that with negativity all around, there is a greater need to believe in our capabilities and ourselves. Ms. Das highlighted the need to follow our convictions to achieve everything that we want. Moreover, for this, she suggested the youth should derive inspiration from personalities like Mr. Laxman.

Ms. Das highlighted the presence of politics in every sphere of our life. She said, “Politics is not only about political parties”. She pointed to the politics present in different spheres of life like gender, environment and economics. She stressed on the fact that no individual can be apolitical. Ms. Das continued by saying that with so many problems around us, from dowry to malnutrition to education, our convictions have to be used to solve them all. She underlined the importance of conviction by terming it as the source of courage to stand up and work.





MESSAGE



Liam Burns

President, National Union of Students, UK

“You are here because you are interested in public life, you see an injustice, a wrong that could be made right”

Liam Burns started by labeling the participant students at the Student Parliament as India's leaders of tomorrow. He said that despite the diverse educational, lingual and regional background of the gathering, the common thing that binds every individual present is the interest in public life. It is the change that the youth wants to bring to this society, which is showcased in this Parliament.

Explaining the vision shared by the National Union of Students, UK, he said the organization works for student education and student participation in the society, passionately. The Student Parliament, he added, works on a similar promise, to care for individuals and society.

He pointed out the similarities between the National Union of Students, UK and the Indian Student Parliament. Both the bodies, he said, work on the same promise of ensuring primary and higher education, to all those who want it. Mr. Burns added that he would like to bring in a new era of partnership in education between India and UK, because of same vision shared by them.

Mr. Burns concluded by wishing a successful Parliament to all the 8,000 Student Leaders present at the Parliament.



GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOR STUDENT LEADERSHIP



A historic Memorandum of Understanding being exchanged between the 90-year-old National Union of Students, UK & MIT School of Government, Pune represented by Mr. Liam Burns & Mr. Rahul V. Karad respectively, for the participation of students from India to UK for the National Convention of NUS.





RELEASE OF THE BOOK "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHEMES & AWARDS FOR YOUTH" AT THE HANDS OF MR. AJAY MAKEN



A book titled "NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCHEMES & AWARDS FOR YOUTH" compiled by Dhananjay Thakare, a student of Engineering from rural Maharashtra, was released at the august hands of Mr. Ajay Maken. The book has a foreword by Rahul V. Karad. (Top) Mr. Ajay Maken, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar and Dhananjay Thakare, (bottom left) Mr. Rajesh Tope, Dr Vishwanath D. Karad and Mr. Ajay Maken, (bottom right) Mr. Padmakar Valvi and Mr. Rahul V. Karad.

MESSAGE



Ajay Maken

Union Minister of State (IC) for Sports & Youth Affairs, Government of India

“Today, when we look at the meaning of democracy, we mean non-discrimination, there should be open debate regarding any issue, any state where there is no open debate can't be called as democratic. If you see the real meaning of democracy, then open debate or talk is called as democracy.”

Addressing the 2nd Indian Student Parliament, Mr. Ajay Maken congratulated the organizers for taking a brave and courageous step of organizing a platform which promotes youth participation in politics. He added that this is a particularly courageous decision in the current context, where all politicians are doubted by the society as well as the media.

He elaborated on the meaning of Rajneeti, i.e. Politics. Mr. Maken said that Rajneeti is not only about coming to power. In fact it is knowing how to run a government for people's welfare. He said that everyone entering politics should never lose sight of this thought and constantly work towards achieving it.

Referring to perception politics in his childhood days, Mr. Ajay Maken added that his grandparents and parents encouraged him to become a “leader”, and not a politician. Today, students should try and build leadership skills to earn respect in the society and participate more effectively in a democracy, he said. Mr. Maken stressed upon the need to develop a real democracy, which he believes is a system which allows “an open debate on any issue.”

Mr. Maken concluded by thanking Mr. Rahul Karad for giving this unique opportunity and a platform to bring young India together.





MESSAGE



Dr Raghunath Mashelkar, FRS

Bhatnagar Fellow

Chairman, Academic Council, MITSOG & Former Director General, CSIR

“Youngsters are leaders of tomorrow but leading actors of today”

Dr. Mashelkar started on a nostalgic note by comparing the gathering at the 2nd Indian Student Parliament to the International Science Congress gathering in January 2000. He said that the youth power he had witnessed then seems to have come back together. He added that this youth power would contribute significantly in building this nation in this millennium. Dr. Mashelkar said that India can become a unique intellectual and economic power if people can achieve inclusive growth in terms of access to education, health, drinking water, sanitation and communication.

Dr. Mashelkar revealed his most cherished book “Reinventing India” and thanked Mr. Rahul V. Karad for printing 7000 copies. He mentioned his dream and expectations from the youth of India in his latest book “Reinventing India”. He said that every page of his book is full of youthful optimism and energy.

He stressed on the importance of education in India and narrated an incident he came across many times, when people asked him about India's priority no. 1, 2 & 3. He said that education should be our “only priority”. He went on to describe the new India as a “knowledge centric India”.

Dr. Mashelkar stressed that India should try and work as a single team of 120 crore. He said that this team energy and feeling of oneness can bring a huge difference. He also narrated his experiences about his past struggle and resistance.

He concluded by saying that even though he might not be there to see the “new India”, the India of his dreams, 30 years from now, today's youth will not only build that India, but they will proudly see the next generation of children flourishing in that “new India”.

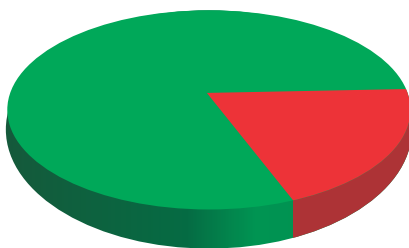


RESOLUTION

INAUGURAL SESSION



VOTING %



■ YES: 80.56%

■ NO: 19.44%

VOTING STATEMENT

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Passed by 80.56% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

The most transparent method of voting was used for voting in the resolution. The above mentioned resolution was displayed on the screen and the student leaders were asked to vote by sending a text message either in favor or against the resolution.



FELICITATIONS Felicitation is deep-rooted in Indian tradition and culture. At BCS, we have imbibed this value as a mark of respect for every contribution from every individual. For every session, eminent personalities from specific fields were present on the dais to guide the students. They were felicitated as recognition of their immense contribution to the concerned field.



Ajay Maken - Union Minister of Sports & Youth Affairs
(3rd from left)



Rajesh Tope - The Patron
(1st from left)



Padmakar Valvi - The Patron
(2nd from left)



Dr. R A Mashelkar - Chairman, Academic Council, MIT-SOG, Pune
(3rd from left)



Mohansingh Rajpal - Mayor, Pune City
(1st from left)



Nandita Das - Renowned Actress & Social Worker
(3rd from left)



Liam Burns - President, National Union of Students (UK)
(3rd from left)



B K Pipariya - General Manager (Credit), Bank of Maharashtra
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MOMENTS FROM THE INAUGURAL FUNCTION



Sam Pitroda advising the Nation on its tomorrow



Student Leaders in a pensive mood



Dignitaries at the Inaugural Ceremony



CULTURAL PROGRAM

'Sumeru Sandhya', a cultural program presented by Art of Living Foundation founded by the spiritual Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Sahil Jagtiani



Program of devotional music and songs by Art of Living Foundation (Sumeru Sandhya) - was preformed by renowned artiste Sahil Jagtiani & his group



Wednesday, January 11, 2012

09:30 - 10:40 HRS

DAY 2

Session 1

09:30 - 10:40 HRS

**POLITICS OF
DEVELOPMENT**



DAY 2

Wednesday, Jan 11, 2012
0930 hrs to 1800 hrs
Session 1 to 5

SESSIONS

Session 1	Politics of Development
0930 hrs to 1040 hrs	- Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speaker by Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory - VC, JNU, Delhi - Speeches by student leaders - Ashok Poothiyot and Rahul Tiwari - Speech by Kapil Dev - Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team - Speech by His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar - Founder, Art of Living (Through video conferencing) - Interaction with the student leaders - Voting on Resolution
Session 2	Where is India's Obama?
1100 hrs to 1210 hrs	- Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speaker by Dr. Rajan M. Welukar, VC, Mumbai University - Speeches by student leaders - Vaishnavi S. Sawant and Hamza Shakir - Speech by Dr. Shashi Tharoor - MP, Lok Sabha & Former Union Minister for External Affairs, Govt. of India - Interaction with the student leaders - Voting on Resolution
Session 3	Bridging the Urban - Rural Divide
1220 hrs to 1330 hrs	- Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Prof. M. Ramnathan - VC, Annamalai University - Speeches by student leaders - Namit Choksi and Omkar Jagdale - Speech by G. Vittal Rao (GADAR), Poet & Social activist - Speech by Dr. R. A. Mashelkar - Bhatnagar Fellow & Former DG, CSIR & Chairman, Academic Council, MITSOG - Interaction with the student leaders
LUNCH BREAK	
Session 4	Saving The Planet : Is It Too Late?
1440 hrs to 1550 hrs	- Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Dr. N. Prabhu Dev - VC, Bangalore University - Speeches by student leaders - Minaxi Vaza and Pranjal Chaturvedi - Speech by Dr. Rajendra Pachauri - Noted Environmentalist - Speech by N. R. Narayana Murthy - Chairman Emeritus, Infosys (Through video conferencing) - Interaction with the student leaders - Concluding remarks by Krishna Hegde, MLA (INC), Vile Parle, Mumbai, Maharashtra - Voting on Resolution of Session 3 - Voting on Resolution of Session 4
Session 5	Join Politics - Lead Your India
1610 hrs to 1730 hrs	- Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Prof. Vibhuti Narain Rai - VC, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Vardha, Maharashtra - Speeches by student leaders - Sumit Wankhade and Utsav - Speech by Madhu Goud Yaskhi, MP, Lok Sabha (INC) - Speech by Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha (BJP) & National President, BJYM - Appeal by Dr. Sanjay Kute, MLA, Maharashtra (BJP) - Appeal by Nilesh Parvekar, MLA, Maharashtra (INC) - Appeal by Mahesh Tapase, Spokesperson, NCP, Maharashtra - Appeal by Abhijit Panse, President, Bhartiya Vidyarthi Sena (BVS), Maharashtra - Appeal by Ramesh Bhatt, Anchor - Journalist, Lok Sabha TV - Voting on Resolution
1800 hrs	Special performance of the play - 'CHANAKYA', by Manoj Joshi which focuses on the vision of CHANAKYA transforming the political system of his time to create a benevolent state - a reflection on today's times.

Indian Student Parliament should be conducted all around the country - Ravi,
Student

OPENING REMARKS

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory

Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

“Though it is true, that we are a fast-track developing economy; sadly this reflects only one part of the story. Our development is generally based, I must confess, on borrowed technology.”

Prof. Sopory started by congratulating Mr. Rahul Karad for organizing the Indian Student Parliament, which he believed would go a long way in creating awareness amongst the youth of the country and stimulate them to voice their opinions on different opinions. He added that the event, which was being supported by the Union Ministry of Sports, the Education Ministry and Sports Ministry of Government of Maharashtra, should be borrowed by and transmitted to other organizations and states.

He looked at the policy of development since the days of Independence, which talked about eradication of poverty, industrialization and empowering our people through education and technical skills. He added that even though the country had come a long way forward on all these

counts, much work was still to be done.

He continued by saying that the nation owed its development to borrowed technology and faced many other issues like disparity in wealth distribution, economic, caste and gender-divide, malnutrition and stagnation in agriculture. He believed that these problems overshadow the development achieved by the nation.

He added that even though many sections had witnessed development in the past 60 years, the country-needed leaders who could hand hold the weaker sections through the development and ensure proper education to every individual for a bright future of this nation.

Prof. Sopory concluded by saying that the political leaders need to be such that they can make things possible. He added that some of the leaders have shown the way by bringing about development that is socially relevant and equitable. Finally, he stressed on the importance of education and investment in agriculture, to take this country forward.

Methodology

Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory (Vice Chancellor, NJU, Delhi) initiated the session by introducing the main speakers Kapil Dev & Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. But before the main speaker, two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session ends with the concluding remarks by a young Member of Legislative Assembly. However, this session's MLA could not attend the program, and therefore the session was concluded without his/her concluding remarks.



STUDENT LEADERS

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



Ashok Poothiyot

BE Second Year, IIT

“Why is India, the world's largest democracy, still a developing nation, even after 64 years of independence?”

Mr. Poothiyot started by sharing the fact of the extent of development reaching the common man. He argued that it is sad that only 70 paise of every rupee spent on development reaches the target group.

He continued by adding that the main reason for this was lack of right direction for the development in India. He added that the lack of entrepreneurship in India and the lack of support from bureaucracy for setting up businesses, has led to slow development in our country.

He concluded by adding that India needs to identify the real areas which need development and not spend blindly on events like the Commonwealth Games. He also said that the country needs its youth to step into politics and become leaders who will take the country in the right direction.



Rahul Anil Tiwary

International School

“Becoming a super power is if not easy then not tough either. In this task, we need a right kind of leader and commitment in every part of the country.”

Mr. Tiwary started by sharing Dr. Abdul Kalam's definition of developmental politics. He said that while politics is all about fight for assembly seats, developmental politics talks about transforming India into a developed nation.

He continued by talking about how India needs to change a lot in terms of its developmental policies to deal with national issues like poverty, corruption, unemployment, etc. he said that only a planned and focused road map to deal with these issues will make India a superpower.

He urged the youth and every individual of the country to contribute to the cause of developing the country, and added that it's the duty of every Indian and not of the politicians alone. He called upon the youth to enrich the country with humanistic attitude and dedicated service.

Mr. Tiwary concluded by saying that every individual should experience national responsibility and should complete each and every job with full dedication and sincerity to remove all hindrances in the development of our country.

The future President, Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers are here - **Abhijit**,
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



Kapil Dev

Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team

“Don't go by the words but understand the underlying meaning of these words. Always keep your eyes and ears open when you are around, there is no need to speak at all times.”

Starting by congratulating the Karad family and the organization for taking the unique initiative of Indian Student Parliament, Mr. Kapil Dev hailed the effort as the first step in transforming the future of our nation. He expressed his nervousness and elation at the sight of facing the Indian youth in such large numbers.

He continued that it is time for the country to think and speak about its future aspirations. He expressed his confidence in the youth, which he said was capable of thinking, speaking and doing work for the development of the country. He urged the youth to ensure that the country, which is moving at a fast pace, does not come to a sudden halt and fall.

Mr. Kapil Dev added that education is the most important field, on which maximum focus and efforts should be taken. He highlighted that education is not only about getting good marks as is today's education scenario, but it is about applying knowledge in the right direction.

He added that time has come for cleaning up of politics in our country, where, he said there should be no place in the Parliament for people with criminal records. He asked the students to focus on more basic questions like ensuring that every individual gets three meals a day, and then thinking about transforming India into a super power. He said that

these smaller goals will help in realizing the ultimate aim of India becoming a superpower.

He concluded by appealing to the youth to do everything passionately. This, he said, helps in achieving more. He added that the passion ensures that even failures do not bog down the youth and they continue to spread happiness all around and bringing prosperity to this nation.





MAIN SPEAKER

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar

Founder, Art of Living

“ Dream for an India of compassion, commitment and convergence of all the cultures .Then surely, you will get a great India in future. ”

Expressing his pleasure and happiness at being part of the 2nd Indian Student Parliament, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar congratulated Mr. Rahul Karad for taking the initiative of bringing the students from all across India together.

He marked out Corruption, Communalization and Criminalization as the three main challenges faced by India. He asked the youth to take up the responsibility of freeing the country from the three vices, which he said were poisoning the country.

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar told the students to build a sense of belongingness with the society and country. He added that this would help the youth to overcome the innumerable obstacles in their paths of growth and development.

He concluded that the youth should not get disheartened by corruption and bad politicians, and urged them to look up to the 20% good politicians which were still around and work with determination.



Message delivered through video conferencing

If you want a corruption free society, please free your home from corruption - **Vaibhavi,**
Student

Q & A SESSION

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



Responding to the queries by, students Sri Sri Ravi Shankar talked about his ideologies. Answering a query by Mr. Arvind Saini from University of Jaipur, Sri Sri added that his main work is to put philosophy into practice.

He urged the students to join hands and work together in eradicating corruption from the country. Reacting to Karan Jain's query, a student of Fergusson College Pune, Sri Sri said that the youth should learn from both positive and negative incidents in life and move forward with commitment and determination.

Responding to Chandra Shekhar Sangoia's query about the qualities of a grass root leader, Sri Sri stressed on the fact that a good leader is one who ensures that masses are ahead of him and spreads love and compassion amongst the people.

On the neglect suffered by the north-eastern states of India, Sri Sri stressed that the youth should develop a perspective of looking at India as one whole entity and work towards its development.



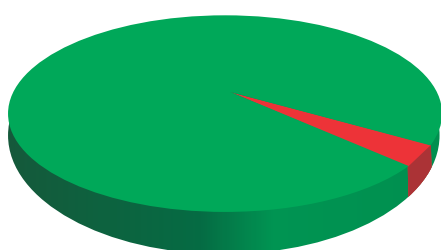


RESOLUTION

POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT



VOTING %



■ YES: 96.74%

■ NO: 03.26%

VOTING STATEMENT

We The Student Leaders of India assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, Hereby resolve and appeal to the Central and State Government Of India to give top priority to socio-economic justice in order to usher in an era of sustainable development to minimize the rift between the rich and poor.

Passed by 96.74% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

The most transparent method of voting was used for voting in the resolution. The above mentioned resolution was displayed on the screen and the student leaders were asked to vote by sending a text message either in favor or against the resolution.

Everyone thinks of changing the world, but no one thinks of changing themselves- **Leena**, Student

FELICITATIONS SESSION 1

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Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory - VC, JNU, Delhi
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Ashok Poothiyot - BE Second Year, IIT, Indore
(2nd from left)



Rahul Anil Tiwary - International School, Patna
(2nd from left)



Kapil Dev - Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team
(3rd from left)



Ajit Abhyankar - Vetern Communist Thinker
(2nd from left)



Vikas Matakari - President, Pune BJP
(3rd from left)





LEARNING WISDOM... BUILDING LEADERSHIP



Wednesday, January 11, 2012

11:00 - 12:10 HRS

DAY 2

Session 2

11:00 - 12:10 HRS

**WHERE IS
INDIA'S OBAMA?**



OPENING REMARKS

WHERE IS INDIA'S OBAMA?



Dr. Rajan Welukar

Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University

“Who our Obama is, we should seek the answer for finding our Gandhi, as even Obama is a self-confessed follower of Mahatma Gandhi.”

Starting the session, Dr. Welukar welcomed the students and dignitaries to the Parliament.

Introducing the topic of discussion, “Where is India's Obama?”, Dr. Welukar pointed out to the bright young minds sitting in the audience. He addressed them as the Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose and B.R. Ambedkar of today's India and the future India. He pointed out that rather than knowing who our Obama is, we should seek the answer for finding our Gandhi, as even Obama is a self-confessed follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

He urged the youth to follow Mahatma Gandhi in understanding the current challenges faced by the country. Thanking Mr. Rahul Karad for organizing an event of such high stature, Dr. Welukar said, “to create an Obama, it is

important to understand the need of the young generation”. He added that Youth Empowerment is the need of the hour to solve our problems in the 21st century. He defined this empowerment of youth as “an attitudinal, structural and cultural process whereby the young people gain the ability, authority and agency to make decisions and implement change in their own lives and the lives of other people including youth and adults”.

Dr. Welukar added that it is important for the youth to identify the problems faced by India, which are namely, health, poverty, water scarcity, food supply, population, malnutrition, and above all, education. He cited the lack of access to higher education in India, with only 15% getting to pursue higher education. Further, he said that once the challenges are understood, the youth would be able to come up with differentiating and innovative solutions for all those problems, to build a “better India”.

He concluded by saying that the platform provides a great opportunity for the youth to interact with personalities like Mr. Shashi Tharoor.

Methodology

Dr. Rajan M. Welukar (Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Dr. Shashi Tharoor. But before the main speaker, two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session ends with the concluding remarks by a young Member of Legislative Assembly. However, this session's MLA could not attend the program, and therefore the session was concluded without his/her concluding remarks.

For a moment life could be still, but never in a lifetime would a movement like ISP be still - Amrut, Student

STUDENT LEADERS

WHERE IS INDIA'S OBAMA?



Vaishnavi S Sawant

Kashibai Navale Medical College

“It would be better for the Indian youth to look closer home and follow in the footsteps of Lord Rama, who pursued excellence in everything he did.”

Introducing Barack Obama as the “American Gandhi”, Vaishnavi talked about the innumerable problems faced by Obama when he became the first black President of America. She hailed his presidential campaign of “Change”, which she felt was his agenda for a brighter tomorrow in America. Vaishnavi also talked about the peace initiatives enforced by Obama, like calling off the Iraq War and trying to build peace between the Islamic world and the USA.

She talked about how Obama, despite unending challenges like economic crisis and terrorism, continues to make a name for himself in the history books, on the basis of his efforts and foresight, which also saw him win a Nobel Prize while still in office.

Criticizing the Indian government's attitude in dealing with terrorism, Ms. Vaishnavi talked about the extensive money spent on terrorist Ajmal Kasab, and lack of motivation amongst the youth to bring in change. She suggested that instead of following Obama, it would be better for the Indian youth, to look closer home, and follow in the footsteps of Lord Rama; who pursued in excellence in everything he did.

She asked the youth to be the change in order to solve the numerous problems plaguing this country like corruption and dirty politics, and follow in the footsteps of Anna Hazare, to be the part of a revolution.



Humza Shakir

Ramdeo Baba College of Engineering & Management

“Our Obama is our youth”

Introducing herself as an Indian, Hamza Shakir started by saying that India's Obama is sitting right in front of him. He said that if today's youth exercise the rights given to the citizens properly, like casting one's vote and electing the right government, it will eventually lead to India spotting its own Obama.

Rubbishing the reasons given by the general public for not entering politics and not participating in democracy, Shakir revealed his childhood ambition of being a politician, in order to be the agent of change, by himself. He condemned the common tendency of people to criticize politics and politicians, without taking any initiatives themselves to improve the state of country's current affairs. He emphasized on the need of a National leader rather than caste based or religious leaders in India.

Crediting Obama with the change in USA, he urged the youth to get inspiration from Nehru and Gandhi, and at the same time, step up in their positions to take the country forward.

He concluded by asking the youth force of India to join in the parliamentary democracy and influence the political decisions which in turn have an impact on our education, lifestyle and society. He effused hope that unlike India faced 28 years since 1983, to find its World Cup winning captain like Kapil Dev, the process of finding India's Obama will not take so long.



MAIN SPEAKER

WHERE IS INDIA'S OBAMA?



