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There is a need to rethink the nature of governance



It is not possible to address the fundamental issues of governance if we fail to reflect on what is the path of development that we want to follow, said Prof. P.V. Krishna Bhatta, Member, ICSSR, Government of India and Chancellor of Odisha Central University.

Speaking after inaugurating the second symposium on Rethinking Globalisation – Issues of Governance, organised by Awareness in Action at Gandhi Bhavan in Bengaluru on August 11, 2018, Krishna Bhatta emphasised the need to rethink the nature of governance.

India as a society, which was bothered about human welfare, should become a driver for the new path of globalisation so that people not just in India,

throughout the world are benefited.

Speaking on Governance and Bureaucracy, Shri Jayaprakash Narayan, Founder, Lokasatta emphasised the two-way relationship that is necessary between the administrative machinery and the citizens without which, benefits will not reach the end user.

Speaking on the same issue, IRS officer, Dr. Y.V.S.T. Sai, outlined the nature of governance structure and its realities and he felt that there is a dire need to incorporate the new challenges of our time with new technology in governance. Ananta Bhat coordinated the session.

Speaking on Participatory Governance, Prof.

Parthasaradhi said that participation of various stakeholders, though prevalent and necessary, has not been adequate. He articulated the possible models to enhance the efficiency of the governance.

Prof. Ashok Kumar, while using examples to reflect on participatory governance, articulated the success stories of Bengaluru. Both the speakers said that the attentiveness of stakeholder could make governance efficient and competitive. Dr. Atungbou coordinated the session.

Speaking on Governance and Industry, Shri Janardhan, Vice president, FKCCI, explained the possibility of multiple intermediary institutions in facilitating the issues of good governance. He suggested to evolve such mechanism in all

dimensions of the governance.

Director General, Services Exports Promotion Council, Smt. Sangeeta Godbole, described the complex administrative structure and the statutory mechanism that are involved in governance and raised a series of issue that could be of productive investment to think about governance. Dr. Basavaraj coordinated this session.

Dr. Priyesh concluded the symposium by reviewing the entire day's deliberation. Earlier, AiA secretary, Madhavi elaborated the activities of organisation, while Prof. Suchismita Satpathy outlined the concept of governance issue and globalisation. Working president of AiA, Buchibabu offered vote of thanks.



Capacity building programmes

Capacity building among students and communities is the need of the day. Keeping this in view, AiA has decided to organize capacity-building programmes every month for a batch of 50 members including students and professionals.

AiA will take the help of resource persons, HR professionals and professionals from industry for the benefit of the participants.

Future leaders' breakfast with an achiever

Select 30-member group of young students and professionals will have breakfast on a particular day of every month with an achiever. These achievers could be CEO of a company, Social Activist, Scientist and so on. This programme will inspire the participants in refining their ideas and skills to achieve something big in their lives.

AiA symposium focuses on next generation technologies and infrastructure



Experts shared their knowledge and answered the questions posed by the participants at the one-day symposium on Emerging Technologies and Infrastructure, organized by Awareness in Action at the JNTUH Auditorium in UGC, Kukatpally on July 28, 2018.

The symposium focused on three issues - urban infrastructure, digital infrastructure and connectivity infrastructure.

Speaking on the occasion, chief guest, Dr B.S. Madhukar, Advisor to NAAC, said that the idea of lift came from, not an engineer, but from a janitor of a hotel. He said the lifts began working from outside the building as against the lifts working within the buildings.

He pointed out how we misuse the available infrastructure. By 2040, India becomes 10 Trillion market and utilization or misutilisation of existing infrastructure would primarily be playing a major role. He also spoke about the gap between industry and the



industry-required-knowledge possessed by students passing out of colleges.

Speaking on urban infrastructure, additional principal chief conservator of forests, Hyderabad circle, Dr. G. Chandrasekhar Reddy stressed on greenery. He said that in India, planting began only around five decades ago. "We need to focus more on it to increase green infrastructure", he said.

The urban infrastructure includes transport facilities, communication facilities, roads & buildings and waterways for civilians. Singapore is one of the greenest cities, which provides its people the best urban infrastructure, he said.

Chandrasekhar Reddy focused mainly on Hyderabad green infrastructure and benefits of it. The green infrastructure gives humanity access to nature. Air quality increases as the green infrastructure increases and in turn, that increases the human-health, he said.

