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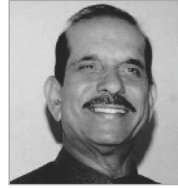
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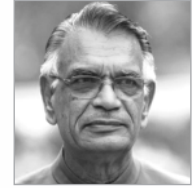
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NLC 2023 - Work Review Meeting

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National Legislative Conference, 2023: work review meeting

Two days' work review meeting for the National Legislative Conference, 2023 was organized on 24th-25th January 2023 at the Conference room of School of Design, MIT WPU, Pune. It was attended by national and international academic leaders and experts from different fraternities. The academics and experts engaged in a thorough discussion on the various aspects of the National Legislative Conference. Participants delved into the purpose and objectives of the NLC, as well as the design and preparation that goes into it, and examined the expected outcomes of the NLC. Additionally, the meeting conducted a

review of the assigned work and responsibilities, and how all participants will contribute to the success of the NLC. The discussion also moves around the potential challenges that the NLC may face and ways to mitigate them. The NLC work review meeting was an important step in ensuring that the NLC is well-planned and executed, with the aim of achieving its desired outcomes.

Participants in Meeting:

- Shri. Rahul V. Karad, Executive President, MIT World Peace University
- Ms. Aditi Karad, Member Trustee & Joint Secretary, MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions
- Dr Suresh Garimella, President, Vermont University
- Dr Ashok Joshi, Scientist, Inventor & Educationist
- Dr R. M. Chitnis, Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
- Dr Jay Gore, Former Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
- Dr Joske Bunders, Professor, Vrije University
- Dr Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation
- Dr Nitish Chawla, Professor, University of Notre Dame
- Dr Santosh Kumar, Dean, MIT School of Liberal Arts
- Dr Gautam Bapat, Professor, MIT World Peace University
- Dr Pournima Inamdar, Dean, MIT School of Law
- Dr Tapan Panda, Pro-Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
- Dr Ganesh Mantri, MIT School of Government
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- Shri Ashutosh Shinolikar, Head, Media at MIT World Peace University
- Shri. Ujjwal Khelkar, Director of Media, MIT World Peace University
- Shri. Dhiraj Singh, MIT World Peace University
- Shri. J. P. Das, Former Associate at the US Embassy in India
- Shri Sankalp Singhai, Institutional Relations, MIT World Peace University
- Shri. Bhushan Shete, Professor, MIT School of Public Policy
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- Shri. Pravin Patil, MIT World Peace University
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- Shri. Aniket Kale
- Shri. Abhay Kumar Chaube
- Shri. Darshan Mundada, International Partnership at National Legislators Conference
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- Ms. Nishita, MIT World Peace University
- Ms. Anupama Ghosh
- Ms. Sanika More, Research Associate, MIT School of Public Policy
- Ms. Monalisa Singh, MIT World Peace University



Shri. Rahul V Karad initiated the meeting by welcoming and felicitating the dignitaries. He began by providing an overview of the agenda for the two-day NLC work review meeting and setting the context for the discussions to follow. The opening remarks set the tone for the event and highlighted the key topics to be discussed, as well as the expectations for the outcome of the meeting. He also discussed the importance of the NLC and how it aims to empower MLAs by bringing them on a single platform for experiential learning and the exchange of ideas. He also emphasized the need for active participation and engagement from all participants, to ensure a productive and successful outcome for the meeting.

Major Discussion Points of Meeting:

The presentation on the National Legislative Conference, 2023 led by esteemed Prof. Parimal Sudhakar and Mr. Sankalp Singhai, provided a comprehensive overview of the NLC's objectives, key components, and expected outcomes. The presentation also delves into NLC program design with proposed domains on the participatory discussion. Additionally, the presenters discussed the program's impact on participants, including the skills and knowledge they gain and the ways in which they apply them in their professional and personal lives.

Dr Jay Gore, Former Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University:

India has achieved significant advancement in a relatively brief period of time. Despite the diversity of the country, maintaining a democratic government has been accomplished effectively. However, the image of India held by people outside the country is often misinformed.

India should be recognized for its indigenous technology and the Indian Standard Time should be referred to as the ISRO Standard Time, in recognition of the country's success in launching satellites for the world.

Dr Santosh Kumar, Dean, MIT School of Liberal Arts:

Despite facing numerous obstacles as a nation over the past 74 years, Indian democratic system has developed robustly and transitioned from a single-party dominant system to a multi-party system.

it is not odd that we have one party in the Union and regional parties in the States. While this may lead to delays, and differences, nonetheless, this is also the success of our democracy.

Dr Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation:

The National Legislative Conference can benefit





greatly by inviting participants from other nations to share their best practices from their respective parliaments. One potential initiative to explore is the "International Panel of Parliamentarians for Freedom of Religion or Belief" which was established in 2014 at the Oxford Union and is currently based at the Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo, Norway.

The NLC should consider reaching out to Abid Raja, a prominent parliamentarian from Norway, to collaborate and take the NLC forward in this regard. This will not only help the NLC to learn from the best practices of other countries but also to promote and protect the freedom of religion or belief globally.