Dr. Shashi Tharoor

MP, Lok Sabha (INC) & former Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India

“ India is not a country of “majority community”, but a country of multiple minorities.” ”

Dr. Shashi Tharoor started by thanking the organizers for an extensive introduction about him and talked about how Internet has made a revolution in terms of the information that can be gathered about an individual. He appreciated the topic of discussion, the search for India's Obama and highlighted the impact of globalization in our lives and praised the student speakers for their thoughts. He quoted the infamous Lady Diana accident in Paris, to show the deep roots of globalization in today's world society.

Dr. Tharoor attributed immense importance to Obama's election as US President and now global leader. Firstly, he said, it points to the rise and emancipation of smaller and relatively backward communities, in this case, the Blacks. He added that Obama being an immigrant, his victory also highlights a victory for the outsiders in the proud society of Americans. Lastly, he said that it's the youthfulness of Obama and the change proposed by him, which adds significant importance to his achievements. He added that these three things about Obama, representing a minority, outsider and class of youth are pointers to finding India's Obama. He went on to describe the great diversity in India and its culture which includes 35 languages and 2200 dialects. Dr. Tharoor pointed out that India is not a country of “majority community”, but a country of multiple minorities. Continuing on this fact of diversities, he elaborated with

examples of caste and community politics in UP. He added that the flavors of Indian cuisine like Maharashtrian, Bengali and Gujarati, highlight this diversity. He expressed his proud feeling of belonging to such a diverse country, as it gave added the options to look and identify India's Obama.

Continuing on his discussion of discriminated minorities in India, Dr. Tharoor gave innumerable examples of successful leaders who shaped India. From Dr. Ambedkar and Mayawati who represent the Dalits to Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Air Chief Marshal Latif who represent Muslims. From Field Marshall Manekshaw of the Parsi community to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who is a Sikh, Dr. Tharoor highlighted the personalities from different Indian communities and praised their contribution in today's India.

Making reference to the youthfulness of Obama, Dr. Tharoor showcased examples of youth in Indian politics. Mr. Sharad Pawar, who became the CM of Maharashtra at the age of 37 and Omar Abdullah, the current CM of Jammu & Kashmir, he brought to light the existing examples of success of youth in Indian politics. He agreed that the youth of this country had become impatient with the current situations in the country, but added that this energy of the youth, if directed rightly and used properly can bring unparalleled growth in this country.

While concluding, Dr. Tharoor asked the students to focus on their studies, take risks, focus on success than on failure, to build an India, which could match any superpower in the world.

It is time to act now. Youth it's our time now! - **Dimple Daniel**,
Student

Q & A SESSION

WHERE IS INDIA'S OBAMA?



Responding to a query by Mr. Shiv Gupta, a student from Madhya Pradesh, about the need to follow Obama, when India has its own Gandhi to follow, Dr. Tharoor said that in the current context of globalization, where Indians work and stay in different countries across the world, it is a good exercise to expose ourselves to the global leaders. It is good to learn from them, and implement it for the growth of our country.

In response to Mr. Rajaram Suryanarayan's (student from Gandhinagar, Gujarat) question about American attitude of a being a watchdog, Dr. Tharoor pointed out the end of a solo superpower world, with the emergence of China. He emphasized on the growth achieved by India and Brazil. He said that in a few years, the world would be known not for its superpowers, but for its networked powers.

Throwing light on the Afghan-Pak situation, he added that it is in the best interests of the sub-continent that a stable government is established in Afghanistan. It will help in a stable neighborhood for India as well as allow India to help Afghanistan in its growth and development, without the fear of Taliban.



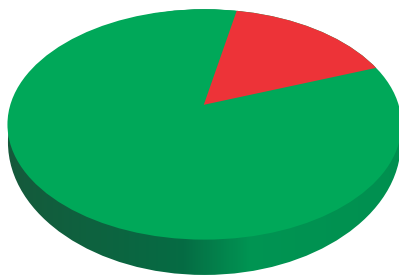


RESOLUTION

WHERE IS INDIA'S OBAMA?



VOTING %



■ YES: 83.49%

■ NO: 16.51%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the Student Leaders of India assembled here In 2nd Bharatiya Chatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Government of India, to launch the "National Leadership Development Mission" to groom the young enthusiastic student leaders having a global vision based on Gandhian Ideology.

Passed by 84.34% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

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Democracy needs young aspirants to perceive leadership - **Ganapathy**, Student

FELICITATIONS SESSION 2

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(2nd from left)



Dr. Shashi Tharoor & Sunanda Tharoor
MP, Lok Sabha (INC) & Former Union Minister for External Affairs, Govt. of India



Yogesh Bansal - Founder & Chairman, Apna Circle
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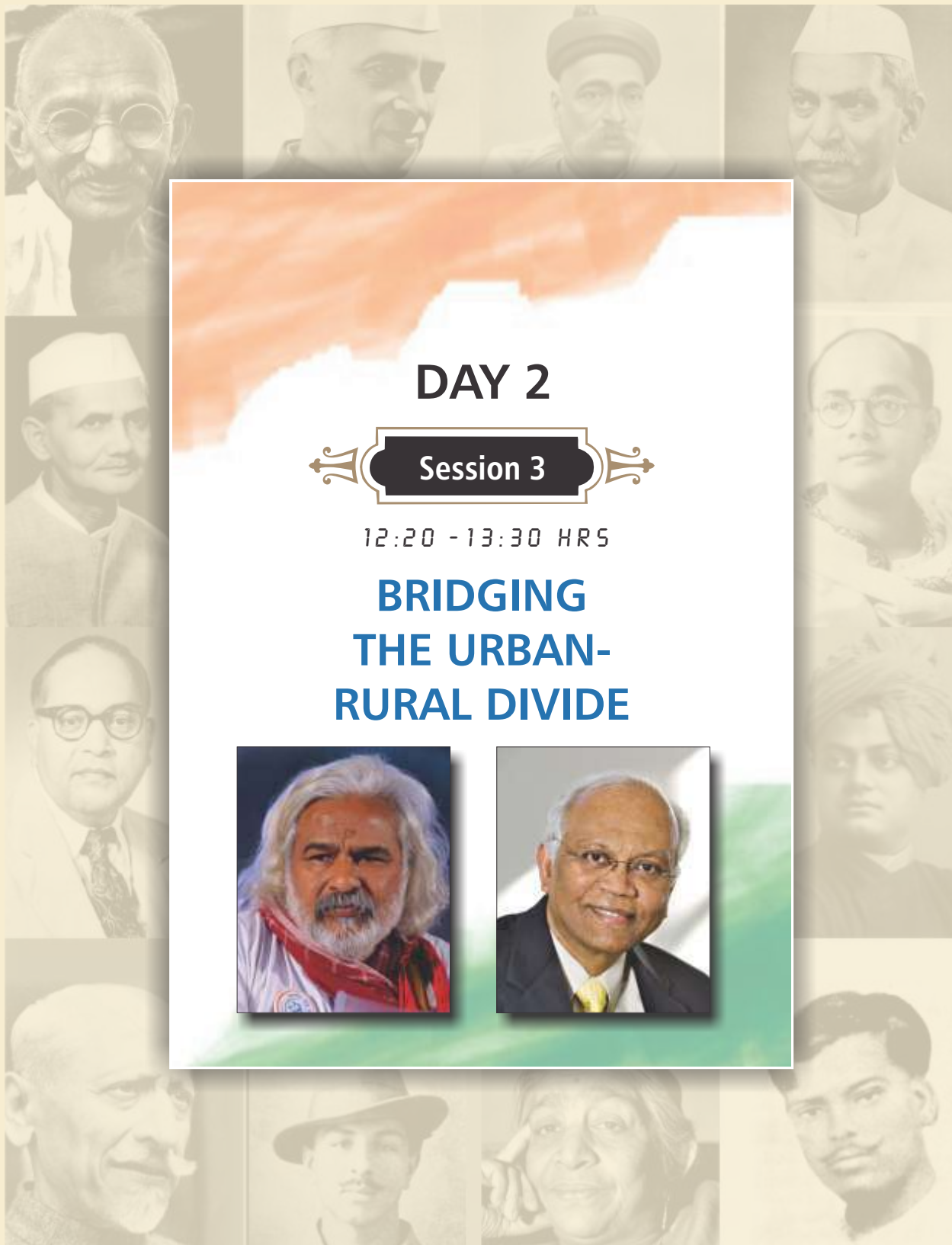


INSPIRING YOUTH:
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TODAY'S LISTENERS, TOMORROW'S LEADERS



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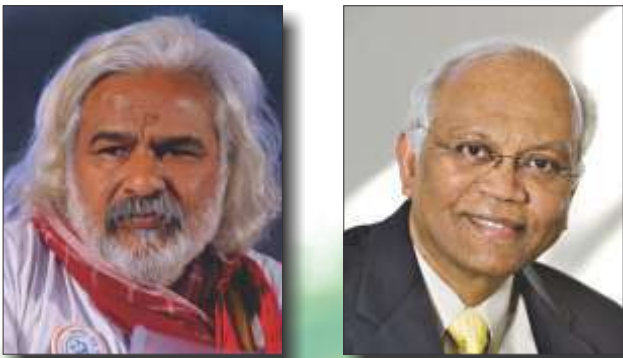


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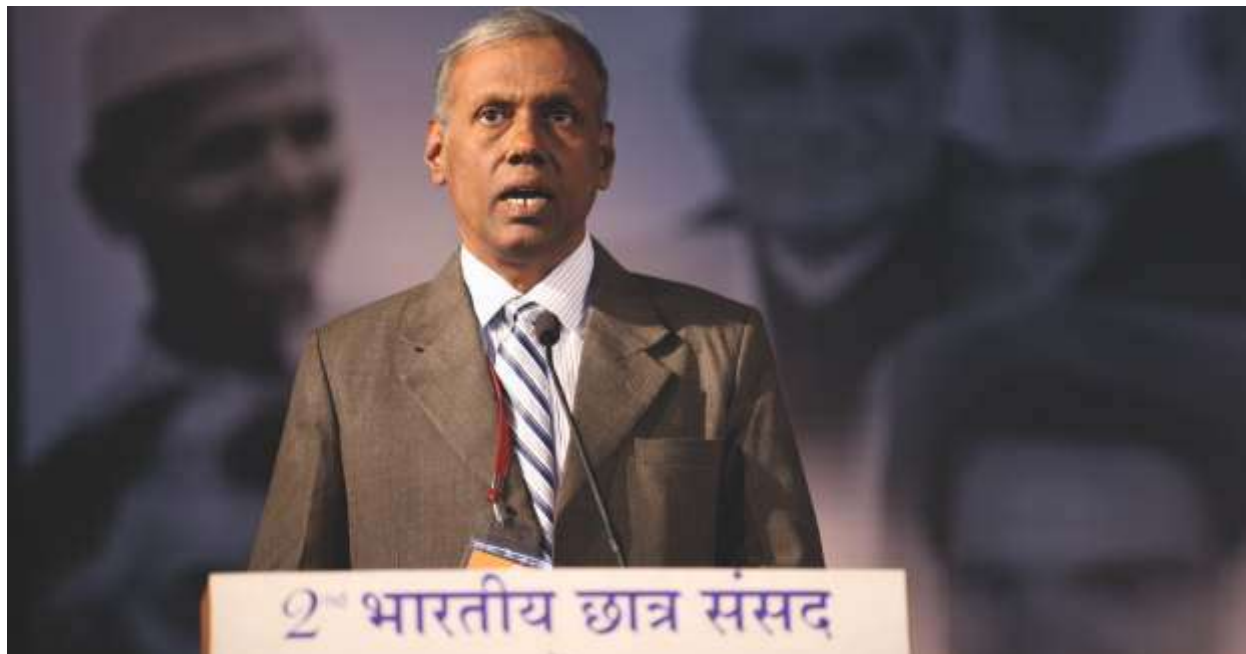
**BRIDGING
THE URBAN-
RURAL DIVIDE**





OPENING REMARKS

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE



Prof. M. Ramnathan

Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University

“India is a country of villages. The divide between urban and rural still exists”

Prof. Ramnathan started by introducing Annamalai University as an institute situated in the heart of rural India.

The very fact, he said that there is a divide between rural and urban India is a shame, especially when majority of population stays in rural India, of which 42% is below poverty line. He added that for India to grow in the future, rural India has to grow first. He emphasized on the fact that rural India should get adequate access to safe drinking water, food, transport, and above all, education.

He concluded by saying that India can only become a super power if rural India is in good health. He directed the students to listen to each and every speaker carefully, to understand the crux of the issue, and then come up with feasible solutions. Indeed, he was thankful to Dr. V. D. Karad and Mr. Rahul Karad for giving him this platform.



Methodology

Prof. Ramanathan (Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Shri. G Vitthal Rao & Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar. But before the main speaker, two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session ends with the concluding remarks by a young Member of Legislative Assembly. However, this session's MLA could not attend the program, and therefore the session was concluded without his/her concluding remarks.

The indifference of the youth can make the world a dangerous place to live in - Anil, Student

STUDENT LEADERS

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE



Namit Choksi

Kashi Bai Navale Medical College

“Where old words die out on the tongue new melodies break forth from the heart and where the old tracks are lost, a new country is revealed with oneness”

Starting with a quote by Pandit Rabindranath Tagore, which epitomises the co-existence of old and new, Namit Choksi described the rural urban divide in India as an inner divide. He described rural India as one, which symbolises our diversified culture, and the urban India as one, which keeps pace with the emerging world in science and technology.

He carried on with the thought that for a wholesome growth of India, a synergy needs to be maintained and developed between the rural and urban India. He elaborated this by citing the example of agriculture, where urban youth, which does not understand the complexities of agriculture, can, assist the farmers from rural areas by building technology that can support agriculture.

Mr. Choksi also stressed upon the need for media to step in and bridge this urban-rural divide, by turning to the interiors rather than going abroad.

Concluding his thoughts, he added that this divide could be bridged forever by using a combination of networking and knowledge, but starting right now with a small step, which will take care of the future.



Omkar Jagdale

Yadavrao Tasgaonkar College of Engineering & Management

“Real India exists in the villages – Mahatma Gandhi”

Mr. Jagdale highlighted the importance of rural India by quoting Mahatma Gandhi's words. India lies in the 700 thousand odd villages and not in Bombay and Calcutta”. He also emphasized on the lack of significant contribution of the large agrarian population to the Indian economy, highlighting the rural urban gap.

He added that extensive infrastructure like schools, colleges, medical facilities, sanitation and above all, education, should be provided to the rural sector to bridge the gap. He advocated greater participation by government and non-government machinery in implementation of schemes like MNREGA, Rajiv Gandhi Gram Mitra Yojna, Sarvashiksha Abhiyaan etc.

Concluding with the thoughts of Barack Obama of bringing in change by being the change, Mr. Jagdale urged one and all to remove the urban-rural divide, the divide which sees an urban India and a rural Bharat.



MAIN SPEAKER

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE



G Vitthal Rao (Kavi Gadar)

Poet & Social Activist

“A farmer works hard in the fields by dripping my blood day and night, just to keep Urban India happy and satisfied, but I am deprived of my own satisfaction.”

Mr. Rao started his speech by comparing rural India to a dead flower and urban India to a bouquet of flowers. This he said is the actual difference between the two sections of India.

He added that apart from these two, there is a third face of India, the Tribal India. He continued by saying that the divide between these three faces of India can be understood by looking at their respective music. While tribal music symbolizes struggle for survival, the rural songs generate a sense of calm living and belongingness. Mr. Rao added, it is in complete contrast to the materialistic nature of urban songs.

Mr. Rao went on to question the hunger of rural farmers. Despite the fact that they feed the urban people, the poverty of the rural, who have their own water resources.

He concluded by saying that it is the need of the hour to bridge the gap between Dalits, Backwards and Landlords, because without rural India, urban India cannot exist on its own. They are inseparable entities.



Politicians talk about privileges, what about peoples privilege - **Gopal**,
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar

Bhatnagar Fellow, Former DG, CSIR & Chairman,
Academic Council, MIT SOG

“One India - Team India - My India”

Dr. Mashelkar started by referring to his own speech at the Inaugural function. He reminded the students of the oath of “One India-team India-MY India”, which puts country before self and which will help India grow and prosper.

He added that effort needs to be taken to join Bharat to India, to eliminate the rural-urban divide. The divide, he said, is more about disparity in access to education, health, sanitation and communication, rather than disparity in income.

Dr. Mashelkar said that the power which access gives to an individual is immense. This access is about opportunities. Opportunities to learn, gain information, gain knowledge, gain literacy and eventually bring about a socio-economic transformation, which will bring India and Bharat on the same level.

He went on to add that it is not only accessibility, but also affordability, which needs to come in. By making vaccines, medicines and education not only accessible, but also affordable to the rural people, great equality can be achieved in India. He underlined the importance of affordability by illustrating 'Aakash', a low cost tablet PC, which will take technology to rural homes affordably.

He disclosed an idea of getting more from less. An idea he said, will optimize the use of our resources and ensure that their benefits are used by the rural as well as the urban.

Dr. Mashelkar emphasized on the need of three important qualities-innovation, passion and compassion. The compassion, he said, should be extended to the “have not’s”.

He concluded by quoting an example of Ashish Gawade, a young mind from Pabad, 20kms from Pune, who worked with CK Pralhad, one of the greatest management gurus at Michigan University. He used this access to one of the greatest minds by creating access to electricity in villages by pedal driving. This in true sense is the bridging of rural-urban gap, he said.





MY INDIA MOVEMENT A CONCEPT BY DR. RAGHUNATH MASHELKAR



A call was given by eminent scientist Dr Raghunath A. Mashelkar in the 2nd Indian Student Parliament to the youth to understand the significance of national development and the symbiotic relation that one shares with their nation.

He urged the youth to understand the meaning of MY INDIA. While calling the youth to participate in building a knowledge centered India, Dr Mashelkar stated that it is not 'gross national product' but 'gross national happiness', which matters, that is Sarvesukhi India (where every citizen is happy). Every Indian has to be happy and this is only possible if everyone says MY INDIA 5 times every day. This is the beginning of a new era. In other words nation should merit preference over one's own self and the progress of the nation before individual's goals.

Invoking these sentiments Dr Mashelkar stated that the youth are going to be the pioneers in making India a great nation and that it would be their responsibility to ensure that India of 21st century has a rightful position in the comity of nations.



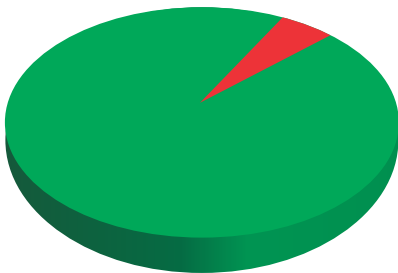
The Future of India is its Youth! - **Akshay Mehta**,
Student

RESOLUTION

BRIDGING THE URBAN-RURAL DIVIDE



VOTING %



■ YES: 94.61%

■ NO: 05.39%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the Students Leaders of India assemble here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby resolve and appeal to the Govt. of India to implement the concept of PURA (Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Area) envisaged by Former President of India Dr. Abdul Kalam, which will certainly help in minimizing the urban-rural divide.

Passed by 94.61% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

The most transparent method of voting was used for voting in the resolution. The above mentioned resolution was displayed on the screen and the student leaders were asked to vote by sending a text message either in favor or against the resolution.



FELICITATIONS SESSION 3

Felicitation is deep-rooted in Indian tradition and culture. At BCS, we have imbibed this value as a mark of respect for every contribution from every individual. For every session, eminent personalities from specific fields were present on the dais to guide the students. They were felicitated as recognition of their immense contribution to the concerned field.



Prof. M Ramanathan - VC, Annamalai University
(1st from left)



Namit Choksi - Kashi Bai Navale Medical College, Pune
(2nd from left)



Omkar Jagdale - Yadavrao Tasgaonkar College of Engg. & Mgmt, Karjat (MS)
(3rd from left)



G. Vittal Rao (GADAR) - Poet & Social activist
(2nd from left)



Dr Raghunath Mashelkar - Bhatnagar Fellow & Former Director General, CSIR
(3rd from left)



Dr Sanjay Kute - MLA, Jalgaon Jamod, BJP
(1st from left)



Popatrao Pawar - Sarpanch, Hivare Bajar, Ideal Village
(1st from left)



Sunetra Pawar - Social Worker
(2nd from left)

Indian Politics has some great people and I realized it after attending the 2nd Indian Student Parliament - **Nagender,**
Student



Pradeep Lokhande - Founder, Rural Relations
(2nd from left)





WALKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE



Wednesday, January 11, 2012

14:40 - 15:50 HRS

DAY 2

Session 4

14:40 - 15:50 HRS

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?





OPENING REMARKS

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?



Dr. N. Prabhu Dev

Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru University

“ The global industrialization has brought global warming and destruction of the environment, while economic globalization has brought global recession.”

Hailing the efforts taken by MIT to organize the Student Parliament and congratulating Mr. Rahul Karad for the same, Dr. Dev expressed his immense pleasure to be a part of a "Parliament of the future".

He talked about the evolution of nature until now and how human life was just a small part of the whole universe. He reasoned that the world came to existence without man and hence will eventually end without man. Referring to the changes in atmosphere, he added that life would be impossible on earth one day.

Referring to Darwin's theory of 'survival of the fittest', Dr. Dev pointed out that even though humanity will end, there might be other intelligent species who would continue to survive and take forward the human legacy. He pointed to the destruction caused by global industrialization; which could speed up the process of human extinction.

Dr. Dev pointed to the fact that the human activity of keeping weather records has lasted for 150 years out of the total existence of 4.5 billion years of earth. He added that human race needs to understand the magnanimous nature of earth and universe, and take its steps of saving earth accordingly.

Methodology

Prof. N PrabhuDev (Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Shri. Dheeraj Singh & Dr. RajendraPachauri. But before main speaker, two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session included a message by Shri. N R Narayan Murthy. The session was moderated by a young MLA, Shri Krishna Hegde. The moderator was essentially a young MLA, so that the student leaders could identify themselves with him.

Lets lead our INDIA...!! - Nidhi,
Student

STUDENT LEADERS

SAVING THE PLANTE : IS IT TOO LATE?



Minaxi Vaza
MITSOG

“We belong to a proud culture where we worship the earth as our mother. But, now the use and abuse of the nature has become our culture.”

Ms. Meenakshi started by pointing out to the fact that the humanity is discussing only the economic crisis surrounding the world, but has completely neglected the environment and climatic changes that have taken place all around, like pollution, depletion of ozone layer etc.

She expressed disappointment about the fact that Indians who once used to worship Earth as their mother have now built a culture of abusing the resources of earth for their own selfish needs. This could lead to what she believes, complete extinction of resources.

Ms. Meenakshi highlighted the greed for power by the rich and the oppression of masses, which has led to destruction of Earth. She added that had Americans spent millions of dollars on developing environmental friendly technologies rather than spending on Iraq and Afghan wars, it would have been money well utilized.

She concluded by urging the youth to understand the importance of conservation of resources, and taking steps in the right direction to achieve it.



