



# NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE BHARAT ( INDIA )

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### REPORT

## NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators

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Guests at the Lamp Lighting Ceremony

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Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu posed for a candid photograph with members of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly

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### Message from Shri. Rahul V. Karad

It was a privilege to welcome esteemed participants to the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators held in conjunction with the 13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad. This conference holds significant value for me as the discussions and deliberations within this gathering will echo the aspirations aligned with the vision to transform Bharat into a developed nation by the year 2047. The first NLC Bharat conference held in June 2023 witnessed the participation of more than 2200 elected and nominated representatives hailing from every part of the nation. The outcomes drawn from the discussions from the NLC Bharat conference guided us in forming the agenda for this NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave.

During the conclave, we introduced 8 proposals, and I want to convey my appreciation to all the participants for their confidence in the initiatives outlined within the NLC Bharat framework. The initiatives for organizing the Vidhayak Chhatra Sansad (MLA YP) garnered interest from more than 30 MLAs and MLCs. Similarly, the proposal to institute political leadership schools within the Assembly and Council premises of various State Legislatures received broad support from 6 states. I am confident that such initiatives will serve as the ideal stage to attract talented, young, and ethically principled individuals to politics. In response to the feedback gathered from NLC Bharat participants and continuous communication between the NLC team and legislators, we have identified a consistent demand for capacity advancement programs, exchange initiatives, and special lectures on governance. During the 3-day conclave, it was a privilege for us to introduce our flagship programs - CAPABLE, SMILE, INTERACT, and SAMVAD - designed to address the needs and expectations of our participants.

I sincerely believe that NLC Bharat has introduced groundbreaking ideas. But to elevate its impact, it requires a solid foundation. In pursuit of this objective, we proposed to establish NLC Bharat as a Statutory Body, and this proposal received strong endorsement. Likewise, the suggestion to form working committees for diverse activities of NLC Bharat garnered broad support. The genuine interest shown by the participants in all the proposals and programs fills my heart with profound gratitude. I am optimistic that the outcomes of this conclave will guide us toward creating a more harmonious society and a brighter future.



### Message from Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu

It brought me great joy to extend a warm welcome to all participants who attended the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators. This conclave served as the bedrock for a myriad of initiatives outlined in the NLC Bharat, encompassing capacity advancement programs, study visits, exchange programs, and the annual good governance conferences. As elected representatives, our constituents entrust us with the responsibility of enhancing their quality of life. They rely on us to voice their concerns in legislative chambers and to devise lawful solutions to their everyday challenges.

In an era characterized by heightened public sentiments and increasing expectations from elected officials, political leaders must possess not only legislative and political acumen but also effective interpersonal skills. The mantra of "minimum government, maximum governance" has gained paramount significance in this context. The outcomes of this comprehensive 3-day conclave are poised to empower participants, transforming them into adept professionals and esteemed public representatives.

This gathering served as a pivotal platform for fostering collaboration, sharing insights, and honing the skills necessary for navigating the complexities of public service. Through engaging discussions, collaborative programs, and exposure to best practices, participants were equipped to strike a balance between efficient governance and responsive representation. The conclave aimed to instill in its participants a profound understanding of the evolving dynamics of public service, encouraging them to adopt a forward-thinking approach to fulfilling the aspirations of their constituents.

As we embarked on this collective journey of knowledge exchange and skill enhancement, I am confident that the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave has not only enriched the capabilities of its participants but also contributed significantly to the advancement of effective governance and leadership in our nation. Together, let us embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, striving for a future where public representatives stand as paragons of professionalism and guardians of public welfare.



### Message from Smt. Sumitra Mahajan

I had the honor to extend my heartfelt welcome to all the participants of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators. This gathering held immense significance as we deliberated on the profound responsibilities we bear as elected representatives and explored avenues to enhance our collective effectiveness in addressing the needs and aspirations of our citizens.

Our constituents look to us not just as policymakers but as problem solvers, and in this era of technological advancement, our ability to leverage technology becomes paramount. The expectations from elected representatives are evolving, with citizens desiring seamless, efficient solutions to their day-to-day challenges. Embracing and harnessing technology will be pivotal in meeting these expectations and fostering a governance model that is not only responsive but also forward-thinking.

Empowering women through employment is a cause close to my heart, and I believe that legislators play a pivotal role in driving positive change. By crafting policies that encourage inclusivity and economic participation, we contribute to the empowerment of women thereby enhancing the overall social fabric of our nation. As we deliberated on strategies to foster economic growth, we ensured that the empowerment of women remained at the forefront of our agenda.

Our nation aspires to achieve the ambitious goal of becoming a \$5 Trillion economy by 2027. This monumental task necessitates the collective efforts of policymakers and legislators alike. We must focus on policies that promote economic growth, job creation, and sustainable development. As elected representatives, we have a crucial role in steering our nation towards this economic milestone.

In the words of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, "The power of 125 crore Indians is behind the development journey of the nation." Let us carry this spirit forward and work collectively toward a future where the dreams of our citizens are not only acknowledged but also transformed into tangible realities.



### Message from Dr. Meira Kumar

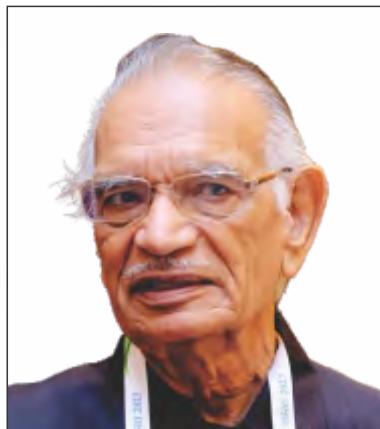
The NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators was a monumental occasion. It was an honor to be in the company of dedicated individuals committed to the principles that underpin Indian democracy - liberty, equality, justice, and fraternity.

The role of legislators is pivotal in realizing the ideals enshrined in our Constitution. As custodians of justice, we bear the responsibility of empowering the marginalized, particularly the scheduled castes and tribes. True equality is not just about legal provisions; it is about ensuring equal opportunities and uplifting the oppressed sections of society. Through our legislative initiatives, we must strive to create an environment that fosters the growth and development of these communities, granting them the dignity and respect they rightfully deserve.

The empowerment of women is a cause that demands our unwavering commitment. Legislators have a crucial role in not only advocating for gender equality but also in implementing policies that place women at the forefront of our developmental agenda. It is imperative that we create a society where every woman feels safe, respected, and has equal access to opportunities. Upholding the dignity of our women is not just a societal obligation but a fundamental principle that defines the moral fabric of our nation.

As we gathered to deliberate on these critical issues, we remained mindful of the profound impact our decisions can have on the lives of millions. It is through our collective efforts that we can create a society that is just, inclusive, and respects the inherent dignity of every individual.

May we cultivate happiness on our journey. Best wishes for more such discussions and successful conclaves ahead. May the exchange of ideas and collaborative efforts lead to meaningful outcomes, furthering our shared goals and contributing to the betterment of our nation.



### Message from Shri. Shivraj Patil

It was with immense pleasure that I extended my warm welcome to all the esteemed attendees of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators. This gathering was a crucial platform for us to deliberate on pressing issues that demanded our collective attention and concerted efforts.

As we convened, we reflected on the state of legislative affairs in our nation. To enhance legislative performance, we must strive for a parliamentary discourse that transcends the barriers of party politics. A key concern is the prevalence of disruptions, hindering meaningful discussions and impeding the passage of crucial legislation. It is incumbent upon us, as custodians of democratic principles, to rise above partisan interests and prioritize the greater good.

Frequent shifts in political allegiances and defections to other parties have regrettably become commonplace. This trend not only erodes the credibility of our political system but also shakes the faith of citizens in their elected leaders. Such actions tarnish the reputation of politics as a noble service and hinder the establishment of a robust democratic foundation. As leaders, we must recognize the responsibility we bear in upholding the integrity of our political processes.