Shri Darshan Mundada, International Partnership at National Legislators Conference:

The objective of NLC and the vision of Shri. Rahul Karad is making NLC a LinkedIn of elected representatives and integrating it with a massive digital platform. Need is very well established as like NLC some bodies exist globally which doing it on a global spectrum.

We must read the book titled "Clients and Constituents" by Jennifer Bussell. She has conducted a detailed study on how much time is spent by legislators on legislation, and whether all the legislators actually legislate.

Shri Aniket Kale:

Indian democracy is different from Western democracies. Western intellectualism does not work in India. India is an organic democracy that is evolving over a period of time and it works on village wisdom.

The National Legislative Conference must try to keep the Indian ethos alive. We should not leave politics only to politicians. Different institutes are building India now and collective responsibility to strengthen democracy. as higher education institutions like MIT WPU Play a very important role in shaping policies.

There is no fixed format of democratic traditions. They differ from place to place and from time to time. For instance, the Prime Minister of Nepal lost both the seats from where he contested. And the Leader of the Opposition won both the seats from where he

contested. However, his party could not secure people's mandate. This does not mean that Nepal is less democratic.

Shri Dhiraj Singh:

Various countries send their parliamentary delegations to India to study our democracy and parliamentary traditions. Countries in Africa and Latin America look at India as a benchmark for their democratic traditions. Need to take NLC not just as learning from the west but also as a benchmark for the world.

Dr Tapan Panda, Pro-Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University:

Translating NLC into institutions needs continuous activities that will most focus on capacity building and developing strong data analytics skills among the young candidates as now political parties are looking for candidates with strong data analytics skills.

Need to identify the different academic and training institutes as well as a think tank with capacity-building workshops and courses on leadership, public accounting practices, and campaign management for political leadership. Need to categorize tie-ups in 6 sectors viz., national-level institutions, special interest groups, think tanks, policy bodies, organizations working in disaster zones, media houses, etc.

Shri J. P. Das, Former Associate at the US Embassy in India:

the American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) which started out in 1966 focusing on young politicians and has an alumnus of 8600 participants out of which 5000 alumni are foreign participants they have agreed to collaborate with MIT World Peace University for the success of the National Legislative Conference.

Shri. Ashwin Patil:

As MLA is an important stakeholder of NLC so need to understand the perspective of MLA while working NLC designs like ID cards, Invitation, communication, and networking.

Shri Suresh Garimella, President of Vermont University:

National Legislative Conference (NLC) can look to collaborate with the Mayor's Conference in the USA to further their goals. Academia plays an important role in advising policymakers, and it can be beneficial for the NLC to seek out their input and expertise. Additionally, there is a need for apolitical forums like the National Science Board in the USA to provide a neutral space for discussions and decision-making.

Gallop and PEW are organizations that are currently doing some good work in the field of public policy, and the NLC can learn from and potentially partner with them. Another strategy that the NLC can consider is creating young interns who can work for Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and Members of Parliament (MPs) to gain hands-on experience and provide valuable support.

Expanding conversations beyond Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to include government, academia, and corporates is crucial for the NLC to achieve its goals. There is also a need to engage Indian-origin, corporate leaders to gather a diverse range of perspectives and ideas. Involving vernacular media houses, such as Dainik Bhaskar, can also be a way to promote the NLC and its objectives.

Another important aspect for the NLC to consider is discussing topics such as science and history as young politicians often have little to no understanding of these subjects, which can affect policies. Additionally, the NLC should interface with rural hinterlands and take their efforts there, similar to the example of Rural Partnerships at Vermont University.

Shri Rahul Karad, Executive President, MIT World Peace University:

At MIT WPU education is not business. Our social initiatives like BCS, sarpanch Sansad, etc. are an attempt to connect education with society. By NLC we wish to propagate that while paths may be different for political parties, the destiny is the same.

For this reason, the vision of NLC has been appreciated by people from all walks of life – academia, industry, science, politics, civil society, government & non-government organizations, etc. NLC will have emerged as an independent forum in the coming years and the roadmap for Bharat@2047 will be developed through collaborative endeavours.

Action Points and follow-up:

- Work review on marketing and branding as well as a review of the NLC website, additionally decided a timeline needs to be fixed to populate the NLC website.
- Shri. Rahul Karad Sir Signed and confirmed the MoU with the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL).
- American Council of Young Political Leaders (ACYPL) has agreed to collaborate with MIT World Peace University for the success of the National Legislative Conference.
- Finalization of members of Committee Digital Platform, Exhibition Committee, Foreign Funding Committee, Operational Issue committee and Curation Committee.
- Review of NLC program structure, program flow, and format to insure maximum interactions.
- Finalization of Inaugural Function guests, as well as a number of Invitees NLC, Former MLA and MLC, can attend NLC as observers.
- Decision was made to invite the Prime Minister of India or President or Vice President (One of these three) to Valedictory Ceremony
- Decision was made on the inclusion of Index, Map of India, Information about MIT School of Government on the preamble Book.