Pranjal Chaturvedi
Ramdeo Baba College of Engineering
& Management

“Our opinion is on the basis of our informed choices. Are we going to take a stand against this or are we going to let our planet get exploited?”

Mr. Pranjal started by pointing out to the extravagant conferences going on around the world, which talk about saving the planet, but have failed to highlight the actual causes of this pollution around the world.

He marked out power generation, meat industry and vehicular traffic as the three main causes for global pollution. Mr. Pranjal added that unlike popular perceptions, meat industry causes 40% more global pollution than vehicular pollution, a fact he believes is vastly ignored.

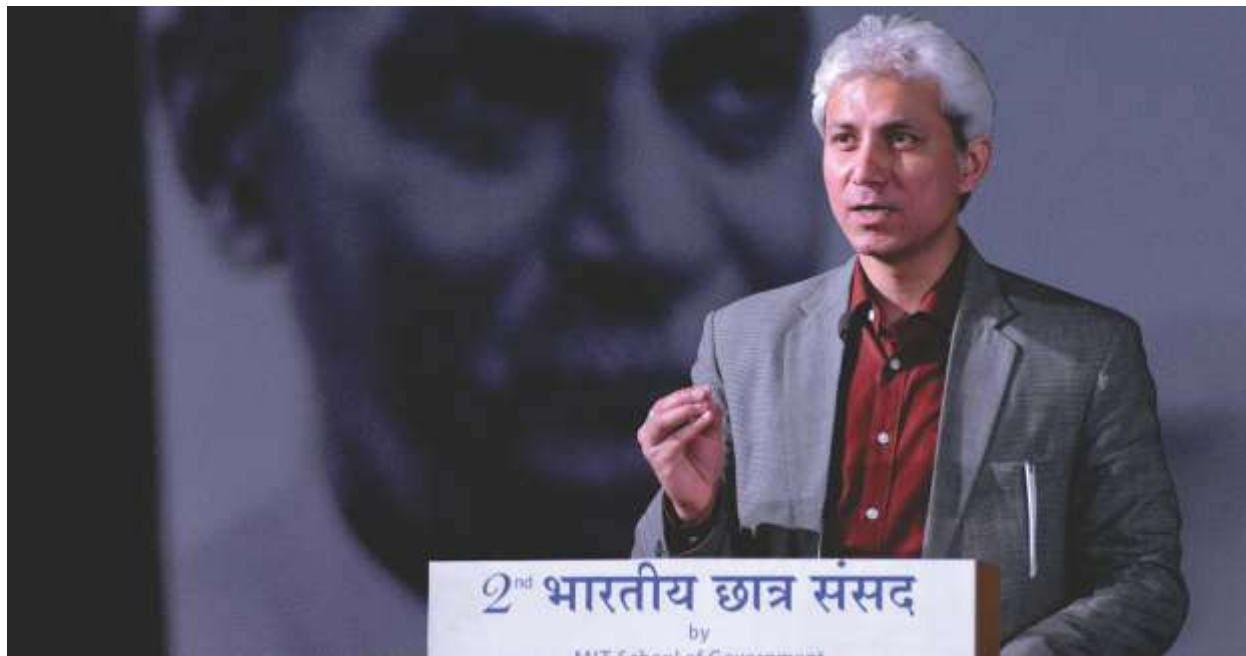
He highlights the reluctance of the top leaders across the world to point to this fact of meat industry as a cause of pollution, as he believes it is an inconvenient truth for most of them as well. He added that India can spiritually find a solution to this world wide habit of meat eating, which can go a long way in reducing pollution.

He appealed to the audience to enlighten the larger population about this fact and try to convert as many people as possible into vegetarians, as a true contribution to reduce global pollution.



GUEST SPEAKER

MUSINGS ABOUT INDIAN STUDENT PARLIAMENT



Dhiraj Singh

Programming Consultant, Lok Sabha TV

“ We talk about mobilizing the youth and bridging the process of parliamentary law making to the youth and I am grateful to you all that you have assembled in this pandal and participated with a lot of enthusiasm. ”

Mr. Dheeraj Singh congratulated Dr. Vishwanath Karad and Mr. Rahul Karad for organizing the initiative of Student Parliament, which he felt would go a long way in solving India's problems.

He explained the motive of Lok Sabha channel as a connecting link between the Lok Sabha and the people of India.

Mr. Dheeraj Singh concluded by saying that if the workings of Lok Sabha can motivate the Student Parliament to work in a better way, then the future of this country is in safe and secure hands.



Youth is the Strength of Democracy - Janhavi,
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?



Dr. Rajendra Pachauri

Noted Environmentalist

“ This will be the century of India, as it will be the century of knowledge and divorced from the knowledge, it cannot be the century of India.”

Dr. Pachauri started by appreciating the efforts of Dr. Vishwanath Karad and Mr. Rahul Karad in bringing together the energy of youth of India. He expressed complete faith in the power of youth, which he said could save the planet. He added that it has to be India with a combination of knowledge and spirituality, if the planet has to be saved for humanity.

For saving the planet, Dr. Pachauri said that it was important to deal with the issue of climate change, which had been taking place due to lack of awareness among the people. He added that the choices made by us humans were the reasons for the climate change. He appreciated the setting up of Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and mentioned the extensive work done by Dr. Madhav Gadgil in this field. He added that the knowledge earned by this panel through science should be questioned, but it should not be neglected. This knowledge, he added, if utilized properly, could provide solution to climate change.

He went on to share information of the report filed by IPCC with the students. He shared statistics like non-linear increase in temperature, effect of greenhouse gases etc. He also discussed the negative impact of climate change on agriculture and natural water resources, which he says are receding fast.

For reducing pollution, Dr. Pachauri added that every individual has to contribute. He advocated steps like lesser use of fossil fuels, lower emissions of greenhouse gases and reduced deforestation. He gave an example of the TERI complex in New Delhi, which uses only renewable energy to meet all the energy requirements at the complex.

He concluded by saying that India's development should not only be about resources and materialistic development. An equal importance should be given to the environmental and spiritual development of India, which is highly possible with the intellectual capability and power of the youth of India. For this he appealed to the youth harness the knowledge and start building environment friendly technology, to comfort the planet.





MESSAGE



N. R. Narayana Murthy

Chairman Emeritus, Infosys

“ You have to become the role models of decent behavior and courtesy while disagreeing with other people ”

Mr. Murthy started by congratulating MIT for organizing a student initiative of such a large magnitude. He said that India stands at an important juncture in the context of its history and future as the world looks up to India with a lot of hope, an unprecedented sight in the past many years.

While pointing at the positives like India being the largest software industry in the world and welcoming the maximum foreign investment, Mr. Murthy also took stock of the negatives which our country faces. He talked about the mass illiteracy in our rural population and significantly low per capita income. He also pointed to the lack of transparency, efficiency and execution of the Government.

He appealed to the youth to follow in the footsteps of Mahatma Gandhi. He urged them to follow the principles of honesty, pro-activeness and solidarity with the country. He asked youth to build an environment of openness, which welcomes new ideas and thoughts. Lastly, he suggested all the student power to rise above differences of caste, language, region and religion to spread education across the country.

He concluded by urging the youth to develop themselves in such a manner that they should become the role models of behavior, discussion and development in this country, to take

it forward. He told them to follow the golden rule of 'Do to the others what you want them to do to you'.

Message delivered through video conferencing

Youth are not useless, they are used less - **Aniruddha,**
Student

CONCLUDING REMARKS

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?



Krishna Hegde

MLA (INC), Vile Parle, Mumbai

“ Let us all join hands and work together in protecting the environment and saving our future, our planet for our future generations ”

Mr. Hegde started by congratulating the organizers Mr. Rahul Karad and Dr. Vishwanath Karad for coming up with an event of such a grand stature which included students from 28 states of India.

He attributed the innumerable natural calamities from Japan to Andaman and from New Zealand to Europe, to the different human activities, which contributed to global warming, pollution and climate change, across the world. He pointed out that despite all the development, natural calamities stayed out of human control.

Mr. Hegde urged the students to follow three principles of R: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. He cited it with an example of public libraries, which would lead to sharing of books and thus resulting in reduced trees being cut. This would eventually lead to lesser deforestation. He enlightened the students about the initiatives taken up by him in his constituency like solar street lamps and rainwater harvesting to create awareness among the people and contribute to environmental conservation.

He concluded by adding that the sensitivities of the youth should be triggered to make them join hands for the cause of environment protection for our future generations.





Q & A SESSION

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?



Responding to a query from Mr. Kulkarni Rishikesh Sanjay from Sinhgad Institute of Technology, Lonavla about making tree plantation drives compulsory; Dr Pachauri said that instead of compulsion, it is the voluntary action, which pays rich dividends in the longer run. He also added that the youth should lead by example by starting some small initiative in their surroundings, which will snowball into a countrywide action.

Answering Mr. Kunal Kishore's question about development, Dr. Pachauri said that development should not mean large scale production and consumption only. The question to be answered by humanity is at what cost should the development be achieved.

Reacting to queries about river cleaning projects, Dr. Pachauri pointed out that the communities living in the vicinity of rivers should be educated about the importance of clean river water, which would translate into getting community involvement in the issue of river maintenance.



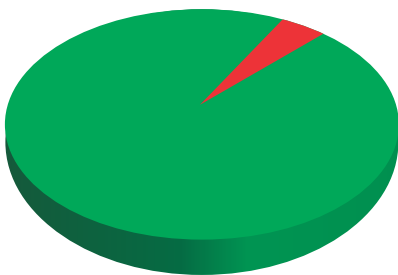
Youths are the trustees of Prosperity - **Devesh,**
Student

RESOLUTION

SAVING THE PLANET : IS IT TOO LATE?



VOTING %



■ YES: 93.69%

■ NO: 06.31%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the students leaders Assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad hereby resolve and appeal to the Government to formulate suitable rules and regulation so that the bio-diversity rich regions and fragile ecological regions do not fall under the ambit of land acquisition.

Passed by 93.69% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

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FELICITATIONS SESSION 4

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Madhavrao Gadgil - Renowned Ecologist
(3rd from left)



Prof Dr Govind Swarup - Renowned Scientist
(1st from left)



Dhiraj Singh - Programming Consultant, Lok Sabha TV
(1st from left)

HARBOURING THE THOUGHT OF FUTURE INDIA





GREAT POWER... GREATER RESPONSIBILITY



Wednesday, January 11, 2012

16:10 - 17:30 HRS

DAY 2

Session 5

16:10 - 17:30 HRS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA





OPENING REMARKS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Prof Vibhuti Narain Rai

Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya, Vardha.

“ It is a national shame for us that every third child in India is malnourished and every fifth malnourished child in the world is an Indian child.”

Prof. Rai started by praising the politicians from different political parties present on the dais for discussion of an extremely important subject, without getting involved in mudslinging and bad mouthing each other. The subject of “Join Politics”, he added, needs to be taken up to absolve the negativity around politics.

He also mentioned that the youth needs to distinguish between good politics and bad politics. They should look for inclusive development of all the communities in this country and should reject any political attempts to leave any section

out of the sphere of development, as bad politics.

Prof. Rai concluded by saying that students should actively participate in politics. Anyone who says that youth should not be involved in politics is indulging in bad politics. Asking students to stay away from politics is equivalent to asking them to stay away from education.

Methodology

The Objective of conducting session on this topic is to bring the youth leaders of all political parties on one stage to appeal participating student leaders to join hands/join politics by keeping aside their difference of opinions which is inevitable in the democracy for the development of the nation and be the active messengers of change that they want to see in the world.

Prof. Vibhuti Narain Rai (Vice Chancellor, Mahatma Gandhi AHV, Wardha) initiated the session by giving his opening remarks on the subject. Then two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation, pressure and burden. Then all youth leaders of different political parties appealed the student leaders to 'Join Politics and Lead Your India.'

Long live democratic revolution - Samarth,
Student

STUDENT LEADERS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Sumit Wankhade
MIT-SOG

“ Winning an election should not be the ultimate goal of entering politics ”

Sumit Wankhede, while appreciating the ability of Indian youth to take up challenges in different fields; started by appealing the youth to join politics. He said that issues like poverty, hunger, illiteracy and secularism are equally big challenges, which the youth should solve by joining politics.

He said that the youth brings with itself qualities like fearlessness, ability to take strong action and non-discrimination. These are the exact qualities required to solve our current problems like corruption, religion and urban-rural divide. Following in the footsteps of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, will help the youth to gather the courage and commitment needed to change our democracy.

Mr. Wankhede highlighted the growth of India from earning its Independence in 1947, to saving its democracy against Emergency in 1977. He added that the need of the hour is to strengthen the country and its democracy. He concluded by urging the youth to enter politics and solve the issues, because tomorrow is theirs for the taking.



Utsav
International School

“ Despite the British rule ending 64 years ago in India, the country has shown minimal signs of development ”

Mr. Utsav started by quoting a few lines from a poem by former Prime Minister Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which highlighted the need for continuous efforts without losing hope and faith.

He went on to question the lack of interest by Indian youth in entering politics, a profession that was considered noble during pre-Independence days. He urged the 51% Indian population under 25 years of age, to come out and clean the dirty image of Indian politics, by joining politics and bringing in change.

Mr. Utsav further added that the Indian youth is the face of change in India, which can be achieved by entering politics and implementing the multiple plans and schemes designed by the government, which are still on paper and have not seen the light of day.

He concluded by saying that the Indian youth can solve many problems of this country like poverty and corruption, only by getting into politics and not by commenting on it.



MAIN SPEAKER

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Madhu Goud Yaskhi

Member of Parliament - Lok Sabha, INC

“ Politics is not enjoyment. Politics is a commitment Start demanding your right. Start questioning your leaders right from sarpanch to the parliamentarians, then only you can get a better governance & respective, responsible politicians or representatives ”

After expressing his gratitude to the organizers of the BCS, Mr. Yaskhi introduced the youth to their real responsibility- of making India a superpower in today's world by joining the politics and taking the initiative upon themselves. He shared his life with the students, of being a successful doctor practicing in US, who gave it all up at the peak of his career and came back to join politics and serve the nation.

Mr. Yaskhi talked about politics being a field of commitment- to people and to the country. He urged the students to question their leaders to achieve the right governance in the country. He added that there should be an effort to bring professionalism to politics, which can then bring in more accountability, right from a Sarpanch's level to the level of an MP.

He added that no one needs a godfather to get into politics. It is just the drive and commitment of an individual to change and build the society.

Mr. Yaskhi added the need for people, especially the youth to first exercise and utilize all the rights given to them by the Constitution. By casting vote, participating in democracy and most essentially by being the change you want to see, the

youth can drive the politics in this country. He emphasized on the fact that only by joining politics, the youth can claim in the true sense, to change the system and eradicate all the wrongdoings for which they blame politics and politicians.

He concluded by sharing a vision of a transparent, responsible and honorable politician for the future of this country.



Ignorance of Fundamental Rights and Duties is a crime - **Hardik,**
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Anurag Singh Thakur

Member of Parliament - Lok Sabha, BJP & National President, BJYM

“I would like to put out a fact in front of you all- Not every politician is corrupt, not every neta fights or favours his/her cast or religion.”

Mr. Thakur started by citing the example of a rally organized by Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha in 2011 in respect of the Indian Tricolour, to salute the spirits of soldiers of Indian Army working in J&K, to respond to certain instances of disrespect to the national flag and also to build the spirit of patriotism among the youth.

He talked about the extensive discussions about the lack of Indian youth in politics and a need to increase their participation-taking place across the country. He added that the Indian youth is well aware of the Indian political scenario, which is an encouraging sign to begin with.

Mr. Thakur discussed the Indian politician and how the profession, even though considered as thankless, gives immense pleasure, as a politician's single decision can affect the lives of thousands of people. He expressed his grief on Indian young talent falling prey to Brain Drain and lucrative jobs in IT sector, but not taking up politics as a career. He explained how becoming an MP or MLA is not the only way to contribute to politics, which can be also achieved by working with different organizations and factions of a political party. Eventually, he added, the people bring in change, especially the youth.

While concluding, Mr. Thakur added that the youth need to take up smaller initiatives to begin with, and then think of

long-term changes. He explained how he went about changing the face of cricket in Himachal Pradesh, which resulted in success for the Himachal Pradesh cricket. He urged the youth to participate in social change for 2 hours a week to begin with and then build on that work.

He complimented BCS as an initiative, which will be remembered for years to come for its contribution to Indian politics. By acting as agents of change, the youth will not only develop the country but also its politics.





JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Dr. Sanjay Kute

Member of Legislative Assembly, BJP, Jalgaon Jamod, Maharashtra

“Let us not become politicians alone but more importantly, social servants (servants of society)”

Dr. Kute started by praising the words of Mr. Anurag Singh Thakur, which he said were not only emotionally driven but also development oriented.

He appreciated the fact that today's Indian youth is well aware of its initiatives and responsibilities that lie with them, for the development of this country.

Dr. Kute said further that his well-thought response to the session of “Where is India's Obama?” will be Mr. Rahul Karad. It comes from the fact that this whole initiative, which seeks to bring together the Indian youth to join politics, is his brainchild. Further, this initiative also seeks to educate the youth about politics.

He concluded by expressing his desire to start a BCS in his constituency, Buldhana, to encourage the youth to enter politics at grass-root level. He also expressed the desire to transform politicians into social servants.



We want a knowledge centric society - Nitish,
Student

OTHER SPEAKERS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Nilesh Parvekar

Member of Legislative Assembly, INC, Yavatmal, Maharashtra

“People say that there is so much of corruption that we cannot progress in this country and yet one man became the part of the system and created a miracle! That man is E. Sreedharan, aka METRO MAN ”

Mr. Parvekar started his interaction by asking the students to understand the purpose of being part of such an innovative initiative. He told them to ask questions to themselves like, “what role can I play in nation-building?” and “what difference can I make for my country?” The answers to these questions, he added, will help the youth to understand their dream and make them work towards it.

He urged the youth to understand the cause behind excessive corruption in politics and other government systems and try to build their way around it to succeed. Mr. Parvekar cited the example of Mr. Sreedharan, the man behind the Delhi Metro and Konkan Railway, who overcame excessive corruption to complete extremely difficult and challenging tasks.

Mr. Parvekar concluded by saying that more and more educated youth should participate in politics. By starting on a smaller scale for the welfare of people, the youth should get more involved with politics gradually and elevate the country into the world's biggest economy.





OTHER SPEAKERS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Mahesh Tapase

Spokesperson - NCP, Maharashtra

“ Naa jaane kaise parinde udaan bhul gaye

Zameen yaad rahi, aasman bhul gaye

Hamari rajniti mein aise bhi neta hain

Mili haveli toh kuchche makaan bhul gaye

Tum unki baton par hargiz yakin mat karna,

Ye log wahi hain jo dekar zabaan bhoool gaye.”

These lines, in short, mean that one should not believe in those people who do not keep their word.

Beginning by remembering leaders like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Mr. Tapase stressed on the fact that the youth which has remained significantly idle since Independence, needs to stand up and participate in politics. He termed the youth as “India's strength”.

He encouraged the youth to be the whistle blowers of the change in today's politics and society. By doing this, he reasoned, the youth would get themselves enough chances to prove.

He hailed the initiative of BCS, terming it as a platform which provides immense opportunity to the awakened youth of this country, to stand up and be counted in politics.

Mr. Tapase asked the youth to take an oath of casting vote regularly, to put country before self, to remove divisive politics from this country and promote development driven politics by being a part of it, actively.



No censorship of social networking sites - Kamini,
Student

OTHER SPEAKERS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Abhijit Panse

President, Bharatiya Vidyarthi Sena, Maharashtra

“ If we work together and in one direction, then we shall be able to work for the nation and for a national cause. ”

Mr. Panse started by saying that for youth to enter politics, it is the drive to work for the country, which is needed, and not the patronage of any political party or leader. It is about the drive to bring change to the society. He expressed his agreement and shame over the bad name and face of Indian politics and politicians.

He urged the youth to understand the real responsibility that lies with them on entering politics. He said that it goes beyond organizing and participating in rallies. It is more about spreading awareness within an individual and also the society about intended reforms like Jan-Lokpal. He added that just acting as “TV supporters” for any campaign won't serve the purpose, without acquiring and spreading knowledge about the issue.

Mr. Panse went on to discuss the difference in the meaning of “Rajneeti” in today's era and the pre-Independence days. He added that while “Rajneeti” meant social work in the past, today social work and politics are understood as completely different things, with no connection at all.

He concluded by urging the youth to participate in blood donation camps, work with NGOs and work for up-liftment of certain communities to bring in the real change in the society and the country.





OTHER SPEAKERS

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



Ramesh Bhatt

Anchor-Journalist, Lok Sabha TV

“We are facing challenges from all corners of the country. Every field needs improvisation. We have to be determined in our fight and achieve development”

Mr. Bhatt started by questioning the utilization of our youth power appropriately. He quoted that students and youth are the real powers of any country, but it has rarely been utilized fully in our country.

He added that with our country facing newer challenges with each passing day, there is a need for improvisation to achieve development and solve all the problems. For this, he said the youth needs to step forward, step into politics.

Mr. Bhatt stressed on the need for de-criminalization of politics by infusing youth into politics. He added the need for responsible youth to take the country forward in the current testing times, to solve problems of education, poverty, health, infrastructure etc.