Addressing these fundamental drawbacks is paramount for our nation's progress. We must acknowledge that without a concerted effort to reform conventional politics, our intended destiny may remain elusive. The need of the hour is to usher in a new era of politics that is rooted in governance and service delivery. By fostering a political culture that prioritizes the welfare of our citizens over party interests, we can rebuild public trust and steer our nation toward a more promising future.

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Let this conclave be a catalyst for transformative change in our political landscape. May our discussions lead us to innovative solutions, inspiring a new style of politics that aligns with the aspirations of the people we serve.

I wish you all good health, prosperity, and peace.

## ABOUT



# NATIONAL LEGISLATORS' CONFERENCE BHARAT (INDIA)

## राष्ट्रीय विधायक सम्मेलन भारत

The National Legislators' Conference Bharat is an avenue for Members of Legislative Assemblies and Members of Legislative Councils across Bharat to gather in one place and exchange ideas. Honorable former Speakers of Lok Sabha and the incumbent Speakers of State Legislative Assemblies came together to institute this conference, the first chapter of which, took place in Mumbai from 15th to 17th June 2023.

In the 3-days conference, the MLAs and MLCs got a unique opportunity to interact with a diverse group of legislators from all States and Union Territories. The first chapter of this conference was conducted keeping cross-learning and enhancement of legislative effectiveness at its core. The legislators acquired experiential learning through thematic discussions along with a

mix of thoughtfully curated large-format plenary sessions, parallel brainstorming breakout sessions, a showcase of their state pavilions and best practices, and various other sessions with acclaimed global and national leaders.

NLC Bharat stands as a genuine celebration and mirror of Bharat's dynamic democracy, representing a monumental stride in fortifying our national fabric. This conference marked a historic movement embodying the collective spirit of our elected leaders. NLC Bharat encapsulates the essence of a nation embracing its democratic ethos, reflecting a shared vision for a future where democratic principles thrive, and citizens actively participate in shaping the destiny of Bharat.



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Participants in the NLC Bharat Parallel Session



Participants delighting in the performance by Usha Uthup at the NLC Bharat Conference



The transfer of the iconic NLC Bharat Sengol

(In the Frame from the Left: Smt. Neelam Gore, Shri Rahul Narwekar, Eknath Shinde, Shri Pramod Sawant, Shri U. T. Khader Fareed, and Shri Rahul Karad)

## WELCOME DINNER

for the participants

**Day 0 : Tuesday, 9th January 2024, 1930 hrs – 2100 hrs**

**Session : Welcome Dinner for MLAs-MLCs**

**Venue : Hotel Tip Top International**



Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar briefing the participants about the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave



A candid picture of the participants of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave with the students of MIT School of Government

On January 9, 2024, the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators hosted an elaborate Welcome Dinner to extend a warm reception to Members of the Legislative Assemblies and Councils, creating a night of celebration. The event, held at Hotel Tip Top International, was a delightful evening marked by camaraderie, networking, and appreciation. Senior academic officials from Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, including Prof. Sridhar Pabbisetty, Prof. (Dr.) K. Gireesan, Prof. (Dr.) Parimal Maya Sudhakar, Dr. Ganesh Mantri, and others, warmly welcomed the participants.

Dr. Ganesh Mantri, Assistant Director of NLC Bharat, provided a comprehensive overview of the National Legislators' Conference in Mumbai and its outcomes.

Dr. Pournima Inamdar, Associate Dean-External Relations, expressed gratitude for the commitment of MLAs and MLCs to public service, emphasizing the importance of collaboration between elected representatives and the community.

Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar, Director of the Research Cell at NLC Bharat, offered insights into the agenda of the 3-day conclave. The MLAs and MLCs engaged in open dialogue, introducing themselves and sharing insights on the conclave's initiatives and the challenges and opportunities within their constituencies.

The evening concluded with the closing remarks by Dr. Ganesh Mantri expressing gratitude to the attendees and emphasizing the significance of

collaborative efforts for the nation's betterment. The Welcome Dinner successfully fostered connections, acknowledged achievements, and

promoted collaboration between elected representatives and the community, setting a positive tone for the upcoming conclave.



Smt. Rashmi Varma imparting her insights to the participants during the welcome dinner

## INAUGURAL CEREMONY

### Leadership for Development Making Bharat a Developed Nation

Day 1 : Wednesday, 10th January 2024, 0930 hrs – 1030 hrs

Venue : Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall, MIT-WPU, Pune



Shri Satish Mahana posed for a candid photograph with participants from several states



Shri Rahul Karad having a hearty talk with the participants

Day One of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators commenced at the historic Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall of the prestigious Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University. Initiating the proceedings, Prof. (Dr.) Neha Dutte, a lecturer in the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development, delivered the welcome address, setting the stage for the event.

She introduced the session and highlighted the government's vision for 'Vikasit Bharat in 2047', aspiring to propel Bharat into a developed nation by its centennial independence year. Dr. Dutte underscored the importance of holistic development, encompassing economic growth, social progress, environmental sustainability, and good governance as

pivotal pillars guiding Bharat's journey towards 2047.

Following the welcome address, Shri. Satish Mahana, Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, felicitated Prof. (Dr.) Ram Charan, a renowned management guru. Subsequently, Shri. Rahul Karad, Founder Convener of NLC Bharat and Executive President of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, felicitated distinguished personalities including Shri. Satish Mahana, Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Shri. Basavaraj Horatti, Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council, Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed, Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly, and Shri. Girish Gautam, Former Speaker of the MP Legislative Assembly.



**Shri. Rahul Karad** expressed gratitude for the unconditional support received in the previous NLC Bharat held in Mumbai. He delved into the unique dynamics of the Indian political landscape, contrasting it with Western counterparts. Emphasizing the need to institutionalize NLC Bharat for the democratic strengthening of the nation, he highlighted its significance and purpose in contrast to foreign bodies such as CPA and IPU, emphasizing the importance of supporting our Swadeshi institution, NLC Bharat.



In his address, **Shri. Satish Mahana** discussed the three pillars of democracy, emphasizing the suppression of legislative powers in recent decades and attributing it to the dominance of the executive over the legislature. He highlighted NLC Bharat as an apolitical platform where all political parties can converge to discuss legislation and its implications. Stressing the importance of maintaining neutrality as an assembly speaker, he underscored the

paramount need to preserve the sanctity of the legislature.



The arrival of the former Vice President of Bharat, **Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu** was followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp ceremony and the felicitation of guests at the hands of Prof. (Dr.) Ram Charan and Shri. Rahul Karad. Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu expressed his happiness at witnessing legislators from across the country gathered on one platform. He emphasized the crucial role of legislators as role models and highlighted the significance of exchanging ideas and learning from the best practices of different states. He discussed the ideal behavior of MLAs, outlining key functions such as consistent work, engagement with constituents, and addressing regional issues with effective solutions. He stressed the importance of punctuality and encouraged adherence to timelines. Emphasizing NLC's purpose to transcend party lines, he urged a cooperative approach in governance, concluding with the famous words, "Let the government propose, let the opposition oppose, and let the house dispose."

The first session concluded with remarks from Shri. Rahul Karad and Shri. Satish Mahana, culminating in a memorable group photo at the staircases of Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall. This session laid a strong foundation for collaborative efforts in the ongoing conclave.

## SESSION - 1

### NLC Bharat: Empowering Legislators, Strengthening Good Governance

Day 1 : Wednesday, 10th January 2024, 1500 hrs – 1630 hrs

Venue : Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall, MIT-WPU, Pune



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SPEAKER



**Smt. Sumitra Mahajan**  
Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and  
Patron of NLC Bharat

SPEAKER



**Shri U. T. Khader Fareed**  
Speaker  
Karnataka Legislative Assembly

SPEAKER



**Shri Prithviraj Chavan**  
Former Chief Minister of  
Maharashtra



Arrival of the Guests

(In the Frame from the Left: Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Shri Rahul Karad,  
Shri U. T. Khader Fareed, and Dr. R. M. Chitnis)



Shri Sanjay Saraogi exchanging views with the participants



The session titled "Empowering Legislators, Strengthening Good Governance" was moderated by Prof. (Dr.) Neha Dutte, a Lecturer in the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development. She provided the opening remarks for the session, delving into the concept of empowering legislators to enhance good governance. Shri Rahul Karad, Founder Convener of NLC Bharat, and the Executive President of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University extended a warm welcome to the session's guests.