Speaking on digital infrastructure, CEO and MD, 5Barz India Pvt Ltd., Shri Samatha Raghava Nagabhushanam and Shri Vijaya Kumar Khaderbad said that digital connectivity is of two types – personal and home connectivity through broadband. 'Internet of Things' and 'Internet of Everything' are the next big things which could be enabled by the Net Connectivity.

The real picture of the India, however, does not give a comfortable feeling, they said adding that while there are 100 million affordable homes of which 30% are broadband connected and 170 million homes are not-affordable homes and not broadband connected.

The speakers also said that crypto currency is next level digital banking against the existing core bank and the crypto currency would be everywhere in the next 10-15 years.

Speaking on connectivity infrastructure, Deputy Chief Engineer (R&B), Telangana, Shri T. Satyanarayana said, the motto of Indian roads is to reduce the time to reach the destination. India had 29,000 km stretch of roads in 1980, 76,000 kms by 2012 and 1,15,435 km stretch of by 2017 and it will go up to 2 lakh kms in the coming years.

He said Indian roads contribute 4.7% of US. Roads carry 65% freight and 85% of passengers. He also spoke about the latest "Bharatmala" and National Highways Authority of India projects. India has 1.435 lakh km roads, which constitute National Highways, State Roads, District Roads and Village Roads. With 56 lakh kms length of India Roads, India is next to GDP, he said.



AiA new executive elected

New executive committee of Awareness in Action was elected at the annual general body meeting of Awareness in Action on September 15.

Outgoing president of AiA, Shri B G Rajeswar requested senior journalist and advisor, Shri Amaraiah to act as returning officer and conduct the elections for the executive committee and announced dissolution of the previous executive body with the consent of all the office-bearers.

During the election, T. Buchibabu was unanimously elected as the president of AiA, while M. Madhavi was re-elected as the secretary.

Philanthropist and well-wisher of AiA, Shri CHBS Subramanyam, advisors Dr. Dinesh Kumar, Shri Amaraiah and others appreciated the performance of the organization and advised the new executive committee to keep up the pace.

Before electing the new executive committee, the general body reviewed the previous programmes and approved the expenditure incurred.

Later, the new executive committee thanked the general body members for giving them an opportunity to take forward the aims and objectives of the organization and assured that they would strive to live up to the expectations of the general body.



AiA plan for bridging gap between industry and institute

The change in curriculum and cropping up of innumerable educational institutions at all levels failed to bridge the gap between industry and institute. The industry is suffering due to lack suitably skilled people. Looking at this pathetic condition, AiA has decided to contribute its might in understanding advancements in the industry and assessing the requirements of the industry by conducting series of symposia on emerging technologies, manufacturing industries and infrastructure.

Later, the AiA will conduct wide consultations with stakeholders through surveys, round table conferences and symposia to find workable ideas and solutions. The workable ideas will be translated into recommendations and efforts will be made to get the recommendations implemented.

Volunteers meet gets good response



Awareness in Action (AiA), a non-profit registered organisation, engaged in bringing common people, experts, policymakers together to generate brilliant ideas and put them to use for the betterment of the World, has decided to allow young people, particularly students to work as volunteers and learn many skills. Consequently, AiA invited youth to join hands with the organization to work as a volunteer in future activities. A meeting was held for aspiring volunteers at JNTU on 6th September, 2018.

The meeting received very good response and sizeable number of students and professionals attended it. The participants expressed their willingness to work as volunteers and hone their skills in handling people and things. The participants suggested opening of AiA chapters in colleges to organize the awareness programmes on a bigger scale and generate more ideas that would go a long way in nation building.

AiA chapters in colleges

AiA plans to start its Chapters in colleges with minimum of 4 members. Each of this chapter will conduct eight guest lectures every year on related topics. AiA will arrange the experts and the institute will provide infrastructure. Students have come forward to start Chapters in nine engineering colleges

Upcoming events

1. AiA will organize a symposium on Rethinking Globalisation: Climate Change, Environment & Public Health on December 15, 2018 at, Bengaluru for which registrations have already begun.

2. Ideas Conclave for Better Hyderabad is AiA's flagship annual event. The first event in this series was organised on December 16th & 17th 2017 on Urban Infrastructure, Town Planning, Health Tourism, Security and Political Parties View.

Every participant including the experts, guests, administrators and political leaders appreciated AiA efforts in conducting such conclave.

As part of the series, the second conclave will be organized in the third week of January 2019 keeping the previous year's feedback and the current year's requirements in view.



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