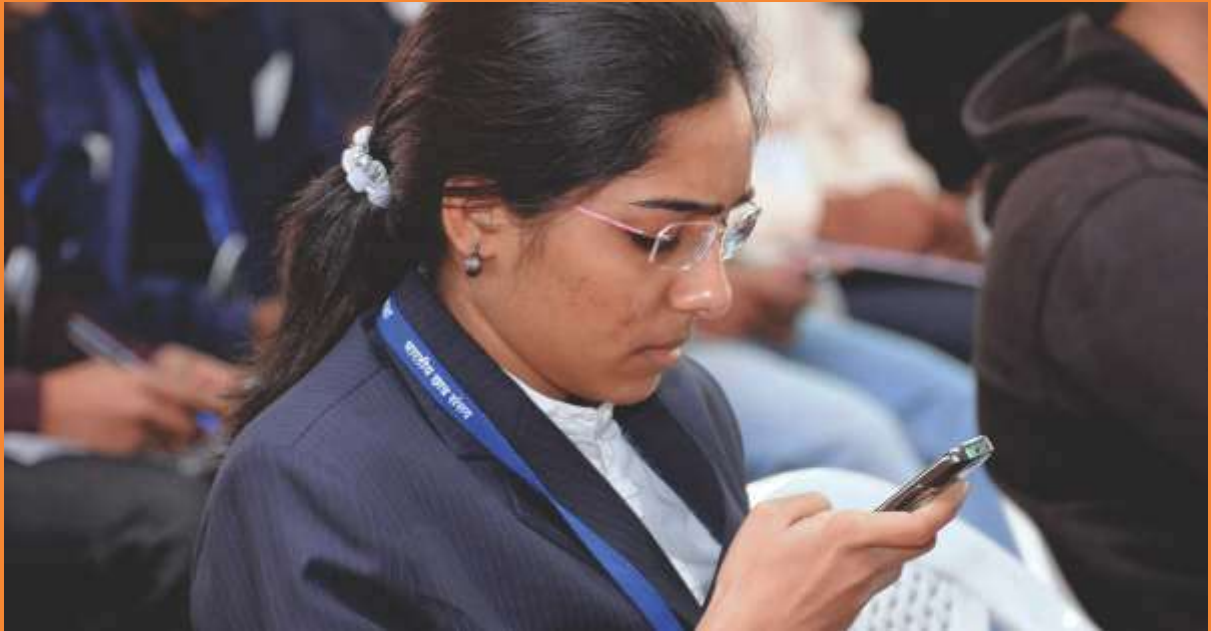
He concluded by appreciating BCS for its efforts to unite the Indian youth, which he believed is more competent than the Chinese youth, if given the motivation and liberty to work. He also emphasized on the need to address the food problem in the country to ensure a healthier country



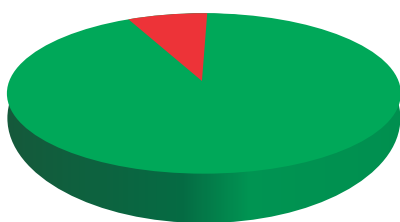
Promote internet, have a global village - **Guneet,**
Student

RESOLUTION

JOIN POLITICS – LEAD YOUR INDIA



VOTING %



■ YES: 92.75%

■ NO: 07.25%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the student leaders assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad Hereby resolve and appeal to the Government to constitute a committee consisting members from national and regional parties to seek consensus to debar the candidates with criminal background from contesting elections at any level.

Passed by 92.75% voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

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FELICITATIONS SESSION 5

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Prof Vibhuti Narain Rai - VC, Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwa Vidyalyaya, Vardha (2nd from left)



Sumit Wankhade- MIT-SOG, Pune (3rd from left)



Utsav - International School, Patna (2nd from left)



Anurag Singh Thakur - MP, Lok Sabha (BJP) (3rd from left)



Madhu Goud Yaskhi - MP, Lok Sabha, (INC) (3rd from left)



Mahesh Tapase - Spokesperson, NCP, Maharashtra (3rd from left)



Abhijit Panse - President, Bhartiya Vidyarthi Sena(BVS), Maharashtra (3rd from left)



Nilesh Parvekar - MLA (INC), Yavatmal, Maharashtra, (2nd from left)

FELICITATIONS SESSION 5

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Ramesh Bhatt - Anchor - Journalist, Lok Sabha TV
(3rd from left)



Felicitations of Manoj Joshi - A member of 'Chanakya' Team
(2nd from left)



Ashok Banthia - A member of 'Chanakya' Team
(2nd from left)



Alpesh Shah - A member of 'Chanakya' Team
(2nd from left)





CULTURAL PROGRAM - "CHANAKYA"



A play on the Indian scholar 'Arya Chanakya', who lived during the time when Alexander the Great invaded India, was staged for the benefit of the gathered student leaders. India was a fragmentation of small kingdoms and Chanakya is believed to have originated the concept of the Federal Indian State. His scholarly work on Indian Economics is referred to even today.

Meaning of politics is service - **Niraj,**
Student

CULTURAL PROGRAM - "CHANAKYA"



Address by **Pt. Vasantrao Gadgil**



Manoj Joshi as 'Chanakya' (standing behind) &
Ashok Banthia as 'Mahamatya' (sitting)



Alpesh Shah as 'Chandragupta Maurya' (sitting)



WALKING DOWN THE PATH OF NATION'S GLORY



Thursday, January 12, 2012
09:30 - 10:40 HRS

DAY 3

Session 6

09:30 - 10:40 HRS

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR)- BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT





DAY 3

Thursday, Jan 12, 2012
0930 hrs to 1615 hrs
Session 6 to 9

SESSIONS

Session 6	Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - Business Beyond Profit
0930 hrs to 1040 hrs	Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Dr. Sanjay Chahande - VC, Pune University
	Speeches by student leaders - Parth Shah and Anand Odedra
	Speech by Anu Aga, Member National Advisory Council & Ex-Chairperson, Thermax Ltd. (Through video conference)
	Speech by Sulajja Firodia (Motwani) - Joint M.D, Kinetic Engineering Ltd.
	Interaction with the student leaders
	Concluding remarks by Kshitij Thakur - M.L.A, (BVA) Nalasopara, Mumbai, Maharashtra
	Voting on Resolution
Session 7	Corruption-free India : Dream or Reality ?
1100 hrs to 1210 hrs	Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speaker by Prof. B. Hanumaiah - VC, Dr. Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow
	Speeches by student leaders - Gaurav Sahu and Vipul Chauhan
	Speech by Arnab Goswami - Editor in Chief, Times Now
	Launch of Youth Magazine Website - www.thebankmag.com by Arnab Goswami - Editor in Chief, Times Now
	Interaction with the student leaders
	Concluding remarks by Devendra Fadnavis - M.L.A. (BJP), Nagpur, Maharashtra
	Voting on Resolution
LUNCH BREAK	
Session 8	Yes, India Can...
1310 hrs to 1420 hrs	Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune
	Speech by Dr. Mohan Dharia - President, Vanrai
	Speech by Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar - Eminent Computer Scientist & Founder of first Indian Super Computer, 'PARAM'
	Speeches by student leaders - Gauneet Khanuja and Puskaraj Deshmukh
	Speech by His Holiness Dalai Lama - Nobel Laureate and Leader, Tibetan Buddhism
	Oath of Democracy administered by His Holiness Dalai Lama
	Interaction with the student leaders
	Voting on Resolution
Session 9	Social Networking for Social Action
1440 hrs to 1550 hrs	Opening remarks and introduction of Eminent Speakers by Dr. Pankaj Chande - President , Association of Indian Universities & VC, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur
	Speeches by student leaders - Anshul Rathi and Vijay Chintkayla
	Speech by Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar - Eminent Computer Scientist, Founder of first Indian Super Computer, 'PARAM'
	Speech by Shailesh Rao - Google Head and MD for Asia Pacific Region & India
	Unveiling of CD by Shailesh Rao - A Pictorial Biography of Swami Vivekananda, made by Samir Fatepur (2nd year B.Com student of Bagalpur, Karnataka)
	Interaction with the student leaders
	Concluding remarks by Capt. Abhijit Adsul - M.L.A. (Shiv Sena), Daryapur, Amravati, Maharashtra
	Voting on Resolution
1615 hrs	Music for the Soul – Classical Fusion 'Live in Concert' by Rahul Deshpande, Renowned Classical Singer

Stop loss of Biodiversity - Gaurav,
Student

OPENING REMARKS

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Dr. Sanjay Chahande

Vice Chancellor: University of Pune

“The responsibility of the private sector is not only towards the shareholders, but also towards the stakeholders and when we are talking about stakeholders, we must mention society.”

Dr. Chahande started by hailing the man behind this great show, Rahul Karad, and the man behind the great institute, Dr. Vishwanath Karad for organizing a student initiative like never before.

He said that he acts as a representative of the demand side of the CSR and would try and discuss the social realities of CSR.

Dr. Chahande criticized the government's role in trying to cater to all the sectors and social requirements, which he said, has not been achieved successfully until now. He added

that this has resulted in corporate and private sector staying isolated from social development. He further stated that this has resulted in the immense inequality in the demand-supply of health, education and many other areas.

He added that the idea of CSR has started to find its feet in the society as many initiatives of corporate trained youth are turning their attention to go and work in the rural areas for the welfare of the society.

He added that apart from the famous initiatives by Tata's and Birla's, there are smaller initiatives by Bajaj Allianz, ICICI and other players in the banking and finance sector, and also sustained initiatives by Kinetic, that have been working on the improvement of primary school education, which is an encouraging sign.

Methodology

Dr. Sanjay Chahande (Vice Chancellor, Pune University) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Anu Aga & Sullaja Firodia Motwani. But before the main speaker, the two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session was moderated by a young MLA, Kshitij Thakur. The moderator was essentially a young MLA, so that the student leaders could identify themselves with him.



STUDENT LEADERS

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Parth Shah

Sinhagad College of Pharmacy

“The companies that are existing in India and are based on ethics should give a small percentage of whatever they earn to the society”

Mr. Parth started by sharing the meaning of CSR, which he meant is corporate sharing a part of their profits for the welfare of the society. He expressed his sadness that in the pursuit of earning profits, companies have neglected CSR. In fact he added that the money which is to be released by company, a mandatory 2% of their profits, is not reaching the under-privileged people, because of corruption.

He urged that if companies come and work together, the latest problem faced by India malnutrition, can be brought down soon and even eliminated. He said that “if the 8000 strong youth power in this auditorium can go out and share the ideas of Mr. Karad with the youth outside, the number of enlightened youth can be increased, which in itself will be a CSR activity.”

He concluded by praising the efforts of Navneet books and Pampers, for their innovative initiative of contributing Re.1 from each of their sales to CSR, a model he said others should replicate.



Anand Odedra

Institute of Pharmacy

“It is high time that the politics and the government also took part in such activities”

Taking a cue from Gandhiji's thoughts of running a company as a trust, Mr. Odedra started by looking at the true meaning of CSR, which is “something, which brings about a positive, social impact”.

He questioned the change in attitude of people and corporates in the recent years, where none of them are taking up the responsibilities, to the extent that organizations don't know about CSR.

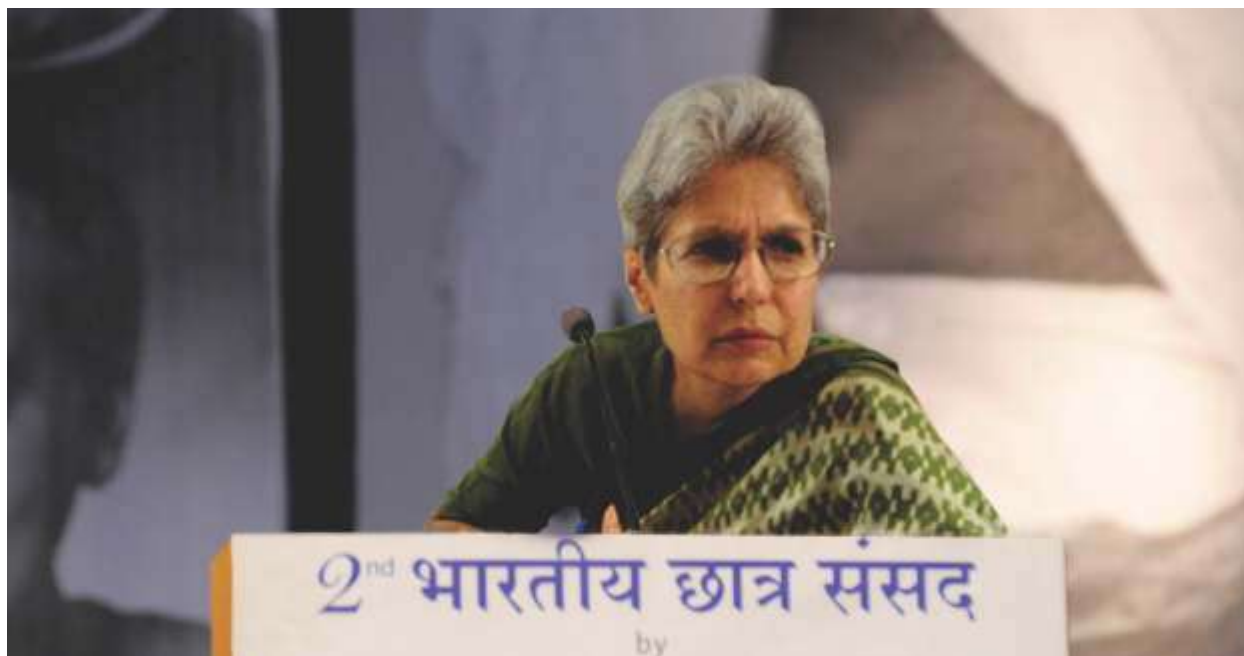
Mr. Odedra added that synchronizing the efforts of Government, NGOs and corporates, including small and medium scale industries, a positive change can be brought about in the society. He emphasized on framing policies which have been in a limbo since 2009, with regards to Companies Act and CSR.

He concluded by appealing to the corporates and the youth by asking them “to take initiative in their hands to realize the true potential of CSR, by the means of implementation.”

Say no to neo-colonialism - Bhavin,
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Anu Aga

Member, National Advisory Council & Former Chairperson, Thermax Ltd.

“India has chosen to define itself as secular and its rich diversity needs to be preserved”

Ms. Aga started by thanking Mr. Rahul Karad for organizing the Student Parliament at an important juncture in the history of Indian institutions, parliament and the judiciary, and also for inviting her for the wonderful event.

While cautioning the public in criticizing the institutions of democracy like judiciary and parliament, she stressed on the stability offered by them. She talked about the immense corporate power present in India, and also said that the sole objective of earning profits should not be the aim of these organizations. She discussed the issues like lack of transparency, distortion of public policies and scams plaguing some of these corporate houses. Ms. Aga added that “many corporate worlds who assume that their duty is done if they grow their business honestly pay their taxes and create job opportunities to fulfill their corporate social responsibilities”. But is the increasing gap in poor and rich, she said, that the corporates need to look after.

She highlighted the problems plaguing our country by discussing the issues of 42% malnourishment, regular absence of school teachers in villages and illiteracy. She argued that even though the 1st objective of corporates is to earn profits, contribution to the society is also necessary, as it is a part of sensitivity of each employee of the organization. In her opinion, she said, CSR stands for creditability, sensitivity and responsibility.

Ms. Aga highlighted the issues of corruption and social justice in which corporates can play a huge role. She added that companies like Tata, Infosys and Wipro have been setting good examples in the field of CSR.

She elaborated the efforts taken by her own company, Thermax in the field of supporting primary education. She talked about, “Akanksha”, school supported by her company, which won an award for contribution to primary education. She also talked about the “Teach for India” campaign, which she believes will change the face of primary education for lower classes.

Ms. Aga concluded by saying that a greater sensitivity will be shown by corporates in building and implementing their CSR initiatives, for the betterment of our society and country.

Message delivered through video conferencing





MAIN SPEAKER

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Sulajja Firodia (Motwani)

Joint MD, Kinetic Engineering Ltd.

“ As a young business leader if you are not in tune with what the youth wants, there is no way that our businesses can move forward in the coming decades ”

Ms. Motwani started her discussion by hailing the efforts of Mr. Rahul Karad in organizing an event of such wonderful thought and mission, which brought together the enlightened youth of India for serious discussions and creating action plans. She also congratulated the students for their strong participation in the event.

She explained the principles of Firodia's in each of their endeavors, of making automobile technology for the country, as a step in making India self-reliant in this technology. She added that “her family is deep rooted in nationalistic spirit and was a part of the freedom movement”. This she said lead to the innovations like providing the first world class moped Luna in India at Rs. 1300/- which was affordable to the common man.

She illustrated the works of Henry Ford, who she said, created businesses to make a difference to the society. Ms. Motwani then discussed the different initiatives taken by the Firodia Group as a part of contributing to the society.

She elaborated on the HK Firodia Science Awards and the Firodia Karandak, which she said were company initiatives to promote science and technology and arts respectively.

Ms. Motwani then highlighted the need for CSR in our country which witnesses significant inequality among the

people. She asked the corporates to follow the old Hindu belief of doing good Karma, as she believed “that good happens to those who do good work”.

She concluded by appealing to the corporates to build integrated programs of CSR which could solve multiple issues of environment, education, poverty and health in India. She asked them to focus on social development contribute t the social responsibility.



Avert the threats of water wars - **Ajit,**
Student

CONCLUDING REMARKS

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Kshitij Thakur

Member of Legislative Assembly, BVA, Nalasopara, Mumbai, Maharashtra

“ An open invitation! I am getting married along with more than 800 couples and 1600 people and all the expenses will be borne by the trust that we have. I am not sure if that is Corporate Social Responsibility.”

Mr. Thakur started with an honest admission that he does not know the meaning of CSR, because there is a significant difference between the dictionary meaning of CSR and what needs to be done in reality. He quoted an example of CSR, where HLL under the impression of empowering rural women by giving them a share of their sales, tried to expand their own markets.

He added that it's not only companies who can do CSR. By helping the families of weaker sections of the society, like the society watchman, car cleaners at the building, and servants at our house, we all can fulfill our bit of social responsibility, which will be more meaningful. One of the ways of doing this would be sponsoring their children's education.

Mr. Thakur hailed the efforts of Mr. Rahul Karad for bringing together the youth of India. He concluded by inviting the audience to his wedding, which he said would happen along with 800 other couples, an activity, which he initiated as a part of his efforts for social responsibility, which he feels proud of.





Q & A SESSION

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



Regarding a question by Chandra Shekhar Meena from Dhanbad, about how the youth can contribute to CSR, Ms. Motwani responded by saying that the youth can significantly contribute to CSR by firstly ensuring that the promises made by companies are being implemented and are not on paper only. She also urged students to enquire about the CSR activities of an organization they are employed in, with the same interest that they ask about money.

On another query about the imbalance between import and export in Indian economy, Ms. Motwani added that, the country has moved ahead significantly in the past 15-20 years, and at the current rate of growth, the country will soon be an economic superpower in the world.



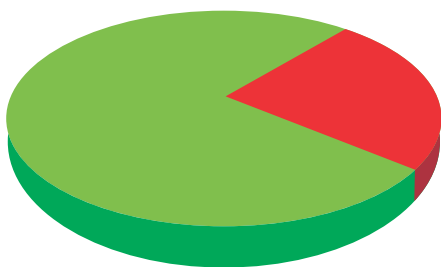
Small federal units are easy to govern - Dev,
Student

RESOLUTION

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (CSR) - BUSINESS BEYOND PROFIT



VOTING %



■ YES: 75.51%

■ NO: 24.49 %

VOTING STATEMENT

We the student leaders assembled here in the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad resolve hereby and appeal to the Government to ensure that the educational institutions established in the corporate sectors across the country provide reservations for the students coming from the marginalized sections of the society.

Passed by 75.51 % voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

The most transparent method of voting was used for voting in the resolution. The above mentioned resolution was displayed on the screen and the student leaders were asked to vote by sending a text message either in favor or against the resolution.



FELICITATIONS SESSION 6

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Dr. Sanjay Chahande - VC, Pune University
(2nd from left)



Parth Shah - Student Leader Sinhgad College of Pharmacy
(4th from left)



Anand Odedra - Student Leader Institute of Pharmacy, Ahmedabad, Gujarat (3rd from left)



Sulajja Firodia (Motwani) - Joint M.D, Kinetic Engineering Ltd.
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(2nd from left)



Vishal Chordia - Director, Pravin Masalewale
(2nd from left)



Anirudha Dhoot - CEO & Executive Director, Videocon Inds. Ltd
(4th from left)

Value based education is the need of the hour - Leena,
Student



ONE NATION. ONE VISION. ONE GOAL





Thursday, January 12, 2012
11:00 TO 12:10 HRS

DAY 3

Session 7

11:00 - 12:10 HRS

**CORRUPTION-
FREE INDIA :
DREAM OR REALITY ?**



OPENING REMARKS

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



Prof. B. Hanumaiah

Vice Chancellor
Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

“ The only way to finish corruption is by strengthening youth of the country and by sensitizing the common man ”

He started by thanking the organizers Mr. Rahul Karad for inviting him and allowing him to be a part of such an innovative and powerful interaction of Indian youth.

Prof. Hanumaiah added that even though corruption is a tendency seen all across the world, it is witnessed in varying degrees, where unfortunately, India stands very high. He added that the victim of corruption is the common man and the development of this country and the issue should be looked at more seriously and carefully.

He added that the ignorance of common man was exploited by the people in power to indulge in corrupt practices. He further added that the youth, which has mobilized significantly against corruption in the past few months, should resolve and make the country corruption free.

Prof. Hanumaiah concluded by asking the student's basic questions about the systemic nature of corruption in our country, which he felt if resolved, would solve the problem of corruption in India.

Methodology

Prof. B Hanumaiah (Vice Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar University, Lucknow) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Arnab Goswami. But before the main speaker, the two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session was moderated by a young MLA, Devendra Phadnvis. The moderator was essentially a young MLA, so that the student leaders could identify themselves with him.

Accommodate Diversity - Akshay,
Student

STUDENT LEADERS

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



Gaurav Sahu
MIT-SOG

“Yes corruption free India is a dream because we only criticize corruption in our homes, markets, offices but sometimes for our own good, we become a part of it!”

He started by expressing his anger about the mindless calls to end the corruption in society, which he said could not be achieved without clearing our souls of all types of corrupt thoughts within.

Mr. Sahu added that it was impossible to stop corruption by making laws as many such attempts had been made for other ill practices like dowry in the past. He added that to get rid of this large-scale corruption which, according to BBC, plagues every 3rd Indian, it has to come from within, for every individual.

He concluded by saying that the need of the hour was to start working against corruption, to achieve the dream of a corruption free India. This he said would only happen when there is more responsibility exercised by people in electing their representatives, and sending out a strong signal of eradicating corruption from our country.



Vipul Chauhan
Institute of Pharmacy

“The people, who are elected in our country, do not come from any other country or some other world, but they are representatives chosen by the people of the nation.”

He started his speech by talking about an 'achaar' (behavior) of Indian politicians, namely 'Bhrashtachaar' (Corruption). He added that the people must realize that the leaders of this country come from among us, and so it is in their hands to control the election of representatives.

Mr. Chauhan added that the youth of this country should elect only non-corrupt representatives, more responsibly, for this nation to change. He lauded the Election Commission for their efforts and said that the elected representatives should introspect about their behavior and corrupt practices.

Closing his speech, he added that Election Commission should more aggressively monitor the money sent during elections, as it is the root cause of all the corruption in our country.



MAIN SPEAKER

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



Arnab Goswami

Editor in Chief, Times Now

“People tell me you are changing the basic rules of journalism. If so, so be it. Let us change the basic rules of journalism in this country, for the sake of this country.”

Complimenting the speakers at the session and the audience gathering, Mr. Goswami started by saying that his belief that the country would change has been reinforced by the interaction he has witnessed at the Student Parliament.

He recalled his days of 1996-97 when as a reporter, he exposed the Sukhram scam. He said that the lack of urgency in our country has led to that case being still fought out in the courts, when the decision should have been long given out.

Mr. Goswami expressed his happiness at being part of machinery, the media, through which he tried to expose scams and do his bit in removing corruption from this country. He went on to share the braking of the CWG scam from UK government supplied papers. Mr. Goswami added how there was immense pressure from all sides to stop exposing the major scam.