This was followed by the felicitation of Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra by Shri U. T. Khader Fareed, Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly. Shri U. T. Khader Fareed chaired the session, joined by co-panelists Shri Prithviraj Chavan.



In his address, Shri U. T. Khader Fareed expressed his pleasure in presiding over the session and shared his perspectives on the topic. He emphasized the crucial role of active participation by legislators in

ensuring good governance. Asserting that "Every MLA should actively participate in the policy-making decision," he underscored the importance of thorough examination and debate of bills during assembly sessions. Shri Fareed highlighted the responsibility of legislators to seek information, understand the core concepts of proposed bills, analyze public issues, and effectively voice concerns during debates for the enactment of impactful legislation. Further, Shri Fareed delved into the importance of ensuring the alignment of every bill with the constitution, emphasizing the responsibility of MLAs to ensure fair distribution of government benefits to all individuals without any malpractice. He emphasized the authority bestowed upon legislators in holding government officers accountable for accurate policy implementation. He elaborated on the significance of quarterly sessions, designed to address challenges in law formulation and implementation.

Shri Fareed discussed legislative tools such as Question Hour, Zero Hour, and Calling Attention, facilitating discussions on program implementation. He highlighted the existence of numerous legislative committees, each wielding considerable power akin to an assembly, even if opportunities during sessions are not fully utilized. Encouraging MLAs to leverage these powers, Shri Fareed emphasized their role in promoting good governance and effective administration within the state. Concluding his address, Shri U. T. Khader Fareed extended a warm welcome to all attendees, expressing confidence in their proficiency and dedication to public service. He wished each individual a bright and colorful future before passing the microphone to Shri. Prithviraj Chavan to lead the session forward.



**Shri Prithviraj Chavan** commenced his address by reminiscing about his longstanding association with Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, leading to the establishment of the MIT School of Government 19 years ago. He praised the MIT School of Government as a unique experiment in fostering future policymakers and promoting public policy and governance. This initiative gave rise to the Student Parliament, now in its 13th edition. Shri. Chavan also highlighted the recently introduced National Legislators' Conference Bharat, a concept that garnered significant participation five months ago in Mumbai.

Discussing the unique role of NLC Bharat, Shri. Chavan drew parallels with similar institutions worldwide, such as the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. He emphasized NLC Bharat's independence, bringing together legislators from diverse party lines and states, fostering collaboration akin to other global parliamentary associations.

Shri Chavan shared insights from conversations with Shri. Rahul Karad. He expressed the importance of NLC Bharat's independence from government structures and affiliations. He outlined the envisioned initiatives including an annual conference, MLA exchange programs, study tours, a year-long public policy course, and international visits, all aimed at empowering legislators.

Addressing the need for civic engagement, Shri. Chavan proposed organizing Student Parliaments in colleges within MLA constituencies. He emphasized NLC Bharat's role as an independent body, solely dedicated to the interests of legislators and the country.

Shri Chavan then shifted his focus to the Anti-Defection Law, acknowledging its potential historic impact on democracy as the Speaker of Maharashtra was set to announce a significant decision. He critiqued the law, suggesting it has been counterproductive, disempowering legislators and undermining the "separation of powers" principle derived from the American Constitution.

Shri Chavan advocated for reforms to the Anti-Defection Law citing its impact on legislators' inability to influence bills and government decisions. He criticized the law's restrictions on voting against government decisions and its potential to cancel legislative membership for acting against the directions of the party whip.

Shri Chavan proposed changes to the Anti-Defection Law, emphasizing the importance of providing training for legislators and the need for independent offices for each MLA. He raised complexities within the current political landscape, where the Speaker, though a party representative, maintains party affiliation.

Highlighting perceived drawbacks of the Anti-Defection Law, Shri Chavan suggested it "concentrated excessive power in the hands of the executive, impacting the principle of separation of powers." He expressed concerns about the law's impact on legislative empowerment, noting a lack of influence in budget-making and appointment processes.

Comparing the legislative powers in India and the United States, Shri Chavan underscored the authority enjoyed by U.S. legislators in crucial processes, lamenting the disparity in powers granted to Indian legislators. He concluded by highlighting "the need for revisiting the Anti-Defection Law to align it with constitutional principles and address the imbalance of legislative authority in India."



After Shri Prithviraj Chavan delivered his address, **Smt. Sumitra Mahajan** shared her perspectives on the subject.

She delved into the profound impact of the National Legislators' Conference Bharat, which served as a platform uniting legislators from diverse regions for three days of continuous discussions. Before embarking on her address, she extended her appreciation for the experience and expertise of Shri Prithviraj Chavan. The discourse transcended state and national development, accentuating the pivotal role of legislators in contributing to the overall welfare of the people.

Highlighting a prevalent challenge among Members of State Legislatures and Members of Parliament, Smt. Mahajan addressed the lack of awareness about ongoing government schemes. She stressed the imperative for MLAs to actively engage in effectively communicating these schemes to their constituents, underscoring the significance of this responsibility.

Additionally, she tackled the obstacle of progressing with limited resources and emphasized the critical nature of securing at least 10% of the votes to become an effective opposition leader. Smt. Mahajan shed light on the democratic nature within political parties and the parliament, emphasizing the inherent connection between the well-being of the country and that of individual states. This perspective reinforced the integral link between national and state-level governance within the democratic framework.

Offering strategic insights into making progress despite resource constraints, she highlighted the 10% numerical threshold as a key determinant for success in opposition leadership. Smt. Mahajan reiterated the existence of democracy within political parties and the parliament, underscoring the interdependence of national and state-level prosperity.

She delineated the multifaceted responsibilities of Members of Legislative Assemblies and Members of Parliament, emphasizing their roles in policy formulation, expressing viewpoints, advocating for proposed plans, and ensuring the implementation of government schemes in their respective constituencies. Active engagement in these aspects was emphasized as crucial.

Smt. Mahajan brought attention to the developmental disparities persisting in certain districts of India, emphasizing that parliamentary discussions can lead to changes in various laws. She underscored the diversity and unity of India. The discourse expanded to artificial intelligence and surveys, with an emphasis on the pivotal role of surveys in shaping policies. The focus was on comprehending survey data and effectively implementing policies based on survey reports.

Encouraging direct communication to

address issues, she emphasized avoiding discussions in the media on every matter. Standing committees were highlighted as forums for diverse discussions, debates, and collective decision-making on various topics, followed by further deliberation in Parliament.

The utilization of media to showcase positive aspects and achievements in electoral constituencies was discussed, exploring avenues such as presenting matters in legislatures and leveraging technology for effective communication, including the ongoing initiative for a paperless parliament.

Expressing gratitude to Shri Rahul Karad and all attendees for their efforts, Smt. Mahajan welcomed contributions and suggestions for further improvements. Following her address, the floor was opened for questions, and the panel enthusiastically addressed questions and suggestions directed at them.



**Shri. Amit Mandal**, a Member of the Jharkhand Legislature, presented noteworthy suggestions, raising concerns about ensuring the impartiality of a speaker in cases of political defection. The focal point of the concern is how to maintain the speaker's neutrality, especially when the speaker has affiliations with a particular political party.

In response, Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed underscored the critical role of the speaker and addressed the issue by

emphasizing the speaker's position. He shared the perspective that speakers often lean towards the ruling side, highlighting the significance of the individual's mindset and presentation style in occupying the speaker's role. Shri Khader Fareed suggested that the challenge lies not in the speaker's position itself but in the person holding the position. According to him, "An effective speaker remains neutral, instills confidence in the opposition, and ensures a fair opportunity for them to express their views."

He argued that upon assuming the chair, the speaker should detach from political affiliations and function as a non-political figure, acting as a mediator in interactions with the opposition. Shri. Khader Fareed expressed the belief that providing more opportunities and a platform for the opposition to voice their concerns is crucial. He believed that this practice allows the opposition to present the negative aspects or drawbacks of the government, contributing to a more balanced and effective governance for the people.

Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed acknowledged the infrequency of cases where the speaker closely aligns with the ruling party, attributing this rarity to the government's majority. He observed that the government, holding the majority, typically moves forward, and the primary duty of the speaker is to uphold neutrality and instill confidence in the opposition. According to him, the opposition, not being in the ruling position, needs confidence to actively contribute to the legislative process.



**Shri Ashok Babu**, the MLA from Puducherry, shared his perspective, emphasizing the importance of observing views and ideas presented by senior leaders to enhance good governance. He commended the central government as a noteworthy example of effective governance.



**Shri Chetan Anand**, the MLA from Bihar, raised a direct query on how to establish a genuine balance between bureaucracy and the legislature.



**Shri P.V.N. Madhav**, the MLC from Vishakhapatnam, presented significant suggestions, expressing concerns about the decline of rules, regulations, and

procedures in various state assemblies. He highlighted the lack of awareness among a majority of legislators regarding these procedures, leading to non-functional committees and the passage of bills on the same day they were introduced. He also commented on the lack of transparency, with bills not provided in advance, leaving legislators uninformed. He advocated for mechanisms to monitor legislative meetings regularly, ensuring timely proceedings and the effective functioning of committees like the Assurances Committee and Privilege Committee.



**Dr. Nikki Hembrom**, the MLA from Bihar, highlighted the challenge faced by first-time electees entering office without a proper understanding. She pointed out the perception that new MLAs can handle everything, leading to unrealistic expectations. Seeking a solution, she inquired about potential approaches to address this challenge and communicate effectively with the public about the limitations of legislative tasks.



**Shri Phundelal Singh Marko**, the MLA

from Madhya Pradesh, expressed the opinion that alongside the development of smart cities, there is a parallel need to focus on the creation and advancement of smart villages. He emphasized the importance of prioritizing and monitoring the progress of villages. He also expressed his willingness to support the organization of NLC Bharat in rural areas.



**Shri Abhay Patil**, the MLA from Karnataka, drew attention to the increasing interference of the courts in legislation and the growing pressure on IAS officers in administration. He called for careful consideration of this issue.



**Shri. Sanjay Saraogi**, the MLA from Bihar, highlighted a nationwide trend where the legislative branch is losing strength, while the executive and judicial branches are gaining dominance. He proposed the need for a discussion within the National Legislators' Conference Bharat on strategies to strengthen the legislative branch.



**Shri Neeraj Sharma**, the MLA from Haryana, observed that Standing Committees function as a recommendation body without inherent power. He raised the question of potential measures to empower these committees. Additionally, he questioned the existence of a law mandating a session for 50 to 60 days throughout the year.



**Shri. Rafeek Khan**, the MLA from Rajasthan, expressed concerns about the inadequate number of working days in legislative assemblies. He advocated for a minimum number of days allocated each year for the assembly to address queries and engage with the government. Additionally, he posed a question on the ways to prevent horse-trading in politics.



**S. Vijayadharani**, the MLA from Tamil Nadu, suggested that the parliament could legislate a requirement for 100 working days in the assembly. She also highlighted the issuance of a notification for "One Nation One Election," stating that public hearings should be completed by January 15th. She raised the question of whether state legislatures play any role in this process.



**Shri Rajesh Rathod**, the MLC from Maharashtra, put forth a series of recommendations to enhance legislative processes. He proposed that the Development Fund (apart from MLA LAD) should be equitable for both ruling and opposition parties, ensuring fairness. Additionally, he advocated for uniform facilities to be extended to all legislators, promoting equality within the legislative chambers. Rathod emphasized the importance of providing bills at least one week in advance to allow legislators ample time for review and suggestions, fostering

a more informed and collaborative decision-making process. Furthermore, he suggested the establishment of an NLC Bharat sub-group in every state, aiming to facilitate broader discussions and collaboration among legislators at the regional level.



**Shri Somnath Bharti**, MLA from Delhi raised a crucial question, pondering why commendable practices often fail to extend to other states. This question prompts a consideration of the challenges and barriers that may impede the replication and adoption of successful practices across different regions.



**Shri Rajesh Rishi**, MLA from New Delhi, posed a fundamental question. He asked "whether the government will be administered by elected representatives or by IAS officers." This question delves into the balance of power and decision-making dynamics within the government structure.



**Shri Ajay Dutt**, MLA from New Delhi put forth two significant recommendations to enhance the functioning of elected representatives. Firstly, he suggested the establishment of a dedicated board for elected representatives, aiming to provide a structured framework for oversight and support in carrying out their duties. This proposal underscores the need for a well-organized system to streamline the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives. Additionally, Dutt advocates for mandatory training for all elected representatives with a specific focus on nurturing skills for building peace in the nation. This highlights the importance of equipping elected representatives with essential training to contribute positively to the overall harmony and governance of the nation.



**Shri Vishesh Ravi**, MLA from Delhi, expressed concern about the interference of the Lieutenant General in the government's affairs and called for collective contemplation on strategies to impede such interference. This raises the

need for thoughtful deliberation and potential solutions to address the identified challenge.



**Shri B. S. Joon**, MLA from New Delhi posed two thought-provoking questions. Firstly, he questions whether the suspension of 145 MPs in one go is conducive to the survival of democracy. Secondly, he challenges the current structure by questioning why the Speaker shouldn't be an independent agency. This raises discussions about the potential benefits of having an impartial and autonomous Speaker in the legislative process.



**Shri. Madan Lal**, MLA from New Delhi, advocates for a proactive approach by suggesting the organization of seminars to comprehensively understand various issues. He emphasized the importance of fostering a positive atmosphere during interactions and reaching conclusions. This proposal reflects a commitment to promoting constructive dialogue and collaboration to address issues effectively across all states.



**Shri Prithviraj Chavan** addressed several key issues, shedding light on common questions in the legislative context. He acknowledged the delicate role of the Speaker, often aligned with the ruling party, especially when deciding on the disqualification of MLAs that could impact the government's composition. The challenge lies in balancing constitutional principles with party interests.

Shri Chavan also highlighted the prevalent issue of non-compliance with the rule book, emphasizing the importance of adhering to procedures such as circulating bills within a specified timeframe. He expressed concerns about the frequency of assembly sessions, committee meetings, and the facilities provided to legislators. The need for dialogue between the PM and CM is emphasized, along with the call for the government to focus on

creating smart villages. Shri Chavan stressed the importance of fulfilling assurances and suggested an oversight role for the Speaker in this regard. He discusses the limited power of committees, drawing a comparison with the United States, where Congressional committees have authority over the appointment of Supreme Court judges. He reiterated the call to repeal the anti-defection law citing its current ineffectiveness in preventing horse-trading. Shri Prithviraj Chavan advocated for comprehensive facilities, allocation of development funds, and a more project-centric approach for their distribution to MLAs.

Lastly, he applauded the NLC Bharat for promoting good practices and proposed the establishment of a forum or non-governmental body for continuous discussions through various means, including video lectures, MLA interactions, international visits and training programs.

Dr. Neha Dutte provided the closing remarks, extending her gratitude to all participants for their active engagement. She also outlined the schedule for the second day.



Participants thanking the guests for their valuable guidance  
(In the Frame from the Left: Shri Rahul Karad, Shri Satish Mahana, and Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu)

## Outcomes of the Discussions on Day 1

- 1) Establishing national guidelines is essential to standardize rules and business procedures across the assemblies.
- 2) It is crucial to revitalize and reinforce standing committees within legislatures.
- 3) Political parties should stipulate minimum qualifications for individuals seeking candidacy.
- 4) State legislative assemblies and councils should operate for a minimum of 100 days.
- 5) Reformation of the anti-defection law (10th schedule to the constitution) is necessary.
- 6) Presiding officers should maintain impartiality when handling cases of defection.
- 7) Timely fulfillment of government assurances and commitments is imperative, without any unnecessary delays.