He responded to the accusations by certain section of people that he has changed the rules of journalism, by saying that there has been a massive restructuring of the concept of public interest, and to fulfill this interest, the media and also the rules of journalism have to be modified. Mr. Goswami added that it was media's responsibility to ensure that the

powerful do not collude among themselves and cover up scams, they do not confuse people about public money and don't get to cover up their wrong doings by using legal technicalities.

He asked people to refrain from abusing media, because media has played a commendable role in uncovering several scams and has also worked hard to get the accused before the law, who otherwise would have gone scot-free.

He concluded by expressing his pride in being part of media, which, much before any other agency, got the scams out in the open and tried to continuously push for justice for public money, which had been misused all along.



Reconcile democracy with development - Ganesh,
Student

CONCLUDING REMARKS

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



Devendra Fadnavis

Member of Legislative Assembly, BJP, Nagpur, Maharashtra

“If you want to fight against corruption then you have to burn this fire and if you want to burn this fire then patriotism should be raised in our hearts”

He started by posing the question to the students about their stand against corruption. He said that it is not about being against corruption, but the degree of action an individual wants to take to eradicate corruption.

Mr. Phadnavis described corruption as a management, which reveals that the audience adores this management but they do not want to fight against this management. He added that only opposition to corruption is no use, until the time there is action against corruption.

He quoted a phrase by Swami Vivekananda, which posed questions about the feelings an individual has about the poverty in the country and the actions taken by the individual to lessen or remove this poverty. He added that the same kind of questions needs to be posed by each and everyone regarding corruption, which will establish a group of workers against corruption.

He concluded by expressing his faith in the youth and current generation, that they will definitely remove corruption completely from this country.





Q & A SESSION

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



Responding to a query by Qureshi Halema Abdul from Daund about introducing RTI in education system, Mr. Goswami added that it is not the RTI, which will stop corruption or corrupt practices, but a whistle blower bill, which will provide a protection mechanism for the people who try and bring out corruption. Once the people have a surety about their safety, no one will think about stopping from exposing corruption.

Answering a question by Miss. Sakshi Kaul from Delhi about amending laws to speed up corruption related cases and decisions, Mr. Goswami added that there were enough laws present in this country already about curbing corruption and also prosecuting the guilty. The problem, he said, lies with the timebound execution of the legal processes. He added that it would be beneficial to include a time frame of clearing a case from courts to punish the guilty, so that the crime gets punished in its relevant time frame.

Talking about media habits and yellow journalism to Meghanath Bose, Mr. Goswami said that media definitely should act within the premise of honesty and should never be lured by gifts and concessions of the establishment, as it affects the reporting process and compromises on the basic ethics of media.

Responding to a query by Abhinav regarding demotivating factors in journalism, Mr. Goswami said that he feels demotivated when he realizes that there should have been a greater urgency in terms of time to report a particular issue for the benefit of the people. He cited examples of CWG Scam, to explain his pain of delay in reporting of important issues.



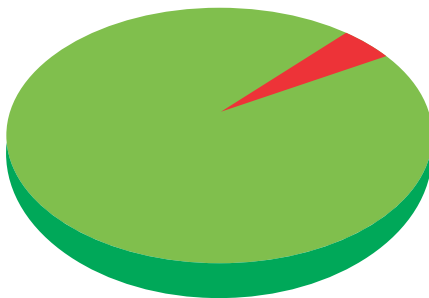
We need a welfare state - Satwik,
Student

RESOLUTION

CORRUPTION-FREE INDIA : DREAM OR REALITY ?



VOTING %



■ YES: 95.64%

■ NO: 04.36%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the student of leaders of India assembled here in the second Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, Pune, India, hereby unanimously resolve and pledge not to indulge in any corrupt practices and further we wholeheartedly commit ourselves to transform the dream of "Corruption Free India" into reality.

Passed by 95.64 % voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

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FELICITATIONS SESSION 7

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(2nd from left)



Yogesh Jadhav - Managing Director, Pudhari Group of News Papers
(1st from left)



Prabodh Thakker - Chairman, Aon Global Insurance Brokers Ltd.
(2nd from left)



Nanik Rupani - Chairman, Neutron Electronic Systems Pvt. Ltd.
(2nd from left)

Secure the minds before securing the nation - Rohit,
Student



PASSING ON THE BATON !



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13:10 - 14:20 HRS

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Session 8

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**YES,
INDIA CAN...**



OPENING REMARKS

YES, INDIA CAN...



Prof Dr Vishwanath D Karad

Founder and Executive President,
World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune

“ A dais which is very unique in its presentation. I would like to inform His Holiness that you see a Gautam Buddha statue on one side and the other side is Mahatma Gandhi-the greatest messengers of peace on this earth.”

Dr. Karad started by hailing the presence of His Holiness Dalai Lama on a platform that, would guide the youth of India. He went on to recollect the times of foundation of the MIT-World Peace Centre in 1996, when Dalai Lama had inaugurated the initiative and shown the guiding light for world peace.

He went to talk about the uniqueness of the dais of Student Parliament which epitomized peace, from its inspirations like Mahatma Gandhi and Gautam Buddha. He concluded by urging the youth to build the nation on the values of compassion, love and peace, and extending the harmony across the world.



Methodology

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Please make Indian Student Parliament a global event - **Kiran,**
Student

STUDENT LEADERS

YES, INDIA CAN...



Guneet Khanuja

Ramdeo College of Engineering & Management

“The heights by great men reached and kept were not attained by a sudden flight but they, while their companions slept, were toiling upwards in the night.”

Starting by hailing the achievements of India in 64 years of freedom, Ms. Khanuja compared India's rate of development with America, which has been achieved over 235 years of Independence. She highlighted the spirit of “Yes, we can” amongst the people of India.

She reminded the gathering about the great contributions of Indian civilization since the days of Mohenjodaro civilization. She cited the inventions by India like planned city of Mohenjodaro, number system, decimal system, medicines and science, which are still hailed across the world. She went on to recollect the days of Nalanda University and the 17th century, when India was referred to as the “Golden bird”.

Ms. Khanuja then proceeded to describe the current scenario and position in India, which she said was bright and promising. Citing developments like the world's second largest stock exchange and India's missile program under Dr. Kalam, she talked about the positives of India.

She concluded by saying that in the current scenario, it was imperative for the youth to join hands. This, she said, will take India on the path of development.



Pushkaraj Deshmukh

Rajarshi Chatrapati Shahu Maharaj Govt. Medical College

“Today Dr. Amartya Sen, noble laureate Dr. Manmohan Singh, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee are called by the European Union for advice to get out of the economic crisis of their countries. This shows 'Yes, India can'.”

Citing the lines by Capt. Rakesh Sharma about India's beautiful appearance from the space, Mr. Deshmukh talked about his firm belief in the thought of “Yes, India Can”.

He continued his optimism about India's future by pointing to the fact that despite India being governed and looted by British and other foreign powers, within 64 years of gaining Independence, India has grown into the 3rd largest growing economy. He also pointed to the fact that India is now helping the economic-crisis-struck Europe to come out of its recession.

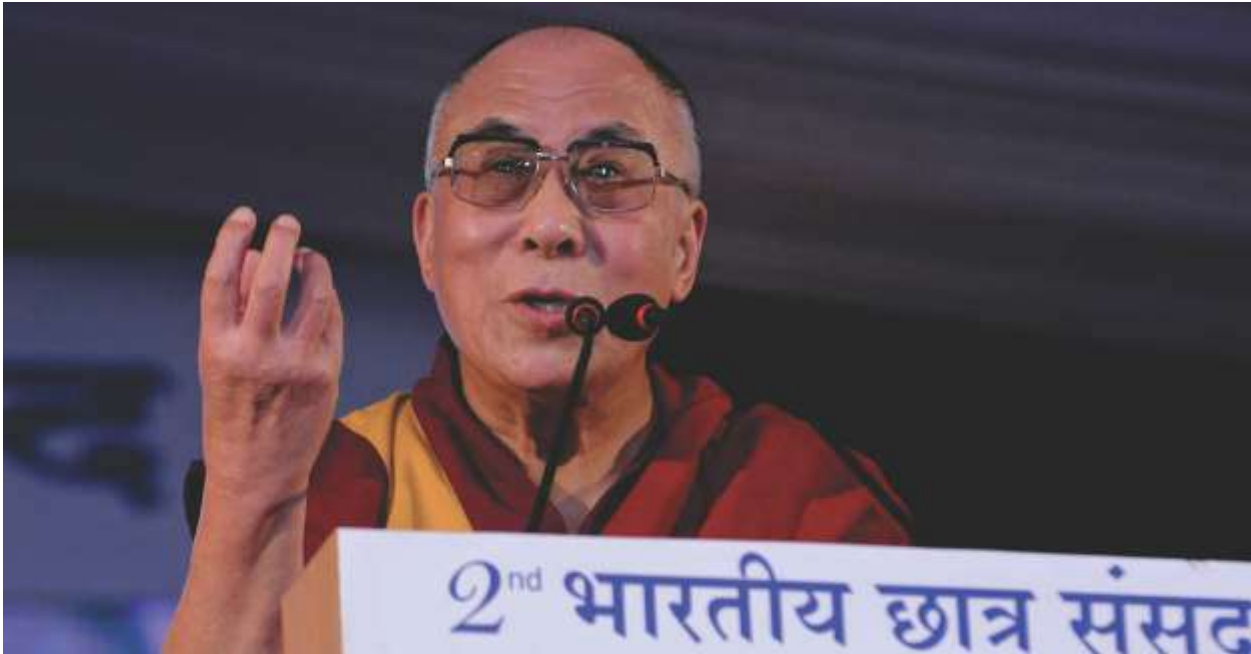
He hailed the potential of the 54 crore youth population as the greatest asset held by India, which will design the glorious future of India in the coming years.

Mr. Deshmukh concluded by saying that like the innumerable instances of bravery and determination from people like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj & Babsaheb Ambedkar, today's youth can forge ahead under the guidance of Mr. Rahul Karad, to the cause of “Yes, we can”.



MAIN SPEAKER

YES, INDIA CAN...



His Holiness Dalai Lama

Nobel Laureate and Leader, Tibetan Buddhism

“I never had the opportunity to meet Gandhiji personally. But I met quite a number of Gandhians. They carry with them a struggling attitude fearlessly, selflessly with vision. I have always admired these people.”

His Holiness started by sharing the thought that all the human beings are the same, mentally, physically and emotionally. He emphasized on every individual leading a happy and successful life based on inner strength and inner peace. This, he said, would transform into happy individual, happy family, happy community, happy nation and finally happy world.

He talked about his associations with India dating back to 1956, his first trip to India. He also talked about Gandhian values of fearlessness and selflessness. He also compared the vast cultural and democratic differences between India and China. Going back to 1959, when he settled in India after taking a political exile in this country, he talked about the different Buddhist texts, which shaped his spirituality.

He shared his vow of living by human values and truthfulness, which he said would bring prosperity to the world. He elaborated on Ahimsa, the concept of non-violence, and its deep rootedness in the Indian culture and society. He added that “AHIMSA” means sheer compassionate motivation. He went on to talk about his

mission of promoting ahimsa and religious harmony amongst people across the world. He talked about the immense religious heights achieved by Indians and termed India as the “religious guru” of Tibet and its people. He described himself as a son of India. He explained that he thought so because Nalanda gave him his spiritual orientation and Indian food is what he has survived on for the past 50 odd years. This he felt was a great honour for him and makes him think beyond political boundaries. His Holiness then talked about the 21st century and the importance of youth. He addressed the audience as the real owners of the 21st century. He added that the youth should try and reduce the violence as compared to 20th century, as he felt that violence won't be able to resolve any problem, but just add newer problems to the world and humanity. Dalai Lama told the youth that they had immense potential and it should be channelized properly to create India's vision for the 21st century and further make this Indian vision as the vision of the world.

He concluded by saying that India should use its rich tradition of ahimsa (non-violence) in conjunction with their spiritual knowledge. He asked the youth to combine education with spirituality to seek eternal happiness. He further told the youth to combine these attributes with technology to attain development in the true sense for a healthy living.

Peoples' participation is a precondition for any development - Somesh, Student

OATH OF DEMOCRACY

YES, INDIA CAN...



HIS HOLINESS DALAI LAMA, DR. VISHWANATH D. KARAD AND RAHUL KARAD ADMINISTERED THE 'OATH OF DEMOCRACY' TO ENCOURAGE THE STUDENTS TO LEND THEIR HAND IN CREATING A HEALTHY POLITICAL SYSTEM IN OUR COUNTRY.

OATH

“We, the student leaders of India, assembled here in the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad on 12th January 2012, hereby pledge to strive hard to protect India's democracy in principle and practice. As a conscious youth and responsible citizen of India, it is my duty to uphold its democratic traditions and values. I affirm my lifelong commitment to fight any kind of discrimination based on caste, religion and creed. I hereby commit myself to make India a vibrant, participatory and inclusive democracy. Jai Hind!”





FELICITATING HIS HOLINESS







Q & A SESSION

YES, INDIA CAN...



Responding to a query by Kunal Vivek from Varanasi about compromising religion in pursuit of development, His Holiness said that religion is the real part of dharma and culture. He pointed out how Buddhism reached different countries like China and Japan, and evolved within the cultures of those countries. He also upheld the Buddhism of India for its Ahimsa and talked about how it had contributed to the development of country. His Holiness also talked about the synchronization of Indian constitution with the religion as it promoted equality among Indians.

Answering Vishnu Gupta from Bangalore about spiritually transforming the Indian youth for the cause of Yes India Can, His Holiness said that it is the responsibility of the youth to start working towards cleaning up the system in India like politics from the evils of corruption. He added that the youth cannot just pray to God to clean the society, when the corruption of society has been done by human beings themselves. He continued to say that the youth should respect all the religions and strive to work for greatness, by working hard and keeping faith in spirituality and religion.



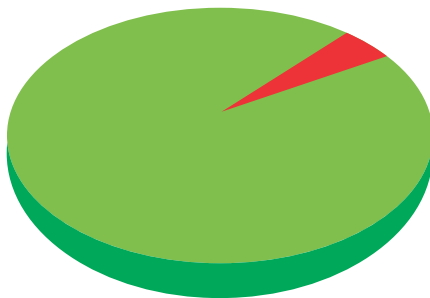
Self-sufficiency is the need of the hour - Rohan,
Student

RESOLUTION

YES, INDIA CAN...



VOTING %



■ YES: 90.92%

■ NO: 7.08%

VOTING STATEMENT

We, the student leaders assembled here in the 2nd Bhartiya Chatra Sansad hereby resolve and appeal the government to strengthen the NAM (Non-Aligned Movement) to safeguard the interests of under developed countries and intensify its fight against undemocratic regimes, hunger and poverty in those countries.

Passed by 90.92 % voting in favor.

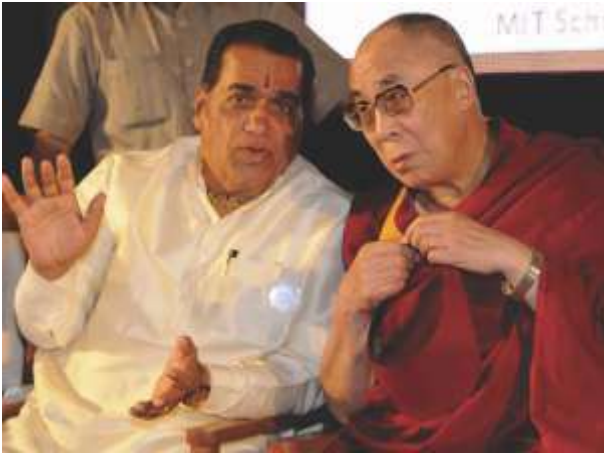
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FELICITATIONS SESSION 8

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Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad
Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre,
MAEER's MIT, Pune



Dr. Mohan Dharja - President, Vanrai
(1st from left)



Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar Eminent Computer Scientist,
Father of the first Indian Super Computer, 'PARAM' (2nd from left)



Guneet Khanuja - Ramdeo College of Engineering & Management, Nagpur
(2nd from left)



Pushkaraj Deshmukh - Rajarshi Chatrapati Maharaj Govt. Medical College,
Kolhapur (2nd from left)



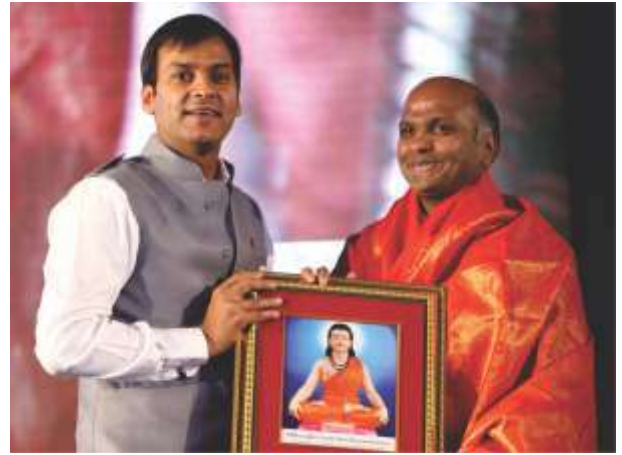
His Holiness Dalai Lama - Nobel Laureate and Leader, Tibetan Buddhism
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Dr. S. B. Mujumdar - Founder & President, Symbiosis, Pune
(2nd from left)



Lalit Kumar Jain - Chairman, KUL Kumar Urban Development Ltd.
(2nd from left)



Vikram Kakade - Director, Sanjay Kakade Group
(2nd from left)



P. Balan - General Manager, Hotel Marriott, Pune
(2nd from left)



Prof. Dr. S. B. Nimse - VC, Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University
(2nd from left)



Pt. Vasantrao Gadgil - Founder, Sharada Dnyan Peetham
(2nd from left)



UPHOLDING THE HOPES OF A NATION

Thursday, January 12, 2012
14:40 - 15:50 HRS

DAY 3

Session 9

14:40 - 15:50 HRS

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION





OPENING REMARKS

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Dr Pankaj Chande

President, Association of Indian Universities &
Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur

“There are many advantages of social networking like sharing the thoughts, establishing relationships, attracting people towards your thoughts, getting feedback. This can be proved as a lethal weapon for development”

Mr. Chande started by sharing a thought from Upanishadas with the students. He said that in earlier times, the gurus asked their students to achieve the ultimate aim of life, i.e. giving through socialism.

He added that in today's context this thought could be achieved only by the means of social media like Facebook, Google +, YouTube etc.

Mr. Chande also highlighted the negative aspects of social networking like addiction, duplication of thoughts, damage to reputations etc. He advised the youth to use the medium of social networking carefully in order to harness its positive aspects completely.

He concluded by quoting the Sanskrit phrase of “Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam”, which, he said, could be realized by the appropriate use of social media across the globe.

Methodology

Dr. Pankaj Chande (Vice Chancellor, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University) initiated the session by introducing the main speaker Shri. Shailesh Rao. But before the main speaker, the two student leaders were asked to express their views on the given topic. The purpose was to enable them to speak without any hesitation. Had the eminent speaker spoken earlier, the student leaders may have felt pressurized and burdened. This would have affected their expression of thoughts. The session was moderated by a young MLA, Capt. Abhijeet Adsul. The moderator was essentially a young MLA, so that the student leaders could identify themselves with him.

Stand up for Human Rights, Development and Democracy - **Shaunak**,
Student

STUDENT LEADERS

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Anshul Rathi

Ramdeo Baba College of Engineering & Management

“Barak Obama used Facebook long before he became U.S. president. ShashiTharoor is being magical on tweets. Then why we are not using social sites against corruption & terrorism.”

He started by stressing on the need for people to come together through different platforms.

Mr. Rathi added that the Indian youth, which is obsessed by the various social networking websites, is not using the medium to its full potential. He quoted the example of Barack Obama who used Facebook to reach his voters. He illustrated the example of Mr. Shashi Tharoor, who uses Twitter to connect with people.

He concluded by appealing to the youth that use of Facebook and Twitter should not be restricted only to entertainment and fun, but they should be used for solving bigger problems of our country like corruption and terrorism, by campaigning on these social networking websites.



Vijay Chintkayla

(Tufts University, Boston, US), Alumnus MITSOG

“Social networking is one of the tools that can bring women empowerment and can connect education to rural India”

He started by using the example of bringing together the fingers of our hand to represent a united India.

Mr. Chintkayla added that the social networking websites should be used to unite Indians and India. He added that different tools on social networking websites could be used to generate public opinion about various issues and problems faced by the country.

He further added that the initiative by Lokmanya Tilak to start the newspaper 'Kesari' was an initiative to spread social networking, by connecting the people through a medium. He added that social networking platform provides us with the tool to connect people all across India.

Concluding with Swami Vivekananda's thought that one should think, live and dream about at least one idea in their lifetime, he urged the youth to use the platform of social networking to promote awareness about one of the many issues available like poverty, education, women's empowerment etc.



MAIN SPEAKER

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Dr. Vijay Bhatkar

Eminent Computer Scientist

Father of first Indian Super Computer 'PARAM'

“India will have to pave the path for establishing peace in World. In the near future, India will lead the world by collaborating Science and Spirituality.”

Dr. Bhatkar started by saying that India will pave the path for world peace by collaborating Science and Spirituality. He went on to ask the audience, “where is India's Mark Zuckerberg?”

He urged the Indian students to enlighten the power within to lead India to a better future. He added that the Indian youth can build an extensive knowledge network using the

social networking platform. He further pointed out that Indian scientists who are trying to build an e-governance system will implement one of the finest examples of social networking. By giving global examples, he was insisting on a fact that we have better infrastructural facilities to build supercomputers and take a leap in the development.

He concluded by asking the students to utilize social networking and technology to spread education to the remote places of India to transform India into a world power.



Please support gender budgeting - Karan,
Student

MAIN SPEAKER

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Shailesh Rao

Google Head and MD for Asia Pacific Region & India

“ A true leader is a good listener, quick decision-maker, knows to take appropriate actions and is open to any improvement ”

media was extremely important to achieve development of India and the world.

Mr. Rao started by sharing his vision of using technology to improve the quality of life and creating a civil society, which would allow every section to prosper together.

He pointed out the qualities of a successful democratic leader as one who has the ability to listen, to take decisions, to take appropriate actions and the will to improve the present by observation.

He added that the health of a democratic country depended on the ability of its leaders to share and collaborate. He

added that this is the main feature of social networking websites today, to share and allow collaboration. These are the highlighting feature of Facebook, Google + and Twitter, he added.

He illustrated examples of use of social networking for social causes like the speech of Dalai Lama broadcast over Google +, Salman Khan, an Indian student who put up videos for lessons in mathematics for students across the world and lastly a Google employee who used social networking to participate in the Egyptian revolution.

Mr. Rao concluded by saying that social media is a tool of leadership. He stressed on the fact that proper use of social





CONCLUDING REMARKS

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Capt. Abhijit Adsul

MLA (SS), Daryapur, Amravati, Maharashtra

“ Build your attitude like an eagle who avoids rains by flying above the clouds; where as other birds try to seek shelter ”

He started by asking the Indian youth “to convert all the problems in front of them into newer opportunities instead of converting the opportunities into multiple problems”.