Shri Rahul Karad sharing his views with the participants



Revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad having a hearty talk with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu



Shri Rahul Karad having a hearty talk with the guests  
(In the Frame from the Left: Shri Satish Mahana, Dr. Ram Charan, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu,  
Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath Karad, and Shri Basavaraj Horatti)

## SESSION - 2

### Innovations, Technology, and Strengthening the Fabric of Democracy

Day 2 : Thursday, 11th January 2024, 0940 hrs – 1050 hrs

Venue : Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall, MIT-WPU, Pune



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#### SPEAKER



**Dr. Meira Kumar**  
Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and  
Patron of NLC Bharat

#### SPEAKER



**Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar**  
Padma-Vibhushan, and  
Renowned Scientist

#### SPEAKER



**Shri Dhiraj Singh**  
Associate Director  
Dept. of Media and Communication,  
MIT-WPU



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar in a group photo with the participants of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave



Dr. Surabhi sharing her views with the participants

The second day of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators featured an insightful session focused on "Innovations, Technology, and Strengthening the Fabric of Democracy." The theme suggested a focus on leveraging innovations and technology to enhance democratic processes. The session included discussions on the use of digital tools for public engagement, transparent governance, and the integration of technology to streamline legislative processes. The anchor for the session, Dr. Neha Dutte, Lecturer at the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development, set the stage with a compelling introduction. The session was graced by the presence of the renowned scientist, Hon'ble Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar.

The conclave brought together Members of Legislative Assemblies and Legislative Councils for an unparalleled capacity-building and advancement program meticulously crafted by the National Legislators' Conference Bharat. The session began with the felicitation of Hon'ble Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar by Prof. Dhiraj Singh, Associate Dean, Department of Media and Communication, Dada Saheb Phalke International Film School.

Prof. Dhiraj Singh is a recipient of the Silas Mania Book of the Year 2023 Award for his book, Master O, a sci-fi novel that delves into the future of mankind, its politics, and life enabled through Artificial Intelligence.



In his address, Prof. Dhiraj Singh

mentioned that the topic of Innovations, Technology, and Strengthening the Fabric of Democracy is an important issue to discuss. "The first book which was printed for the first time in the Gutenberg press was the Bible." It was the first time in our history that knowledge was shared with the public, and this is the wave of mass literacy. People started to understand and interpret. This was the start of a knowledge revolution, where the Printing press gave rise to a knowledge revolution. He talked about how human progress has been fueled by the spark of innovation. "From the wheel to the printing press, each discovery has propelled us forward. Innovations not only make our lives easier but also pave the way for new possibilities. Think about the impact of the steam engine during the Industrial Revolution or the transformative power of the internet in our modern era. It's our responsibility to foster a culture of innovation, encouraging creativity and problem-solving among our students."

In the annals of time, technology has been a game-changer. From the first use of tools to the age of smartphones, technology has woven itself into the fabric of our daily lives. It accelerates progress, connects us globally, and opens up avenues for learning and collaboration. However, it also poses challenges, and we must guide the responsible use of technology. Our educational institutions should equip students not only with technical skills but also with a deep understanding of the ethical considerations surrounding technology.

Democracy is more than a system of governance. Prof. Dhiraj Singh expressed that "It is a commitment to equality, justice, and the well-being of all citizens." As we look back at history, we see the struggles and triumphs that have shaped democratic societies. Technological

advancements have the power to enhance democratic processes, ensuring transparency and citizen participation. Yet, challenges persist, and we must prepare students to be informed and engaged citizens who contribute positively to democratic ideals.



After the opening remarks by Prof. Dhiraj Singh, **Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar** was invited to take over the stage and share his enriching insights and experiences. Before handing over the stage to Dr. Mashelkar, an introductory video on the life and work of Dr. Mashelkar was screened.

Dr. Mashelkar began by expressing his gratitude to Shri Rahul V. Karad for inviting and providing him with the opportunity to share his views with the participants. He shared his experience of the time when he achieved the JRD Tata Corporate Leadership Award. Dr. Mashelkar said "In India must stand for innovation, not imitation, I in IIT must stand for innovation, and I in any industry must stand for innovation" because innovation means bringing change with time. He expressed "As you know, Technology is now advancing and now we are talking about exponential Technology. Mobile technology is one of the fastest-growing technologies. He shared one of the incidents while traveling. He shared that he saw a lady sweeping the road. With one hand she was sweeping, and with the other hand, she was holding her mobile and talking. If we go 20 years back, this

advancement is not possible. How is this change an advantage to us, and how is it going to harm us?"

He shared his experience of 1984 when he was a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee under the leadership of the Late Shri Rajeev Gandhi as the Prime Minister of Bharat. He also mentioned his interaction with Hon'ble Dr. D. Y. Chandrachud, the Chief Justice of India in 2023 regarding concerns related to technology and democracy. Dr. Mashelkar highlighted his experience as the Director of CSIR technology and how they used technology to advertise the celebration of 60 years of CSIR Technology. He emphasized how Artificial Intelligence is a huge advantage to us in the field of data analysis, understanding, case management, and multi-lingual support which is considered one of the biggest barriers because there are 4 pillars of democracy: Legislative, Executive, Judiciary, and Media and all the 4 pillars are getting affected by modern technology. He also suggested that "People's participation is the utmost important thing and technology makes it very easy through television and radio. People have access to all the information through digitalization."

Technology allows the public to participate, and engage with policymakers, participate in decision-making, and make direct decisions. Earlier, when technology was not at its peak, communication was limited to a limited number of people, but today, through various modes of communication, we can communicate with a larger audience. This transformation is very important.

Dr. Mashelkar referred to a report from the year 2020 called the PEW Research Center Report, and in their survey, it was shown that 30% of the people said their

opinion got changed by social media. He states that the Indian Government has been extremely supportive and proactive in providing government data, the OGT platform, and the MyGov platform, engaging civil society to engage with the government. Therefore, now we are seeing a transformation from physical to digital but it will never be fully physical or fully digital. He discussed the essentials of good democracy. He stated "First comes the citizen participation in the decision-making process. Then comes the dictum that all citizens are equal before the law, and no one is left behind. And finally, comes the Protection of minority rights in the country."

While elaborating on the essentials of good democracy, Dr. Mashelkar stated how these essentials are affected by technology and its negative consequences. He also highlighted the negative effects of the technology such as disinformation in which through Artificial Intelligence, fake voices can be developed, and the manipulation of social media to leak private information. Online harassment, trolling, and digital authorization are the disadvantages of modern technologies a person should be aware of. To this end, Dr. Mashelkar quoted from the newspaper that "the use of algorithms to distribute content on social media is going to be seen as equitable." In his opinion, such a distribution cannot be equitable "because you are not seeing what you want to see."

It is extremely important to bring transparency in the development and deployment of algorithms. Therefore, cyber security, ethical design, and digital inclusion should be taken care of. In our interconnected world, technology serves as the bridge between ideas and reality. We are witnessing unprecedented advancements in fields such as artificial

intelligence, biotechnology, and renewable energy. Dr. Mashelkar reminded that, "However, with great power comes great responsibility. We must harness these technological marvels ethically and responsibly, ensuring that they benefit all of humanity rather than exacerbating existing inequalities."

Democracy is not just a political system. It is a social contract that binds us together. It is the belief that every individual has a voice and a stake in the future. However, democracy is not static. It must evolve to meet the demands of the modern world.

Dr. Mashelkar expressed "In this digital age, we face new challenges, including the impact of technology on information flow, privacy, and the potential for manipulation. As stewards of democracy, we must adapt and find innovative solutions to safeguard its core principles. The intersection of innovation, technology, and the fabric of democracy is where the future of our societies will be shaped. We must ensure that technological progress aligns with democratic values, promoting inclusivity, transparency, and the common good. As we embrace the benefits of innovation and technology, let us not forget the importance of preserving the human touch — the empathy, compassion, and understanding that bind us together as a society. India has to become a role model for all."

After the insightful session of Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Meira Kumar, Former Speaker of Lok Sabha and Patron of NLC Bharat graced the conclave through her online presence.