Capt. Adsul continued by saying that the importance of social networking has been proved by its utilization in the campaign run by Anna Hazare as well as the world wide campaigns the authoritarian and corrupt governments of Egypt and Libya. He pointed to the success of these movements to underline the importance of social networking.

He concluded his speech by advising young Indian leaders to use social media in positive manner for betterment of India and its future.



Values, Ethics and Character are ingredients of a good leader - Tejas,
Student

Q & A SESSION

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



Responding to a query by Sarvesh Mhatre from Mumbai about the use of social networking for rural people, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar said that by creating simple technical tools, the government could use the platform of social networking for empowerment and enrichment of the rural people.

Answering to a question by Vijay Chaudhari from University of Rajasthan about use of social media in democracy, Mr. Shailesh Rao pointed out that a responsible use of social media would help us in achieving its true power, which can be utilized in democracy.

He further answered Cherry Agrawal's question about increasing cyber crime by saying that it is the human beings who use a medium in a good or bad way. So, human self-control is essential in reducing cyber crime and harnessing its advantages.

He concluded the Q&A session by saying that the ideas discussed by him and the panel can be implemented only by the actions of the students. This, he said, will happen when the students stimulate the leader within.



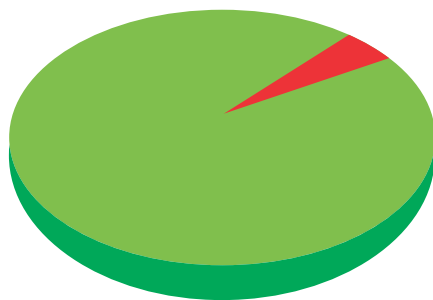


RESOLUTION

SOCIAL NETWORKING FOR SOCIAL ACTION



VOTING %



■ YES: 92.16%

■ NO: 07.84%

VOTING STATEMENT

We the student leaders assembled here in the Second Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad hereby resolve to make social networking a tool of social development where all the developmental issues will get priority to the Government caused suffice it as a reliable source of public opinion

Passed by 92.16 % voting in favor.

Voting on Resolution:

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FELICITATIONS SESSION 9

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Dr. Pankaj Chande - President, AIU & VC, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur (1st from left)



Anshul Rathi - Ramdeobaba College of Engineering & Management, Nagpur (3rd from left)



Vijay Chintkayla - Tufts University, Boston, US, Alumni MIT-SOG, Pune (2nd from left)



Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar - Eminent Computer Scientist (3rd from left)



Shailesh Rao - Google Head and MD for Asia Pacific Region & India (2nd from left)



Capt. Abhijit Adsul - M.L.A. (Shiv Sena), Daryapur, Amravati, Maharashtra (3rd from left)



Dr. Arun Nigvekar - Former Vice Chancellor, University of Pune (2nd from left)



Rahul Deshpande - Classical Singer (3rd from left)



MUSIC FOR THE SOUL

Classical Fusion Live in Concert by
Rahul Deshpande
Renowned Classical Singer





Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Rahul V. Karad administering the Oath of democracy at the 1st Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

Oath

We the student leaders assembled in the 1st Indian Students Parliament at Vivekananda Mandap in MIT Pune campus, pledge and promise a lifetime commitment to protect and preserve the democratic fabric of India.

Each of our action will contribute towards the unity, integrity and uniform development of our country. While respecting the beauty of India's diversity, we will endeavor to uphold the unity of Mother India by wholeheartedly resisting any attempt to challenge it.

We hereby reaffirm that it is our prime duty that the fruits of development percolate to the weakest of the weaker sections. We will strive hard to make India emerge as a torch bearer of holistic growth by harmonizing science, technology, spirituality and humanity.

Jai Hind!



Thursday, January 12, 2012

17:30 - 19:00 HRS





DAY 3

Thursday, Jan 12, 2012
1730 hrs to 1900 hrs
Session : Valedictory Ceremony

2nd Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament)

Time	Description
1730 hrs	• Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
1731 hrs	• National Song - Vande Mataram
1733 hrs	• Welcome speech by Founder & Convenor Mr. Rahul V. Karad
1738 hrs	• Address by Mr. Tushar Gandhi - Executive Chairman, BCS
1743 hrs	• Felicitation of the Dignitaries on dais
1748 hrs	• Expression of views by the Student Leader - Mr. Jitesh Sarade : Sinhgad College of Pharmacy, Pune
1753 hrs	• Address by Mr. P. Sainath - Editor, Rural Affairs, The Hindu
1808 hrs	• Address by Swami Vigyananand - Thinker & Spiritual leader
1813 hrs	• Message by Mr. Sanjay Puri - Chairman, Indo - US Political Action Committee
1816 hrs	• Address by Mr. Mahesh Manjrekar - Renowned Film Maker
1831 hrs	• Address by Mr. Tripurari Sharan - Director General, Doordarshan (National Television Channel of India)
1836 hrs	• Video Message by Mr. Prithviraj Chavan - Chief Minister of Maharashtra
1839 hrs	• Tying of "Ekta Sutra" (Bond of Solidarity)
1842 hrs	• Address by the President Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad
1846 hrs	• Vote of thanks by Prof. (Gp. Capt.) D. P. Apte
1848 hrs	• National Anthem
1850 hrs	• Group Photograph
1855 hrs	• 2 nd Indian Student Parliament (Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad) Concludes
1900 hrs	• High Tea



Free trade, free society - Vinod,
Student

WELCOME SPEECH

VALEDICTORY SESSION

**Rahul Karad**

Founder & Convenor

I have no words to express my gratitude. The last three days were the best and the kind of response given by you all, is great. We have made it again, "the second parliament" a great event, and I am thankful to all the student leaders. Many respected dignitaries have come over last three days from all over the country and more than 75 eminent speakers have spoken in front of you all. Today we had such important topics like "Social Networking" by Shaileshji. I have conceived such important topics with the help of Dr. Mashelkar, Tushar Gandhiji, Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. Vishwanath Karad. Today, we are here for the valedictory program, where many visionaries like Tushar Gandhi who have come from Mumbai and just made it for the program. Today we have another important person Shri P. Sainath, who is a well-known Journalist who has given his lifetime for farmers community of India and he will be speaking on the same topic.

We also have Swami Vigyanand, who has come from Vishwa Hindu Parishad, a leader himself. Many times people misconceive when they see such attire. He has traveled worldwide. He travels for 300 days out of 365 days. He is promoting Indian culture all over the world. We have another important person Mr. Sanjay Puri, he is the man with the mission, who has tremendous passion for India. He is working for better Indo-US relations. Dr. Vijay Bhatkar is also here; who have already spoke in the earlier session. Vyankat Mayande, Vice Chancellor of Punjab University is also here.

Jitesh Sarade, the student leader, is going to represent all student speakers who did not get a chance to speak here on

this platform. Sometime back, I saw that all the participants were wearing that Ekta Sutra, initiated in last Parliament. This time students from 28 states have participated as compared to 15 states last time. I do not support JAI MAHARASHTRA but I support the thought of Dr. Marshalkar "MY INDIA MY INDIA". We should not carry the approach of caste, sex and other biases. I want to introduce Mahesh Manjerekari, the King of Bollywood, whose has played a strong role in developing our nation. He has created socially relevant movies. I am thankful to him that he came here to address our students. When I came with the thought of starting this politic school in 2005, many people have made fun of it, but Mr. T. N. Seshan helped me a lot and motivated me to come with this project. He is the father of Indian electorate reform. He had played an important role while forming MITSOG. Students who have passed from this institution are working with different committees. Through this platform we have invited all the student leaders from different parts of the country. You people have made it possible. I look at you as the leader of your area. This is the basic purpose of student parliament to encourage the leaders in you and to change the thinking of our Mother India.

I got messages from all Governors of the states of India, different speakers from Parliament and 21 Education Ministers India. They have sent their best wishes to us. I have messages from seven different countries including Russia and they all are talking about a great step we have taken. I think we are one society. I have no words to express my feelings now. I just want to thank you all.



ADDRESS

VALEDICTORY SESSION



Tushar Gandhi

Executive Chairman, BCS,
President, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation

“Today, the socio-political structure has taken such a shape, which makes us feel that elders and seniors are outside the powers and ambit of the rules and regulations. This is how our democracy is infested. And this is weakening our democracy.”

Mr. Gandhi started by hailing the youth and at the same time pointing out that by terming the youth as “Our Tomorrow”, we keep them waiting in the wings today, where they eventually lose their spirit. He cited examples from America, where more and more youth are being elected to the state bodies, which was the right way to utilize their energy. He expressed his sadness at lack of such instances in India.

He discussed the “Occupy Wall Street” movement initiated by American youth to resolve the issue of lack of job opportunities for well-educated American youth. He urged the Indian youth to start an “Occupy Politics” movement to clean the damaged reputation of politics and take the country forward.

He emphasized on the policy of Ahimsa for achieving all the desired results, and pointed that violence cannot solve any problem permanently.

While concluding by illustrating different instance of Mahatma Gandhi's life, he called upon the youth to strengthen the democracy, restore the honor of our laws and fulfill the ideal India of Bapu's dream.



FELICITATIONS VALEDICTORY SESSION

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P. Sainath - National Rural Editor, The Hindu,
Ramon Magsaysay Award -2007 (2nd from left)



Mahesh Manjrekar - Renowned Actor, Film Director
(1st from left)



Swami Vigyananand - Thinker & Spiritual leader
(1st from left)



Sanjay Puri - Chairman, Indo- US Political Action Committee
(1st from left)



Tushar Gandhi - Executive Chairman BCS,
President Mahatma Gandhi Foundation (1st from left)



Dr. V. M. Mayande - VC, Dr Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth, Akola,
Maharashtra (1st from left)



Jitesh Sarade - Sinhgad College of Pharmacy , Pune
(2nd from left)



Tripurari Sharan Director General, Doordarshan, (National Television
Channel of India) (1st from left)



STUDENT LEADER

VALEDICTORY SESSION



Jitesh Sarade

Sinhagad College of Pharmacy

“I want an India who gets meals twice a day and a peaceful sleep at night. Friends, it is the time to fight not to wait for the time because those who wait get nothing but left over.”

He started by sharing his thoughts about the 3-day Student Parliament, which he felt brought together the golden past of India with the present of India. To build a bright future for India, he pointed out that it does not matter whether a person comes from a large town or a small village, if the person can use his knowledge to work for the country, then the work speaks for that individual.

Mr. Sarade highlighted the inequality which existed in Indian society and asked the youth to take an oath of removing this inequality not by protesting only on social networking websites, but translating it into on-field work to support those sentiments.

He associates Dr. Vishwanath Karad and his son Mr. Rahul Karad to Sambhaji-Shivaji of today's world.

Mr. Sarade went on to illustrate a quote by an American citizen, which said, “If an ideal citizen like Shivaji was born in their country, their children would not have felt the need to listen to the stories of imaginary super-heroes like Spiderman and Superman.”

He asked the youth to follow the sayings of Swami Vivekananda. He narrated an instance when on being

mocked for his dress in America, Swami Vivekananda said, “In your country the tailor makes your personality but in our country our character makes our personality.”

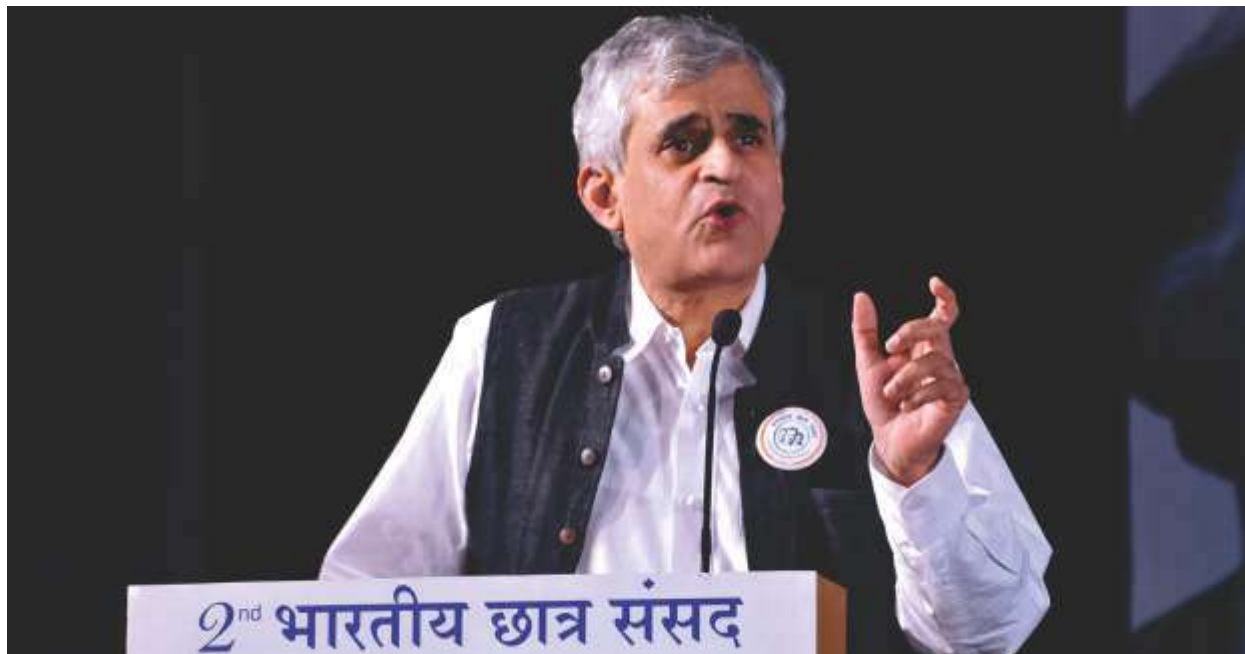
He concluded by requesting the youth to follow the greats of India to build and transform India into a superpower of tomorrow.



Have wars in marketplaces not in battlefields - Jagannath,
Student

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P. Sainath

National Rural Editor, The Hindu,
Ramon Magsaysay Award -2007

“There is inequality between the powerful and the powerless. This makes corruption more obvious.”

Shri. Sainath started by congratulating the participants of the 2nd Indian Student Parliament for discussing a wide range of issues in a period of 3 days.

He illustrated the magnanimous nature of challenges lying in front of the youth by pointing to statistics like suicides by 141 farmers, 1600 attempted suicides, wavering of Rs. 800 crores loan for the corporate world by the government in last 3 days.

He pointed out to the huge inequality that is present in India, not only between states, but also within the same state. He identified Maharashtra as the richest Indian state and at the same time pointed to the highest rate of farmer suicides in the same state.

He continued to talk about the rural-rural, rural-urban and urban-urban divide. This divide he said is the divide of powerful and powerless.

Shri. Sainath concluded by saying that there is no dearth of resources in India, but improper allocation of those resources. He asked the students to congratulate themselves about the significant discussions they had over the past three days, but told them to focus more on the unchallenged tasks.





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Swami Vigyananand

Thinker & Spiritual leader

“ I still remember the lines from the book **Wing of Fire** by Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, which says **only 280 people, were sufficient to change the dynamics of DRDL. We all have this strength, but we need to realize it.** ”

Swami Vigyanand started by paying his tributes to Swami Vivekananda. He recollected an instance in New Zealand, where he was asked about the difference between Indian and other civilizations around the world. He had responded by quoting an instance that for the world, 9/11 is famous for the terrorist attack. Vivekanandji had given the message of Universal Brotherhood on the same date in 1893. This he said is the difference.

He discussed the issue of a prosperous India. He added that a country is prosperous if it has witnessed and contributed to the development of science and technology. Pointing to the fact that India has produced only 4 Nobel laureates, as compared to the Jewish community which has 54 Nobel award winners amongst them, he urged the youth to make the country prosperous by developing science and technology.

Vigyanand pointed out that the main problem faced by the country today is corruption. He added that it can be solved only by cleaning the top first, which would then clear the whole system, till the lowest rung. He further said that making the system transparent is the only way to eliminate

corruption.

He concluded by saying that the country needs to strengthen its democracy and for this it was required that people, especially the youth should stand up and accept the challenges.



Survival of the weakest, survival of humankind - Rohan,
Student

MESSAGE

VALEDICTORY SESSION



Sanjay Puri

Chairman, Indo- US Political Action Committee

“I am only one person. What can one person do?”

Thanking Mr. Rahul Karad and Dr. Vishwanath Karad for their efforts for creating an innovative platform for the students and youth, Mr. Puri also hailed the different eminent speakers for their contribution at the session.

He asked the students to appreciate what India has achieved till now in comparison with its neighbors, most importantly, sustaining democracy. He highlighted the importance of appreciating one's own country for future growth.

Mr. Puri invited the students to start with action. By action, he pointed out to them, the courage to stand alone and work without any support or help.

He concluded by emphasizing on the importance of apathy. Mr. Puri highlighted how today's youth has apathy for himself, which he said was the wrong attitude. He asked them to believe in the power of “one person making a big difference”.





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Mahesh Manjrekar

Renowned Actor, Film Director

“ What are the 3 things you would do to make difference to your country and to change its governance?” My question is, “Have you decided what these 3 things are?”

He started by expressing the youthful feeling he got being part of such a huge gathering of Indian youth. He asked the youth to decide the three things they would do for their country, as a part of learning from the highly informative and inspiring sessions of the last 3 days.

Mr. Manjrekar asked the youth to participate regularly in elections by casting their vote. He asked them not to come up with petty excuses for not exercising their vote in every election, from municipality to the Lok Sabha. He expressed his anger over people finding excuses to vote. By illustrating the example of 45% voter turnout in Mumbai after the 2008 terrorist attacks, he pointed to the fact that, there is an exceeding tendency to protest against the politicians, but no real action, the act of voting, to change the MPs.

He asked the youth to participate in voting regularly, elect the right people and by doing this, try to bring a change to the political scenario of the country- a positive change. He argued that without doing these actions, there was no use of taking out 'morchas' and carrying out fasts and rallies.

Mr. Manjrekar dared the youth to get their hands dirty to clean up this system by participating in politics, by joining politics and by being a part of the government machinery. He

expressed his regret about the fact that politics is not considered as a profession in India.

He concluded by asking the youth to open their ears and eyes. Ask questions to the politicians, to make this country a better place and remove all the poverty from the country.



Don't hesitate to be a leader - **Yogesh,**
Student

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VALEDICTORY SESSION



Tripurari Sharan

Director General, Doordarshan,
(National Television Channel of India)

“I only want to say that you need education to come out of this chaos. It is important to remove electronic illiteracy from this country.”

Mr. Sharan started by discussing the terms 'peace' and 'revolution'. He explained that when there is chaos, peace is lost. However, he added that chaos occurs when change is taking place in the society. A change he said would result from a movement, through which objectives will be achieved.

He added that strengthening our democracy is our main goal right now. For this he added, a change was needed in the society, which is the reason for chaos around us today.

He concluded by saying that a peaceful interaction, communication and exchange of thoughts between the youth and the senior public officials of this country was required for bringing in change. He felt that “listening” is the most important asset and requirement of a democracy, and this interaction will make both parties to listen to each other for strengthening of democracy.





VALEDICTORY SESSION



Prithviraj Chavan

Chief Minister, Maharashtra

“ To succeed in life we have many opportunities, you just have to identify those opportunities. If you get to know those opportunities in time, and remove all the barriers then you will definitely get success ”

Mr. Chavan hailed the efforts of Mr. Rahul Karad for building the initiative of the Student Parliament and carrying it forward into its second year.

The Chief Minister recollected his presence at the 1st Indian Student Parliament in January 2011 and expressed his immense pleasure about the association of Ministry of Higher and Technical Institute with the event and the fact that the event took place in Maharashtra.

Mr. Chavan had words of appreciation for MIT School of Government, which he said would strengthen the Indian democracy.

He went on to highlight the benefits of this initiative of the Student Parliament in learning, engaging meaningful dialogue and debate and utilizing the positive energy of the youth for developing the India of our dreams.

Mr. Chavan concluded by praising the immense response earned by the initiative, which he said connected students from all sections of the country, from affluent classes to the weaker sections. He also expressed his satisfaction at the variety of contemporary topics discussed at the event like social media, youth participation in politics, combating corruption and women empowerment.

Message delivered through video conferencing



Ms. Neelam Sharma & Prof. Sudhir Rane - Masters of Ceremony for the 3-day Chhatra Sansad.

No alternative to hard work - Pratibha,
Student

TYING OF EKATA SUTRA (BAND OF SOLIDARITY)

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Prof Dr Vishwanath D Karad

Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune

I pay my respect and homage to Swami Vivekanandji and thank you all for your presence here and for the idea and values that you have received from here, from various eminent speakers. It is precious for you. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you all to convey my regards to your parents. I don't expect anything more from you.

Keep in mind that this Indian Student Parliament might be enough to give direction to the people of India, which display the different cultures, traditions and customs of India. You can understand the meaning of these words in the campus of MIT; in the campus of World Peace Centre. I just want to create a sense of respect for our Mother India. It is time to go home but whatever we have said and have started with, the union of science and religion/spirituality alone will help to bring harmony and peace among the humankind.

Secondly, that 21st century is going to be the century for Mother India. At least, I do not have any doubt about this, provided, the new generation should have this feeling. The knowledge based society is emerging. This is an advantage to our country, as quoted by Saint Dnyaneshwar:-

"Om namojiaadhyā.Vedpratipadya.

Jay Jay swasvedya aatmarupa".

Remember, this is not a religious quote; it is an ideology for the whole universe. This is what Saint Dnyaneshwar said at the age of 16. I am writing a book, "Dnyaneshwari: Commentary on Gita", so that I can see the ultimate reality, the ultimate truth of the world. Saint Dnyaneshwar gave a message that the entire Universe is the manifestation of pure

intelligence and pure consciousness.

Remember, that India is a place where we have conducted this event to keep the Indian ideology of peace alive in the world. I would again like to thank you all and request you all to give my warm regards to your parents.



Defend diversity and differences - **Shivanand**,
Student

VOTE OF THANKS

VALEDICTORY SESSION



Gp. Capt. (Retd.) D. P. Apte

Director Strategic Planning and Implementation

While proposing the vote of thanks for the 2nd Indian Student Parliament, Group Captain Apte thanked Mr. Tushar Gandhi, Swami Vigyanand, Mr. Sanjay Puri, Mr. P. Sainath, Mr. Mahesh Manjrekar, Mr. Tripurari Sharan, Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Dr. Mayande, the dignitaries on the stage. He extended his thanks to honorable CM Prithviraj Chavan, for his video message.

Group captain Apte mentioned special thanks to institute Executive President Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Mr. Rahul Karad, and Mr. T. N. Seshan (Chairman of MITSOG), Mr. Rajesh Tope and Mr. Valvi for their immense contribution to the Student Parliament. He also thanked the speakers and guests for all the three days.