**Dr. Meira Kumar** addressed the gathering by expressing her heartfelt gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath Karad, Shri Rahul V. Karad, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, and all the dignitaries present. She expressed her happiness about organizing the National Legislator's Conference, Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators. The focus of Dr. Meira Kumar's address centered on discussing how democracy affects the lives of women and backward-class people even as they continue to be treated as second-class citizens. She argued that "Our democracy thrives on the principles of representation and public service. As custodians of the people's will, it is imperative that we, as elected representatives, continuously strive to enhance our capabilities to meet the evolving needs of our constituents. The dynamic nature of governance and the ever-changing socio-economic landscape demand that we remain adept and well-informed."

Smt. Kumar has also shed some light on good governance, stating that good governance is the bedrock of a thriving democracy. "It involves transparency, accountability, responsiveness, and inclusiveness. MLAs are not just legislators; they are also representatives of the people, entrusted with the responsibility of ensuring that the needs and aspirations of their constituents are met." She expressed that good governance requires MLAs to be accessible, to listen to the concerns of the public, and to make

decisions that benefit the greater good. She emphasized that "if the public participates in good governance practices, then only our democracy will be successful." The capacity-building program and good governance practices should be consensus-based as whole-hearted agreement is possible, at least the public should have a common point of view. "To achieve these ideals, we must invest in continuous learning and development of our MLAs. Regular training sessions, workshops, and seminars should be organized to keep them abreast of the latest legislative developments, emerging issues, and best governance practices. Moreover, mentorship programs can provide a platform for experienced legislators to guide and share their insights with the newer members, fostering a culture of collaboration and knowledge-sharing."

She argued that Indian democracy is not just one-sided, it works both ways. It is our responsibility to be vigilant every moment, and if we are not fulfilling our duty, we make sure that we fulfill it and work for the development of our country. She focused on "Mann ki Awaz," i.e., listening to your instincts at every point and being firm on the decisions that have been taken. It is essential to recognize the magnitude of our responsibilities as elected representatives. "Each one of you holds the aspirations and dreams of your constituents in your hands. The decisions we make here have far-reaching consequences, impacting not only the present but the generations that will follow. Therefore, we must approach our duties with a sense of duty, integrity, and a commitment to the common good." She said that the elected representatives are the custodians of public trust. This trust is not just a mandate but a sacred bond between them and the people they serve.

Dr. Meira Kumar talked about women and their status in our country. She mentioned that there are so many women who are being treated so poorly in our country, and that needs to be stopped. She discussed the caste system of our country and women in the minority. She focused on the tribes and their beautiful culture. She highlighted their issues are ignored in India. She blessed everyone by saying, "May our deliberations be marked by civility and the spirit of cooperation, for it is through unity that we can overcome challenges and build a brighter future for the people we represent." She ended her address by wishing everyone a Happy New Year. After Dr. Meira Kumar's address, the forum was opened for all the MLAs and MLCs to share their opinions.



**Shri Amit Kumar Mandal**, a Member of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly, suggested constituting the 'One Nation, One Data Repository' to connect all offices across the country so that there is transparency when it comes to exchanging data and information.

Some other questions included: Can the government provide funds for the campaign during elections? Will it help lessen the corruption? That today's youth are more inclined towards expensive gadgets and they are dependent on those gadgets for their studies as well. Technology has made education

expensive. How can be technology utilized to help underprivileged youth? How do we make it accessible to the poorest of the poor?



**Shri. Nagaraju Yadav**, a Member of the Karnataka Legislature, posed a question stating that India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. On one side we are talking about the sustainability of democracy. Still, on the other side, we see that unemployment rates are increasing, and corruption is increasing. Can technology be used to help come forward to sustain and improve the implementation of schemes and bring transparency to democracy?



**S. Vijayadharani**, a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislature, put forth her opinion, stating that the technology chain is continued in all the states, encouraging innovations and developments. Digitalization has also taken a commendable lead in India. Can digitalization or technology be utilized for

elections? So also suggested that as far as strengthening the fabric of democracy is concerned, corruption is a major issue. But to make the fabric of democracy much better, online voting will cut down on booth expenses and election expenses.



**Shri Arun Shankar Prasad**, a Member of the Bihar Legislature, raised a query stating that Digital transactions have become the order of the day but a lot of poor people are duped by the companies. How can we prevent this from happening?



**Shri Rajesh Rishi**, a Member of the Delhi Legislature, strongly expressed his opinion, quoting Shri Anna Hazare, "Paise se satta, aur Satte se Paisa." He asked, when this happens, how can we resolve the corruption crisis? He also asked, how can we prevent horse-trading?

The final question involved how the question hour could be strengthened in the assembly to be more impactful.



After all the questions and suggestions were put up front, our esteemed guest, **Dr. Mashelkar**, provided his insights, starting with a confession of being a scientist and, more importantly, a citizen of this nation, not a politician.

Dr. Mashelkar considers 'One Nation, One Data Repository' a great idea because the digital world is so transformative that anything is possible. Dr. Mashelkar provided his views through an example of the Open Source drug discovery in which scientists from all over the world participated and also discovered the tuberculosis new molecule. He asserted "The issue of the democratization of data provides access to billions of people. A digital transformation is one where you carry forward the work. He also mentioned the quality and access of the data and to whom the data is being transferred under what conditions, which becomes an issue. Many times, technology will provide solutions, but there are other consequences."

Concerned about education becoming expensive due to technology, Dr. Mashelkar expressed his disagreement on this issue. He states that today, access to mobile internet is the cheapest in the world. He says that access should be provided to everyone, not to a few. That is a major concern. Our challenge is to bridge the gap between those who have access and those who don't.

Dr. Mashelkar enthusiastically shed light on the query raised by Shri. Nagaraju Yadav. He talked about the COVID-19 time, praising the Jan Dhan Yojana because of which accounts were created.

He also mentioned that India has the Guinness Book of Records for opening the largest number of accounts in one week. 46% of the world's transactions take place in one country, i.e., India, because low-cost access is provided to the people. Therefore, digitalization is a great equalizer and should be utilized carefully.

In response to S. Vijayadharani's question, Dr. Raghunath emphasized the EVMs and how they are manipulated. But his theory says that the problem is not science. It is behavioral science. Any given technology, whether it is Artificial intelligence or not is controlled by the human mind at the end. When we talk about digital transformation, anything is possible, however, given a system, it is important to ensure that it is not used improperly. Dr. Mashelkar says, "We have to reimagine and reinvent because we cannot continue with the advances of technology." This dialogue of Man vs. Machine has to change with Man and Machine.

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Having addressed all the questions and suggestions from the participants, Dr. Mashelkar addressed the last question which was regarding casting the votes in the old traditional way, i.e., Ballot Paper.

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Concluding the session, Dr. Mashelkar highlights the value system of human beings. He talked about the need to create a safe, sound, and protected human society. "Our challenge today is a trust deficit, compassion deficit, and ethics deficit."

Dr. Neha Dutte delivered the closing remarks to conclude the session, providing a brief overview of the upcoming session on the second day of the conclave, focusing on the sharing of good practices and experiences by MLAs and MLCs.



Shri Sanjay Saraogi exchanging views with the participants



Participants attentively listening to the talk during the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave



Shri Abdul Rehman sharing his views with the participants

## SESSION - 3

### Sharing the Vision & Mission of NLC Bharat

Day 2 : Thursday, 11th January 2024, 1100 hrs – 1230 hrs

Venue : Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall, MIT-WPU, Pune



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#### SPEAKER



**Shri Rahul V. Karad**  
Founder Convener of NLC Bharat,  
Initiator of MIT-SOG & BCS

#### SPEAKER



**Shri Girish Gautam**  
Former Speaker  
Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly



Shri Bambal sharing his views with the participant



Participants attentively listening to the talk during the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave

The second day of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators witnessed an insightful discussion. This session served as a platform for legislators from across Bharat to exchange valuable experiences and best practices.

The session was graced by the esteemed presence of the Chief Guest, Shri Girish Gautam, the former Speaker of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, and Shri Basavaraj Horatti, the Honorable Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council.