He proceeded to thank the print and electronic media, that had covered the 3-day program in detail.

He also extended his wishes to anchors Ms. Neelam Sharma, Mrs. Anjali Vamburkar, Mrs. Juhi Rane, all faculty members, the staff and student volunteers, for making the event a grand success.

Gp. Capt. Apte also thanked sponsors, the Bank of Maharashtra, Ministry of Sports for Youth Affairs, Government of Maharashtra, Sanjay Kakade Group, Cosmos Bank, Bank of India, Kumar Properties, Kumar Builders, Force Motors, Praveen Masalewale, Gandhi Fellowship, Apna Circle, Shapoorji Pallonji Corporation, for their support.

He concluded by thanking all the participants who joined the historic moment, with a pledge to take India to the top of the world.





RAHUL KARAD BEING CONGRATULATED BY THE YOUTH LEADERS



MOMENTS FROM 2nd BHARTIYA CHHATRA SANSAD





EKTA SUTRA - BOND OF SOLIDARITY



A band of solidarity (Ekta Sutra) was circulated in the valedictory session across the pandal, in order to spread the spirit of oneness and call for unity and solidarity among youth in general and the society in particular. This band in three colours – orange, white and green (signifying the Indian national flag), was bound together by all the participants and the dignitaries on the dais.

This act symbolized unity, solidarity and willingness to work together for the nation, with the hope that they would carry the message across the nation and also across the world to promote harmony and peace.



FELICITATION OF RAHUL KARAD

FOUNDER CONVENOR, BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD



The valedictory session was marked with lot of zeal and excitement among the youth. They rushed to congratulate and thank Mr. Rahul Karad, the man behind the innovative concept of Indian Student Parliament (Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad). While the group of students swelled and encircled Mr. Rahul Karad, he interacted with all of them very patiently and consented to have photos with them and sign autographs.

He passionately explained to the youngsters about the significance of the large scale participation of youths in the Student Parliament. He urged them to work sincerely and unconditionally for strengthening democracy and developing the nation. He was visibly moved and acknowledged their appreciation when he was being felicitated by all the student leaders followed by a standing ovation from the audience.



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Smt. Neela Satyanarayan

State Election Commissioner,
Maharashtra

for her words of encouragement
and appreciation towards this initiative
of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad.



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Kapil Dev

Don't go by the words but understand the underlying meaning of these words



Dr Shashi Tharoor

India is not a country of "majority community", but a country of multiple minorities



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar

One India, Team India, My India!



Dr. Rajendra Pachauri

This will be the century of India



Nandita Das

I don't think you need to be great politicians to change the color of politics



G Vitthal Rao

I am deprived of my own satisfaction



R K Laxman and Mrs. Kamala Laxman



Sulajja Firodia Motwani

Good happens to those who do good work



Mahesh Manjrekar

Participate regularly in elections by casting your vote



Liam Burns

Student Parliament has India's leaders of tomorrow



The Chatra Sansad Pledge with His Holiness Dalai Lama



Arnab Goswami

People should refrain from abusing media

MEDIA COVERAGE

2nd Indian student parliament Youth need to solve problems in every field: Pitroda

DNA Correspondent

"Democratisation of technology will help end poverty in the country. If we continue with a growth rate of over 8%, then in the next 20 years India would be free of poverty," said advisor to the prime minister on public information infrastructure & innovation, Sam Pitroda.

He was speaking to students through videoconferencing at the inauguration of the second Indian Student Parliament here on Tuesday.

The parliament was organised by MIT School of Government, Pitroda said. "I want young people in science, technology, politics, business and in every field. They should solve the problems which we are facing. However, we need strong support from the government to solve problems."

Technology should be used to connect libraries, co-operatives and universities, information technology can

'CHANGE DEMOCRACY'

Renowned cartoonist RK Laxman was felicitated on the occasion. Laxman's wife, Kamla, had the words, "The common man and student should enter politics as they can change democracy."

help improve highways, food supply and communication he said. Pitroda said, "The western models will not work in India, we need to work differently. It is a great belief of Gandhian thought."

Union minister of state for sports and youth affairs, Anu Malhotra, who was chief guest of the function, said, "Students, instead of learning to memorise in their classrooms, should understand the problems and solve them through politics."

State Higher and Technical Education Minister, Rajendra Singh, MLA, Patna Sahib, Bihar, also spoke on the occasion.

Youth have a major role in nation-building: Tharoor



Dr. Tharoor at the inauguration of the 2nd Indian Student Parliament

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Youngsters need to think out of box, says Pitroda

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If we continue to grow by 8-10 per cent every year, we might be able to remove poverty in the next 20 years but we need to make use of technology effectively, said Sam Pitroda, advisor to the Prime Minister on public information, infrastructure and innovation. Pitroda was addressing students at the second edition of students' parliament through a video conference at the MIT campus in Kothrud.

"There is a need for us to re-engineer processes, redesign systems and focus on young talent. Today's youngsters need to think out of the box. There should be more young people in science, technology, politics and business. However, the government needs to provide a strong support to students to solve such problems. I have realised that the erosion governments show the rate of



Cartoonist RK Laxman being felicitated on Tuesday.

growth. We need a strong government which will meet the challenges such as expansion, excellence and equity. Today, the real problem lies in rural area. We need to improve their quality of life," added Pitroda.

Union Sports Minister Ajay Malhotra said, "There is a need for students to enter politics and working for people after entering the profession." Renowned cartoonist RK Laxman was presented with a lifetime achievement award at the event.

'Mingle science with public policies'



Students participating in the 2nd Indian Student Parliament

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India needs affordable, scalable models of development: Pitroda

'Using Young Talent, Technology For Benefit Of Poor A Challenge'



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'Answers to all problems in Gandhian model'

Sam Pitroda says India can provide a new model of development to the world based on Gandhian principles



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Rajesh Tope is the Minister for Higher & Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra and is the Guardian Minister of Dist. Jalna.

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Padmakar Valvi is currently serving as the Minister for Sports and Youth Welfare, Govt of Maharashtra and is the Guardian Minister of Dist. Nandurbar

Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad - President, Indian Student Parliament, Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune

Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, an eminent educationist, thinker and a man of great vision. Dr. Karad was awarded the Degree of Doctorate in Philosophy and Education by the International University of Washington.

Padma vibhushan Mr. R. K. Laxman - Internationally Renowned Cartoonist

Rasipuram Krishnaswamylyer Laxman is an Indian cartoonist, illustrator, and humorist. He is widely regarded as India's greatest-ever cartoonist and is best known for his creation The Common Man

Sam Pitroda - Advisor to the Prime Minister of India

Sam Pitroda is an inventor, entrepreneur and policymaker. He is currently Advisor to the Prime Minister of India on Public Information Infrastructure & Innovations

Mohansingh Rajpal - Mayor, Pune City

Mohansingh Rajpal of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) is mayor of Pune City.

Nandita Das - Renowned Actress & Social Worker

Nandita Das wears many hats and is a renowned actor, director and social worker. Her directorial venture, Firaag, earned her accolades from across the country.

Liam Burns - President, National Union of Students (U.K)

Liam Burns was elected as NUS UK President for 2011/12. NUS works to promote, defend and extend student rights as well as promoting strong and active students' unions.

Ajay Maken - Union Minister of State, (Independent Charge) Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India

Ajay Maken as a sports minister recently he has introduced the Sports Bill with the aim to bring in overall transparency and Administrative reforms in sports. He represents Indian National Congress from New Delhi, Lok Sabha constituency & currently serving as Union Minister of State, (Independent Charge) Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India

Irina Bokova - Director General, UNESCO, Paris

Irina Georgieva Bokova is a Bulgarian politician, incumbent Directors-General of UNESCO. Bokova is the first female and Eastern European to head UNESCO.

Vijay Nambiar - Chief Of Staff to UN Secretary General

Vijay Nambiar is a veteran Indian diplomat and presently is the Chief of Staff to the UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon since 1 January 2007. He holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General and is a member of the Secretary-General's Senior Management Team.

Dr. Raghunath A. Mashelkar - Renowned Scientist

Raghunath Anant Mashelkar is the former Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), a chain of 38 publicly funded industrial research and development institutions in India. He is the Bhatnagar Fellow & President of Global Research Alliance and also the chairman, Academic council, MITSOG. He is also the recipient of the Padma Bhushan award.

Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory - Vice Chancellor, Javaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

Prof. Sudhir Kumar Sopory is a distinguished scientist who has, to his credit, 200 Research publications in refereed and Impact factor Journals; 13 edited books and 50 chapters in books.

Kapil Dev - Former Captain, Indian Cricket Team

Kapil Dev captained the Indian cricket team which won the 1983 Cricket World Cup. He was named by Wisden as the Indian Cricketer of the Century in 2002.

His Holiness Sri Sri Ravishankar - Spiritual Guru & Founder, Art of Living

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a humanitarian leader, spiritual teacher and an ambassador of peace. He is the founder of Art of Living.

Dr. Rajan M. Welukar - Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University

Dr. Welukar holds Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Statistics. He has 25 years of experience in the field of higher education, training and capacity building, community service, youth development, etc.



Dr. Shashi Tharoor - MP, Lok Sabha (INC) & Former Union Minister of State for External Affairs, Govt. of India

Shashi Tharoor is an Indian politician and a Member of Parliament (MP) to Lok Sabha from Indian National Congress representing Thiruvananthapuram constituency. He previously served as the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Communications and Public Information and as the Minister of State for the Ministry of External Affairs.

Prof. Dr. M. Ramnathan - Vice Chancellor, Annamalai University

Prof. Ramnathan (MBBS) has wide teaching experience of 21 years and holds memberships of various prestigious bodies such as Medical Council of India. He has fellowship of F.R.C.S. (Glasgow).

G. Vittal (GADAR) - Poet, Kavi & Social Crusader

Gadar also known as Gummadi Vittal Rao, is a pseudonym of a revolutionary Teluguballadeer and vocal Naxalite activist from the state of Andhra Pradesh, India.

Prof. Dr. N. Prabhu Dev - Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru University

Prof. N. Prabhu Dev is currently serving as the Vice Chancellor of University of Bangalore. He is M.CH in Cardiovascular Thoracic Surgery.

Dhiraj Singh - Programming Consultant, Lok Sabha TV

Mr. Dhiraj Singh has been in journalism for 14 years, and has worked with Asian Age, Hindustan Times, Times of India, Outlook and Headlines Today. As Consultant to the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Mr. Dhiraj Singh is in charge of Programming at Lok Sabha Television.

Dr. Rajendra Pachauri - Noted Environmentalist

Rajendra Kumar Pachauri has served as the chairperson of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since 2002, which was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 during his tenure.

N. R. Narayana Murthy - Chairman Emeritus, Infosys

Nagavara Ramarao Narayana better known as N. R. Narayana Murthy, is an Indian industrialist and software engineer. He founded Infosys in 1981. In 2011, Mr. Murthy became Chairman Emeritus at Infosys.

Krishna Hegde - MLA, (Vile Parle, Mumbai), Maharashtra (INC)

Krishna Hegde is presently serving as the Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra from Vileparle Constituency of Mumbai from Indian National Congress.

Prof. Vibhuti Narain Rai - VC, Mahatma Gandhi AHV, Wardha

Vibhuti Narain Rai did M.A. in English Literature from Allahabad University in the year 1971. He joined Indian Police Service in 1975 and was allotted Uttar Pradesh cadre.

Madhu Goud Yaskhi - Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Nizamabad), Andhra Pradesh (INC)

Madhu Goud Yaskhi is a Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha since 2009. His experience includes serving on parliamentary committees related to Defence, Civil Aviation, External Affairs, Railways, Women & Child Development, Sports & Youth Affairs and Human Resource Development. He represents Indian National Congress from Nizamabad

Anurag Singh Thakur - MP, Lok Sabha (BJP) & National President, Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM)

Anurag Thakur is member of Lok Sabha from Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh representing Bharatiya Janata Party and is also National President of Bharatiya Janta Yuva Morcha (BJYM).

Nilesh Parwekar - MLA (INC), Yavatmal, Maharashtra

Nilesh Parwekar is an MLA in the Maharashtra Assembly since 2009. He has held portfolios like, member of youth affairs committee, science & technology committee, convenor of election committee in Andhra Pradesh etc.

Mahesh Tapase - Spokesperson, Nationalist Congress Party, Maharashtra

Mahesh Tapase is a youth leader and Spokesperson of Nationalist Congress Party, Maharashtra. He has been involved in various social activities also for betterment of society.

Dr. Sanjay Kute - MLA, (BJP), Jalgaon Jamod, Maharashtra

Dr. Sanjay Kute is elected to the Maharashtra State Legislative Assembly from Jalgaon Jamod, in 2009 and represents BJP.

Dr. Sanjay Chahande - Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Pune & Director General, YASHADA

Dr. Sanjay Chahande, IAS, is the acting Vice-Chancellor of University of Pune and also Director General, YASHADA. He is a medical graduate with M.B.B.S. degree and holds M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Sciences, UK.

Anu Aga - Member, National Advisory Council & Former Chairperson, Thermax Ltd

Smt. Anu Aga is currently serving as the Member of the National advisory council. Earlier she has served as the Chairperson of Thermax, leading Indian player in energy and environment management.

Sulajja Firodia (Motwani) - Joint Managing Director of Kinetic Engineering Ltd and Director, Kinetic Motors

Sulajja Firodia (Motwani) belongs to a business family, the grand-daughter of H. K Firodia who founded Kinetic Engineering. She is the Joint Managing Director of Kinetic Engineering Ltd and Director, Kinetic Motors.

Kshitij Hitendra Thakur - MLA, (Nalasopara, Mumbai), (Bahujan Vikas Aghadi)

Kshitij Hitendra Thakur is currently holding the office of Member of Legislative Assembly for the constituency of Nala Sopara, Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra. He is the youngest MLA at the age of 26.

Prof. B. Hanumaiah - Vice Chancellor, Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Prof. B. Hanumaiah, has a vast academic experience of 35 years as a Teacher and 31 years as a Researcher. He has published about 43 research papers in International/National Journals of repute.

Arnab Goswami - Editor in Chief, Times Now

Arnab Goswami is an Indian journalist who is the Editor in Chief and News anchor of the Indian news channel Times Now.

Devendra Fadnavis - MLA, (Nagpur) Maharashtra (BJP)

Devendra Fadnavis is currently serving as the Member of Legislative Assembly since 1999 from Nagpur representing Bharatiya Janta Party.

Dr. Mohan Dharja - President, Vanrai Movement

Dr. Mohan Dharja is a former Union Minister, and an eminent social worker. He is environmentalist and run a non-government organization Vanrai in Pune. He is the recipient of Padma Vibhusan award.

Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar - Eminent Computer Scientist

Dr Vijay Pandurang Bhatkar is an IT computer scientist from India. He is best known as an architect of the PARAM series of Supercomputers, GIST multilingual technology and Education-To-Home mission. He is the recipient of Padma Shri award.

His Holiness Dalai Lama - Spiritual Guru & Leader, Tibetan Buddhism

The 14th Dalai Lama is spiritual leader, who fights for rights of Tibet and its people across the world. The Dalai Lama has received numerous awards over his spiritual and political career including Noble Peace Prize.

Dr. Pankaj Chande - President Association of Indian Universities & VC Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur

Has a lot of work to his credit on Sanskrit literature. At 46 Dr Chande was perhaps the youngest Vice Chancellor of a university in the country.

Shailesh Rao - Google Head and MD for Asia Pacific region & India

He is the Google Head and MD for Asia Pacific region & India. He is a successful entrepreneur in the I.T. sector.

Capt. Abhijit Adsul - MLA (SS), Daryapur, Amravati, Maharashtra, India

A commercial pilot with Jet Airways since 2001, Capt. Adsul was elected as an MLA to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2009 representing Shiv Sena.

Tushar Gandhi - Executive Chairman, Indian Student Parliament & President, Mahatma Gandhi Foundation

He is the great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, and the son of journalist Arun Manilal Gandhi. He established the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation to make Gandhi's message available globally on the Internet.

Swami Vigyananand

Swami Vigyananand is eminent thinker & Spiritual leader & currently serving as Joint General Secretary, Vishva Hindu Parishad. He has attended more than 20 International Conferences in different parts of the world on various subjects and presented papers. He was the 1st Coordinator of Baba Amarnath Yatra in 1992.

Sanjay Puri - President & CEO, AUSIB & Chairman, INDO-US political action committee.

Mr. Sanjay Puri is the Founder and President of the Alliance for US India Business Alliance (AUSIB). AUSIB is dedicated to strengthening economic ties between the US and India. He is also the chairman, INDO-US political action committee.

P. Sainath - Editor, Rural Affairs, The Hindu

He is the Rural Affairs Editor for The Hindu, and the website India Together has been archiving some of his work in The Hindu daily for the past many years.

Mahesh Manjrekar - Renowned Film Maker

Mahesh Manjrekar is an Indian director, actor, writer and producer. He is credited with directing many critically acclaimed films and has won a National Film Award and two Star Screen Awards.

Tripurari Sharan (I. A.S) - Director General, Doordarshan (National Television Channel of India)

Tripurari Sharan is presently serving as the Director General of Doordarshan. Sharan is a 1985 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre. Sharan is also former Director of Film and Television Institute of India (FTII), Pune.



PROFILES OF DIGNITARIES OF BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD

B. K. Pipariya

He is the General Manager (Credit) of Bank of Maharashtra and has a vast experience in the banking sector.

Ajit Abhyankar

He is a veteran Communist thinker and district secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Pune city.

Pror. Vikas Mathkari

He is a professor-turned-politician and the current city President of BJP, Pune unit.

Sunanda Tharoor

She is a successful entrepreneur and the wife of Dr. Shashi Tharoor.

Yogesh Bansal

He is the Founder and CEO of Apnacircle.com, a popular online portal.

Popatrao Pawar He is the enterprising Sarpach (village head) of Hivare Bazar, Dist. Nagar, Maharashtra. Under his leadership, the village has won the "Ideal Village" award.

Sunetra Pawar

She is a successful social entrepreneur and activist working through her NGO, ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM OF INDIA (EVFINDIA). She has also developed a self-sufficient model village called "Katewadi" in the state of Maharashtra.

Pradeep Lokhande

He is the founder of the organization "Rural Relations". He is playing a unique role in helping the rural kids with computer education.

Dr. Madhavrao Gadgil

He is a member of National Advisory Council and a renowned environmentalist. He is the recipient of Padma Shri as well as Padma Bhusan awards.

Prof. Dr. Govind Swaroop

He is an internationally well-known pioneer in the field of radio astronomy. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London.

Manoj Joshi

He is a veteran theatre and television actor and plays the role of 'Chanakya', in a play by the same name.

Ashok Banthia

He is a veteran theatre and television actor and plays the role of 'Maha Amatya' in the play 'Chanakya'.

Alpesh Shah

He is an upcoming and talented actor and plays the role of 'Chandragupta Maurya' in the play 'Chanakya'.

Vishal Chordia

He is the Director, Pravin Masalewale, one of the event partners of BCS.

Anirudha Dhoot

He is the CEO & Executive Director of Videocon Industries Limited.

Yogesh Jadhav

He is the Managing Director of Pudhaari Group of newspapers.

Prabodh Thakkar

He is the Chairman of AON Global Insurance Brokers Ltd.

Nanik Rupani

He is the Chairman of Neutron Electronic Systems Pvt Ltd. and Priyadarshani academy.

Dr. S. B. Mujumdar

He is the Founder & President of Symboisis, Pune and also the recipient of the Padma Shri & Padma Bhushan award.

Lalit Kumar Jain

He is the Chairman of KUL Kumar Urban Development Ltd

Vikram Kakade

He is the Director of Sanjay Kakade Group

P. Balan

He is the General Manager of Marriott Hotel, Pune.

Prof. Dr. S. B. Nimse

He is the Vice-Chancellor of Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra

Pt. Vasant Rao Gadgil

He is the founder of Sharada Dnyan Peetham

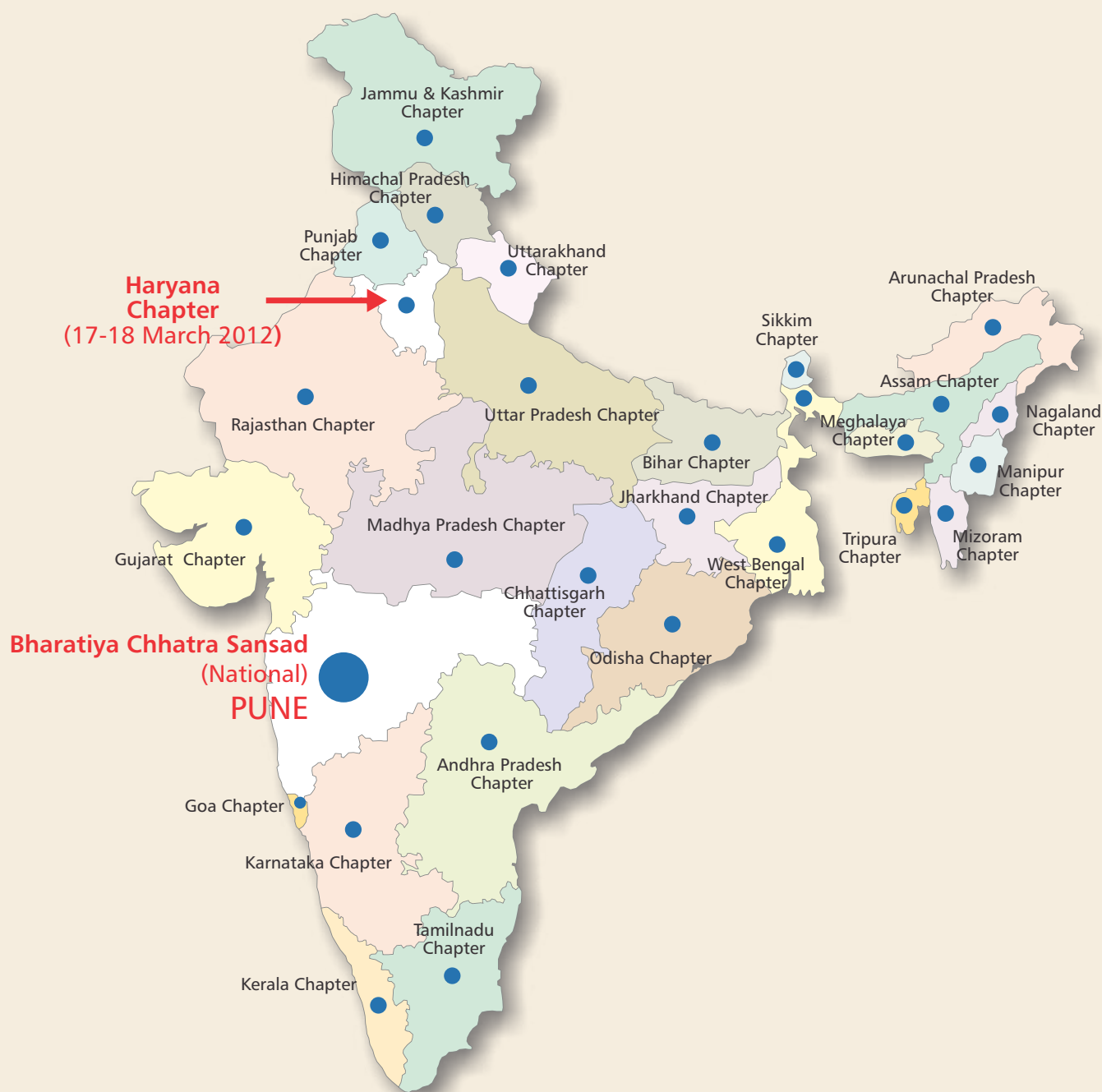
Dr. Arun Nigvekar

He is a former Vice-Chancellor of University of Pune.