The anchor for the session, Dr. Neha Dutte, lecturer at the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development, set the stage with a compelling introduction. Dr. Dutte highlighted the significance of NLC Bharat in fostering collaboration among legislators from different parts of Bharat. She emphasized how the conclave provided a unique platform for sharing experiences, learning from each other, and collectively contributing to the growth and development of the nation.

During the session, MLAs and MLCs shared their valuable insights, discussing successful practices implemented in their respective regions. The exchange of experiences ranged from effective governance models to innovative approaches in addressing socio-economic challenges. The interactive nature of the session allowed for a rich and diverse dialogue, reflecting the wealth of knowledge and expertise present among the participants.

The MIT School of Government holds the distinction of being the first school in Bharat dedicated to imparting political education. This groundbreaking initiative aims to shape the future political leaders of the country, fostering the education and competence of individuals in the

realm of politics. Shri Rahul V Karad, the Founder and Convener of NLC Bharat and the initiator of MIT School of Government shared insights into the co-creation of initiatives during the National Legislators Conference.



In his address, **Shri Rahul V Karad** highlighted the transformative potential of initiatives jointly created by MLAs from different states. He emphasized the significance of collaboration among political leaders to contribute fruitfully to the development of Bharat. He expressed that "The diverse landscape of Bharat with numerous political parties and languages, underscores the need for a united effort in driving the nation's progress."

The MIT School of Government in collaboration with the National Legislators Conference Bharat has played a pivotal role in providing a platform for political leaders to connect. This platform goes beyond political agendas, focusing on the shared goal of advancing the development of Bharat. The collaborative spirit created by the MIT School of Government and NLC Bharat serves as a medium for fostering connections among political leaders from various states, nurturing a sense of unity in diversity.

The emphasis on co-creation and collaboration signifies a positive step towards transcending political differences for the larger purpose of nation-building. The initiatives undertaken by the MIT

School of Government and NLC Bharat underscore the potential for shared efforts to shape the future trajectory of Bharat's development.

In an innovative proposal, Shri Rahul V Karad put forth the recommendation to establish MLA Youth Parliament organizations in every constituency, coinciding with the MLA's birthday. This forward-thinking initiative bears significant importance for the democratic landscape of Bharat. The envisaged MLA Youth Parliament serves as a crucial platform designed to foster civic education, nurture leadership skills, and imbue political awareness among the youth. Operating at the grassroots level, this initiative encourages active participation and engagement in local governance. Through the organization of youth-centric initiatives, there is a two-fold effect: it cultivates a heightened sense of responsibility among elected representatives; and establishes a direct and impactful connection between political leadership and the youth. This approach underscores a dedicated commitment to bridging the generational gap incorporating the concerns and perspectives of the youth into the democratic decision-making process.

Apart from this, Shri. Rahul V Karad also proposed the establishment of Political Leadership Schools in every Vidhan Sabha. This visionary initiative seeks to provide a unique platform for learning, allowing students to gain insights and practical experiences directly from elected and nominated representatives, ministers, and government officers who bring real-world expertise to the table. The proposed Political Leadership Schools aim to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application in the realm of politics. By organizing these schools within each Vidhan Sabha, Shri Rahul V

Karad envisions a structured environment where aspiring leaders can receive first-hand guidance from experienced political figures. This initiative aligns with the broader goal of nurturing a new generation of leaders who are well-equipped to navigate the complexities of governance.

The schools would not only serve as educational institutions but also as interactive spaces where students can engage in meaningful discussions, learn from the practical experiences of political leaders, and understand the intricacies of policy-making. The involvement of MLAs, MLCs, and ministers in guiding students adds a valuable dimension to the learning process, providing a realistic perspective on the challenges and responsibilities associated with public life. The exchange of ideas between legislators is significant for achieving the welfare and growth of Bharat. The conclave witnessed a significant turning point as the floor was opened to all legislators providing them with an opportunity to share their experiences and suggestions on how to enhance contributions to the nation.



Shri Sanjay Sarogi, MLA from Darbhanga Constituency, expressed wholehearted support for all the activities undertaken by the National Legislators Conference Bharat. In his address, he urged fellow MLAs and MLCs to actively contribute and

participate in the discussions. Emphasizing the need to transcend political differences, Shri Sarogi emphasized the collective responsibility of legislators in making Bharat a better place for its citizens.



**Shri Umesh Dwivedi**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature, voiced his concerns about the concentration of rule-making authority in the hands of a select few. He highlighted that guidelines and decisions are often dictated solely by the party, leading to a dilution of the individual identity of politicians. Shri Dwivedi stressed the importance of creating more platforms like the NLC Bharat to facilitate open discussions, allowing politicians to express their unique perspectives and contribute to policy formation.



**Shri Dinesh Rawat**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature said, "Today, I wish to share my thoughts on the profound transformation that I have witnessed in the traditional perceptions of Indian politics. This initiative has played a pivotal

role in challenging age-old stereotypes linked to nepotism in our political landscape. For generations, our political environment has been entrenched in the belief that Sonar ka beta Sonar Aur Lohar ka beta Lohar defined the predetermined destiny of individuals based on their family lineage. After the commencement of NLC Bharat and the MIT School of Government, education can be given to students who want to pursue politics as a career."



**Shri Ajay Dutt**, a Member of the Delhi Legislature said, "Today, I would like to propose a transformative initiative for the betterment of our political landscape in India. Inspired by the commendable efforts of the MIT School of Government and the National Legislators Conference Bharat, I strongly advocate for the creation of a dedicated government board responsible for training all elected members of parliament. Additionally, I propose the establishment of organizations akin to the National Democratic Institute and International Research Institute, mirroring their role in providing training and fostering democratic values in our country. I commend the MIT School of Government and the National Legislators Conference Bharat for their marvelous initiative in empowering young leaders. I pledge my full support to strengthen and expand this process. The collaborative effort between government bodies and educational

institutions can play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our democracy. In addition to governance and leadership training, I emphasize the importance of including modules on peace education. Elected members must understand the essence of collective responsibility, fostering a sense of 'we' and 'ours' rather than focusing solely on 'me' and 'mine.' By instilling a commitment to public service and civic responsibility, we can create a more harmonious and inclusive society."



Moving on to the other aspects of the conclave where participants discussed good governance practices in their constituency, **Shri Rajesh Rishi**, a Member of the Delhi Legislature said, "I invite all the MLAs and MLCs to my constituency in Delhi. I will show you what work we have done for children, how we have made government schools with world-class education, and government hospitals better than private hospitals."



Furthermore, **Shri Madan Lal**, a Member of the Delhi Legislature expressed, "I strongly emphasize that NLC Bharat

should be an apolitical agency. It should be an independent body free from the bias of any political agenda."



To this comment, **Smt. Jeevan Jyoti Kaur**, MLA from Amritsar affirmed and added that NLC should be continued and sustained for generations to come. She also opined that "NLC Bharat should focus on gender equality and encouraging women to come forward in politics."



Highlighting good practices in his constituency, **Shri Manwinder Singh Giaspura**, MLA from Ludhiana mentioned how youth should be motivated for better career options.



Another point mentioned regarding youth participation in politics was by **Shri Bamba Lal**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature, who said, "It is important to

keep political party agendas aside and bring up topics on youth development in our discussions. A dual learning process between MLAs is necessary to take inspiration from each other."



**Dr. Pragya Tripathi**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature emphasized, "We must take down these ideas of connecting with the youth at the grassroots level... in our districts and towns."



Later in the session, **Shri Rahul V Karad** proposed a 3-day training program for the staff members of MLAs and MLCs to hone their political skills. This suggestion was widely appreciated and many participants extended their wholehearted support for this initiative.



**Dr. Surabhi**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature said, "We need certain guidelines from NLC Bharat to conduct youth parliament in an apolitical manner, and conducting a classroom program for MLAs and MLCs for their capacity enhancement should be done."