Rahul Deshpande

He is a renowned classical singer and the grandson of the legendary classical singer Pt. Vasant Rao Deshpande.

FUTURE OF BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD



Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad envisages that state chapters of the Student Parliament will be held in all the states and Union Territories of India in collaboration with the respective Vidhan Sabha. Further, from each Chhatra Sansad a number of student leaders will be selected equivalent to the number of Members of Legislative Assembly as per respective Vidhan Sabha. These selected student leaders will be exposed to the actual functioning of legislative assembly by making them act as the Member of the Vidhan Sabha for 1 day. This Mock Parliament will enable these selected student leaders to understand the functioning of parliamentary democracy by acting as the legislator & executive. It will certainly help the respective state governments in the policy planning.

The first of such state chapter parliaments will be held in Kurukshetra, Haryana on 17-18 March 2012 in collaboration with the Haryana Vidhan Sabha and from this Chhatra Sansad 90 student leaders will be selected to enact a modal Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

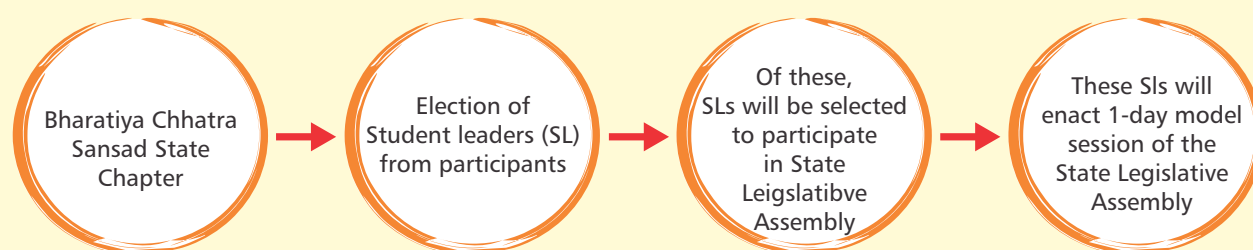


The Haryana Chapter of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad on 17-18 March 2012 will witness the beginning of a new initiative. The participating students will elect student leaders amongst themselves. From these elected student leaders, the organizers will select student leaders equal to the number of members of the Haryana Legislative Assembly. These selected student leaders will enact a model session of the Legislative Assembly for one day.

For example, if 2000 students attend the Haryana BCS

session, then 150 student leaders will be elected amongst them. If the Haryana State Legislative Assembly has 90 MLAs, then the organizers of BCS will select 90 student leaders from original pool of 150 student leaders. These 90 student leaders will then work in the Legislative Assembly, for one day, as MLAs.

During this session, the student leaders will act as the MLA's and conduct the proceedings of the august house, which include participating in discussions, debating on bills, question hour sessions etc.



This model will be followed in all the states where a chapter of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad will be held. The number of selected student leaders will be equal to the number of members of that State's Legislative Assembly.

OUTCOME OF BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD

In the present scenario there is an absence of a common platform wherein the youth could interact with political leaders, civil society activists and opinion makers. There is no mobilization of youth cutting across party lines and ideologies. The Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad filled in the void by providing the much needed common ground for wherein all the stakeholders deliberate and arrive at certain consensus on issues confronting the nation. Following are the specific achievements of the Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad.

- It galvanized the youth for present and future challenges
- Facilitated interaction between student leaders from various states in India and eminent dignitaries.
- First of its kind pan-Indian event which was youth centric and was able to convey the message of the community to the Government of India
- 11 resolutions were passed demanding certain measures from the State and Central Government and also from the International organizations like the United Nations
- One of the resolutions was accepted by the Government of Maharashtra state regarding the Lyndogh committee recommendation on student election in colleges
- It kindled the feeling of youth solidarity, national unity and social harmony
- It succeeded in drawing the attention of the corporate sector, media, social activists and the government
- The Sansad highlighted the significance of youth as a stake holder in the process of nation building and as an ambassador of the nation at the international arena.

ABOUT MIT SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

Every society desires a leadership, which is dynamic, proactive, capable and above all knowledgeable, so that it can most ably represent the society for its betterment. There are many young men and women who desire to assume leadership within the society, but do not know how to go about it. Thus, a dire need was felt for an academy that would impart the necessary knowledge and empower these young aspirants with the wherewithal and the training to be dynamic leaders. This culminated in the founding of MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG) in 2005.

MIT-SOG has the distinction of being the only institute of its kind to initiate a Masters Program in Government (MPG), dedicated to the task of imparting leadership skills to the educated youth for a career in Politics and Government. The Masters Program in Government is a one year full time program for developing leaders in the areas of Politics and Government. The program is a combination of theory, case studies and wide practical exposure through focused activities including interactive sessions by eminent leaders from Politics, Bureaucracy, Judiciary, Social sector, Media & Corporate. This also includes practical exposure through local field visits, national & international study tours. Attachments to MIT-SOG participants up to a period of six months are provided with Political Leaders & Political Party Offices. Assignments, projects and workshops are a regular feature of the program.

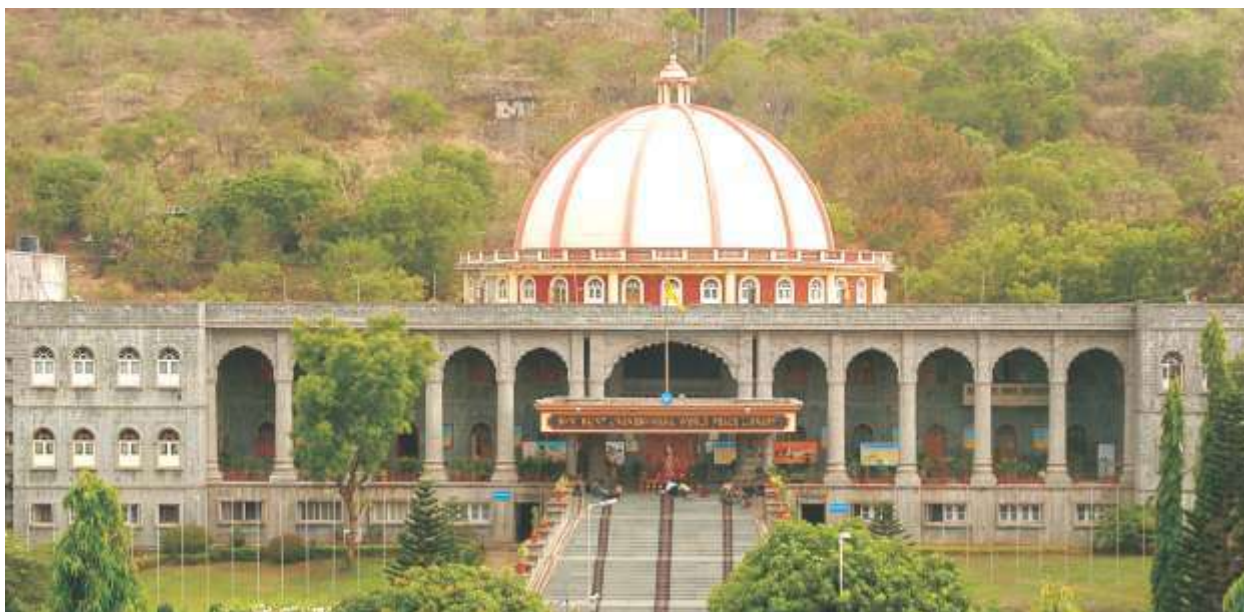
MIT-SOG is a part of the MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, Pune, a highly acclaimed name in the field of education since 1983, founded by Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad. The group consists of educational institutions right from Primary Education to Post Graduate Programs in varied fields like - Engineering, Medicine, Pharmacy, Management, Information Technology, Foreign Languages and so on.

MIT-SOG is supported by UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Peace and Tolerance. Under the mentorship of Shri T.N. Seshan and the chairmanship of Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, we are poised to bolster the presence of young and highly influential leaders in the most sought after political and government offices by direct exposure. MIT-SOG is today the center for aspiring leaders, which has been reinforced by the students of its previous batches, who currently occupy enviable positions in Indian Political & Government offices.





ABOUT WORLD PEACE CENTRE



World Peace Centre (Alandi), MAEER's MIT, Pune, India (WPC) was established on 1st December, 1996 as a non-governmental, voluntary and non-profit organization devoted to the cause of protection of Human Rights, Promotion of Culture of Peace and Democratic values through value based education and training.

Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, President, WPC, is the moving force behind this organization and he is working with a true missionary zeal in order to establish a conflict-free and peace-loving society by organizing national and international level conferences and seminars, carrying out humanitarian activities, providing encouragement to physical fitness and sports activities and many more programs that would foster universal brotherhood and inter-religious and inter-faith dialogue.

In the year 1998, WPC was awarded the UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Tolerance and Peace, in recognition of its outstanding work in the area of establishing Culture of Peace in the world. This is the first such Chair in Asia and only the second in the Asia-Pacific region.

Some of the important activities carried out by WPC since its establishment are as under:

World Philosophers Meet', A Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy, which was attended by more than 700 Indian and Foreign delegates representing nearly fifty countries in November, 1996.

Saint Shree Dnyaneshwara and Saint Shree Tukaram

Endowment Lecture Series dedicated to science, spirituality and peace. It is conducted every year since 1996, from 24th to 30th Nov.

Environmental Improvement and Pollution Control Project at Alandi and Dehu pilgrim centers situated on the banks of Indrayani River.

Transforming Pilgrim Centres into Divine Knowledge Centres: This is a unique project under the Mass Education Program as envisaged by UNESCO. A huge Multimedia Coliseum on the banks of the river Indrayani in Alandi has been erected from where programs related to mass education and public information are held for the benefit of the millions of devotees that visit Alandi each year.

Establishment of Vishwa Shanti Sangh, a citizens' organization to involve members of the general public who will work together to establish culture of peace in the world through various programs.

Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace prize on the lines of Nobel Peace Prize has been constituted since 2006. It is an annual prize so far conferred on H H Mata Amritanandamayi, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Mr Hiroo Saionji and Mrs. Masami Saionji and Rev. Dada JP Vaswani

The MIT School of Government was established in 2005 with the active support of World Peace Center and UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, Tolerance and Peace with a purpose of strengthening democratic fibre of the nation. It intends to convert the aspiring leaders into real leaders who will be committed to bring social change.



MIT GROUP OF INSTITUTION'S BHARAT ASMITA NATIONAL AWARDS

THE THOUGHT BEHIND THE AWARDS

Every society needs role models who can become the pivot of inspiration for that society. It is therefore important that individuals who reach the pinnacle in different vocations are brought to the limelight and their achievements are recognised by the society. The Bharat Asmita National Awards were conceptualized in 2005 to recognise extraordinary achievements of individuals in our society whose examples can fire the youth to look beyond ordinary ideas and goals, and thus, take the society towards extraordinary progress.

The Bharat Asmita National Awards, which were first constituted in 2005, are now being held under the aegis of Bharat Asmita Foundation. Under the chairmanship of Mr. Rahul V. Karad, Bharat Asmita Foundation also organizes the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad & other programs for promotion of democracy.

CATEGORIES OF AWARD

Year	Bharat Asmita Jana Pratinidhi Shreshta - Best Young Exponent of Parliamentary Practices -	Bharat Asmita Jana Jagaran Shreshta - Best Practitioner of various media	Bharat Asmita Acharya Shreshta - Best teacher in Management	Bharat Asmita - Special Award for Lifetime Achievement
2005	Shri. Dayanidhi Maran, Former Union Minister	Dr. Jaiprakash Narayan, Founder Loksatta	Dr. M. Ram Mohan Rao, Dean I.S.B. Hyderabad	Late Shrikant Jichkar, Former M.P.
2006	Shri. Navin Jindal, M.P.	Ms. Barkha Dutt, NDTV	Dr. Anil Gupta, I.I.M. Ahmedabad	Shri R. R. Patil, Home Minister, Maharashtra
2007	Shri. Jyotiraditya Scindia, M.P.	1) Dr. Shekhar Gupta, CEO, Indian Express 2) Special Award-Shri Raj Kumar Hirani-Noted Film Director	Dr. Prakash Apte, Former Director, I.I.M. Bangalore	
2008	Shri .B.J. Panda, M.P.	Shri Rajdeep Sardesai, CNN- IBN- 7	Dr. Bakul Dholakia, Former Director, I.I.M. Ahmedabad	Dr. Raman Singh, Chief Minister, Chhatisgarh
2009	Smt. Bhavana Gawali, Member of Parliament, (L.S.)	Smt. Aruna Roy, Shri Nikhil Dey and Shri Shankar Singh, Founders, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan	Prof. Shekhar Chaudhari, Director, I.I.M, Calcutta	1) Shri. G. Madhavan Nair Chairman, ISRO 2) Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC



Year	Bharat Asmita Jana Pratinidhi Shreshta - Best Young Exponent of Parliamentary Practices -	Bharat Asmita Jana Jagaran Shreshta - Best Practitioner of various media	Bharat Asmita Acharya Shreshta - Best teacher in Management	Bharat Asmita - Special Award for Lifetime Achievement
2010	Shri. Deepender Singh Hooda, Member of Parliament, (L.S.)	a) Best use of Mass Media/ NGO-Shri. P. Sainath, Rural editor, The Hindu b) Best use of Acting and / Direction - Dr Jabbar Patel, Renowned Film Director & Producer	Prof. Ajit Rangnekar, Dean, I.S.B. Hyderabad	Padma Vibhushan Shri. Narayana Murthy & Padmashree Smt. Sudha Murthy
2011	Sh. Anurag Singh Thakur - MP Lok Sabha	a) Best use of Mass Media / NGO- Sh. Gurucharan Das - Author b) Best use of Acting and/ Direction - Sh. Ashutosh Gowariker Director, actor, writer and producer c) Best use of Lyrics/Music / Singing - Ms. Mallika Sarabhai - Renowned Artist- theatre, television, film, writing and publishing	Prof. Pankaj Chandra - Professor and the Director of IIM, Bangalore	
2012	Shri. Jayant Chaudhary - MP, Lok Sabha	Best use of Mass Media / NGO- Shri. Siddhartha Basu, Chairman & Managing Director, Big Synergy Media Ltd.	Prof. S. Parsuraman, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences	Shri. Pawan Kumar Chamling, Chief Minister of Sikkim Bharat Asmita Vigyaan - Tantragyaan Shreshtha (Best Use of Science & Technology through Innovation – Prof. Samir K. Brahmachari, Secretary, DSIR & Director General, CSIR

In addition to above awards Bharat Asmita Vigyaan - Tantragyaan Shreshtha: Best use of Science & Technology through Innovation was also conferred on - (1) Prof. Dr. Ashok Jhunjhunwala, Head TeNet Group, I.I.T Chennai (2010) and (2) Dr. Samir K. Brahmachari - Secretary, DSIR, Govt of India & Director General, CSIR (2012)

EMINENT SPEAKERS AT 1ST BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (12-14 Jan. 2011)



Rajesh Tope, Chief Patron and Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra
"The purpose of this Parliament is to listen to the ideas of youth and seniors leaders from different areas."



Rahul V. Karad, Founder Convenor, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad
"Over 8000 students from all over India, have registered to attend this event. I congratulate all of them for showing great enthusiasm."



Prof. Dr. Vishwanath Karad, Founder and Executive President, World Peace Centre, MAEER's MIT, Pune
"It seems that time has come for the youth of India to undertake the major responsibilities not only for our country but for the entire mankind."



Kapil Sibal, Union Minister of HRD & Minister of Communications & IT, Govt. of India
"We have to bring a revolution in education. Further, it is necessary to use technology for development in rural areas."



Mohansingh Rajpal, Mayor, Pune City
"In today's times when different challenges are creating obstacles in our progress, the action by youth is highly desirable."



Sushil Kumar, World Champion Wrestler
"I wish all the success for this 1st Parliament of Indian Student Council Leaders."



Dr. Pankaj Chande, President, Association of Indian Universities & VC, Kavi Kulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur, Maharashtra
"It is essential for good people to enter politics and change its face, and bring about a better India."



Dr. Archana Patil, Social Activist
"Youth must bridge the gap between the past and the future. Hindrances will come, but overcome them with a calm frame of mind."



Putul Kumari, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (IND)
"The youth must ponder on what we have gained and what we are losing."



Subhash Ghai, Renowned film maker
"On this special occasion you need to remember three key words - Indian. Parliament. Student. Use these words as your guidelines. Be patriotic. Keep learning. Create a true Parliament."



Bhavana Gavali, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Shivsena)
"Work towards becoming someone whose presence and contribution will be remembered by posterity."



Rajeev Satav, President, Indian Youth Congress
"The role of this Parliament of Student Leaders is to give a new direction to our political system."



Dr. Bhalchandra Mungekar, Economist and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (INC)
"The education system is threatened with the disease of corruption, and one fears a day might come when only the rich will be able to afford education."



Dr. Vijay Bhatkar, Eminent Computer Scientist
"This time will not come again. Seize this opportunity and be the architects of change."



Nana Patekar, Renowned Actor
"Students must enter politics. But remember to leave behind your religion and caste, and enter only as an Indian."



EMINENT SPEAKERS AT 1ST BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (12-14 Jan. 2011)



Prithviraj Chavan, Chief Minister of Maharashtra

"If we are deviating from our duties, you have a right to point out the mistake and ask for an explanation."



Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Former President of India

"Take a pledge that you will elect only such people who will contribute to economic development"



Dr. Vijay B. Mehta, Vice-Chancellor of Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli (Maharashtra)

"It is a pleasure to share the dais with Dr. Abdul Kalam, an eminent scientist and a person who has dedicated his service to the nation and strived diligently to take India towards self-reliance."



Nilesh Parvekar, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (INC)

"We should strengthen democracy by all means so that we will realize Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's dream of India as a super power in 2020."



Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, Spiritual leader & founder, Art of Living

"Overcome anger; remember the role of Mahatma Gandhi and his commitment to non-violence. The vision of a world developed on these lines originated in India"



Dr. Vandana Shiva, World renowned environmentalist

"The economy of greed creates ecological catastrophe. We must stop the people who are selling out the desperately scarce natural resources just to make profits."



Dr. Vijay Pandharipande, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad

"Youth should participate in politics even while pursuing studies, remain vigilant and steadfastly work towards the development of their nation."



Abhijit Panse, President Bharatiya Vidyarthi Sena

"The participation of youth in democracy is a significant development but they also need guidance apart from the usual sermons on responsibilities."



Chand Babu Rehman, President, Nationalist Student Congress, India

"There is a need to understand and appreciate the contribution of youth in the Indian politics as there is a prevailing tendency to curtail the participation of youth in active politics."



Jitendra Avhad, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (NCP)

"Politics in India is indeed very dynamic and constructive and participation of youth into politics will see it emerge as a vibrant democracy."



Pankaja Munde Palve, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (BJP)

"Instead of regretting the birth of a girl child, we should celebrate it. Each youth should take an oath to protect women and to oppose female infanticide."



Dr. N. J. Pawar, Vice-Chancellor, Shivaji University, Kolhapur

"The process of globalization has generated many challenges for the youth and they must accept the challenge which gives them ample opportunity to perform."



Ashutosh Gowariker, Renowned film maker

"Media plays a significant role in promoting democracy in the society, but the challenge is when information is used as a source of entertainment"



Dr. B. P. Bandgar, Vice-Chancellor, Solapur University, Maharashtra

"There is a greater need for the media to undertake more responsibility as it inspires thoughts in public and seeks to accomplish the goals concerned with socio-economic development of our nation."



Rahul Bajaj, Chairman, Bajaj Auto

"Quality of leadership is important. It's not the charisma; it's the idea of understanding the present and planning for tomorrow that will generate better opportunities."

EMINENT SPEAKERS AT 1ST BHARATIYA CHHATRA SANSAD (12-14 Jan. 2011)



Prashant Thakur - Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (INC)

"When we talk of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), we must think on the lines of Mr. Azim Premji, Mr. Rahul Bajaj, Mr. Narayana Murthy and Ms. Sudha Murthy and the likes."



Aruna Roy, Founder, Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS)

"*'Hamara Paisa, Hamara Hisab'* is each one's right. An awakening among the people will force the various institutions to disclose their budgets."



Dhairyashil Patil, Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (PWP)

"Corruption should be combated at an individual level. Instead of being a witness we should be a catalyst in the process of eradicating corruption."



L. K. Advani, Veteran Leader & Chairman, Parliamentary Party, BJP, India

The innovative idea of MIT School of Government in organizing the 1st Parliament is praiseworthy."



Dr. Vilas Sapkal - Vice Chancellor, Rashtra Sant Tukdoji Maharaj University, Nagpur, Maharashtra

"National security means not only the protection of the nation's borders but also a protection of food, energy, water, health and education system."



Mahesh Tapase, Spokesperson, Nationalist Congress Party, Maharashtra

"The emerging cities are becoming the target of terrorist attacks in present times. Failure to protect them is threatening the security of citizens."



Chhagan Bhujbal, Minister, Public Works Department, Maharashtra, India

"Only one's commitment towards the people will make him / her a respectable leader. There is no shortcut to becoming a leader."



Dr. Arun Jamkar, Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra State Health Sciences University, Nashik, Maharashtra

"A leader should 'walk hand-in-hand' with his people and should ensure that no one is left behind. There shouldn't be any difference between one's words and actions."



Advt. Vandana Chavan, President, Nationalist Congress Party, Pune City

"Each leader should have a passion within him/her and should give time to address issues concerning the community."



Dr. Kiran Bedi, Retired IPS Officer

"Women should come forward and take initiatives for their own empowerment. They can contribute in agriculture, education, corporate sector among others"



Dr. S. B. Nimse, Vice Chancellor of Swami Raman and Teerth Marathwada University, Nanded, Maharashtra

"Women possess sincerity, smartness and capacity to work hard. India will become a super power if all the women of India are empowered."



Vijender Singh, Olympic Medalist in Boxing, India

"The 1st Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad symbolizes advent of a new revolution of the youth. I appeal to the youth to get into politics, and tap the energy to run this country."



Milind Gunaji, Renowned Actor

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