Heartfelt appreciation and gratitude were conveyed to Shri Rahul V Karad by **Shri N. Nagaraju**, a Member of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly who said, "You have called people from various cultures and parts and it has strengthened the secular character of the nation. We have to resolve the government to include sessions of leadership and politics in the school curriculum. I salute Shri Rahul Karad for conducting such a wonderful program today. The government of India and the education department should be suggested to add a leadership syllabus and students should understand democracy and the federal system of the country."



**S. Vijayadharani**, a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislature added "We are giving e-tablets, and computers in government schools, and colleges for students. I suggest we should run youth parliament programs in government schools so that children from poor strata receive support in the system. They can emerge as a part of a good governance system. We can reach them through online smart class method for free."



The most suitable example for students aspiring to be politicians is **Shri Amritpal Sukhanand**, a Member of the Punjab Legislature. He highlighted, "My journey from being a student to a politician motivated students a lot at the previous NLC Bharat conference, I urge every politician here to set an example for everyone else. We should not expect work from others. We should ensure good governance practices ourselves to inspire others. I give my support to the youth who aspire to get into politics so that educated people become political leaders."



**Dr. Amit Singh Chauhan**, a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislature said, "To bridge the gap between elected representatives and the citizens in the constituency should be a priority of every politician. Suggestions in this direction should be mailed to the NLC Bharat team by all the politicians."



Another good governance example was shared by **Shri Sammari Lal**, a Member of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly. He stated, "I show the proceedings of the Legislative Assembly in Ranchi, Jharkhand, to students from various colleges and schools across the region so that they can form an informed opinion about what is happening in the state assembly. And then I visit those schools and colleges to inquire about their experiences." He said, "The theme of वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् resonates deeply

with our shared commitment to building a better future together. As MLAs, the NLC Bharat has provided us with a common platform to exchange ideas, share insights, and foster collaboration. In this age of data, it has become increasingly evident that both face-to-face interactions and online experiences, such as those on Facebook, play crucial roles in shaping our understanding and perspectives. The diversity of experiences shared during the conclave, whether through personal encounters or virtual discussions, has broadened our horizons and enhanced our collective vision for the future. I believe that our contributions, both individually and collectively have added significant value to the conclave proceedings. As we look ahead, let us carry forward the spirit of unity and cooperation exemplified at the NLC Bharat, recognizing that we indeed have one future together."

Shri Girish Gautam also emphasized providing training to MLAs, coupled with the caveat that their interest is crucial, underscoring the importance of proactive participation for a brighter future and the

enrichment of our roles. His words serve as a reminder that our contributions to the National Legislators' Conference Bharat are integral to its success, making it a fruitful platform for collaboration and growth.

In conclusion, the sharing of experiences during Session 4 of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave for Presiding Officers and Legislators has been a pivotal moment in fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange among the participants. The insights and good practices discussed during this session have not only enriched our understanding of effective public leadership but have also provided a platform for building a collective repository of valuable experiences.

Dr. Neha Dutte delivered the closing remarks to conclude the session, providing a brief overview of the upcoming session on the third day of the conclave, focusing on the current state of state finances and the crucial role of legislators in this context.

## Outcomes of the Discussions on Day 2

- 1) Embracing technology is crucial for effective governance, requiring MLAs and MLCs to adapt to evolving technological landscapes for improved service delivery.
- 2) NLC Bharat must maintain its non-partisan status, free from any political influence.
- 3) To foster a collaborative environment beyond political affiliations, MLAs and MLCs should actively share successful practices from their constituencies and engage in mutual learning.
- 4) NLC Bharat should develop and provide training programs tailored for the administrative staff of both MLAs and MLCs.
- 5) Our educational curriculum should integrate sections on leadership, democracy, and the federal system to better address the needs of a comprehensive learning experience.
- 6) Building connections with constituents is essential for MLAs, and the MLA Youth Parliament serves as an effective platform for achieving this objective.

## SESSION - 4

### Current State of States Finances: Role of Legislators

Day 3 : Friday, 12th January 2024, 1145 hrs – 1330 hrs

Venue : Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall, MIT-WPU, Pune



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#### SPEAKER



**Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan**  
Former IAS, President - Loksatta Party,  
General Secretary - Foundation for Democratic Reforms



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan was felicitated by Prof. Sridhar Pabbisetty, and Prof. (Dr.) Parimal Maya Sudhakar



Participants attentively listening to the talk delivered by Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan

The third day of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave for Presiding Officers and Legislators commenced at the historic Saint Dnyaneshwar Hall of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University. Offering the welcome address, Dr. Neha Dutte, lecturer in the Department of Polytechnic and Skill Development, introduced the session to the attendees. She emphasized the economic repercussions of welfarist policies promised by the political parties for voters, highlighting their consequences on state finances. Dr. Dutte emphasized that the session Current State of States Finances: Role of Legislators "aimed to help participants comprehend the financial standing of various state governments and equip legislators to advocate for reforms in state finances."

Prof. Sridhar Pabbisetty, Senior Director at MIT School of Government, and Prof. (Dr.) Parimal Maya Sudhakar, Director of the Research Cell at NLC Bharat felicitated the Hon'ble speaker, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Former IAS and President of the Loksatta Party.



Before beginning with his address, a short film was screened showcasing the life and accomplishments of **Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan**. Commencing his address, Dr. Narayan raised a probing question to the legislators, quoting the nation's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru:

***"If India wins, who loses?  
If India loses, who wins?"***

Expressing concern, Dr. Narayan remarked that as a nation, we are losing focus on the future we aspire to attain. He contended, "Of late, there are tendencies across the country where we are ignoring the long-term future of the country for the short-term political gain" and urged the participants to carefully consider the data in front of them.

Dr. Narayan conveyed that the fundamental functions of the state encompass enforcing the rule of law, maintaining public order, administering justice, and providing health and education, among other responsibilities. The government elected by the citizens carries out these duties. Acknowledging the short and long-term needs of human society, he emphasized the importance of the government striking a balance to meet the diverse demands of its citizens.

Nevertheless, in the Indian context, Dr. Narayan contended that by "ignoring the collective tasks, which individuals cannot perform," governments are concentrating entirely on short-term individual welfare measures. Drawing attention to the U.S. government's policy of loan waiver for university students under the Joe Biden administration, he affirmed the necessity of welfare in a democracy. However, he also cautioned against allowing short-term needs to dominate our long-term well-being.

Highlighting the necessity for comprehensive progress across socio-economic indicators like life expectancy, IMR, MMR, LFPR, and HDI among other things, Dr. Narayan emphasized that India is positioned in the bottom five among the 50 largest economies globally. Shedding light on the distressing circumstances, Dr. Narayan remarked, "We have a long way to go in our basic governance tasks." He also proposed that envisioning a future is

possible only when we prioritize providing the necessities of life. He brought attention to the extensive backlog of cases in our trial courts, with 3.4 crore and 1.1 crore pending criminal and civil cases, respectively, and noted that 60% of these cases have been unresolved for over a year. Illustrating the critical state of the healthcare sector, Dr. Narayan shared that approximately 5.5 crore people slide into poverty annually due to healthcare expenses, and 26% of deaths result from largely preventable communicable, maternal, neonatal, and nutritional diseases. Addressing the urgent need for reform in the education system, he highlighted dismal learning outcomes, stating that 60% of Std. V students cannot read a Std. II level text, and 55% of Std. VIII students cannot perform division.

Conveying a sense of distress, Dr. Narayan expressed that "only 20% of our students have the opportunity to realize their full potential," while the remaining 80%, despite possessing talent, have limited chances due to the circumstances of their birth. To address these challenges, Dr. Narayan advocated for aligning economic factors that would drive India's growth. He contended that several international assessments have foreseen a relatively robust growth trajectory for India. Projections indicate a consistent growth rate of 6.8% over the next five years (fiscals 2024-2028), surpassing the average growth rates of other major economies. If harnessed judiciously, this opportunity for sustained high growth has the potential to enhance the lives of millions of Indians markedly.

However, reckless expenditure poses a threat to India's growth prospects. He emphasized, "You cannot merely print currencies," and pointed out that nations such as "Venezuela, Argentina, Zimbabwe,

and neighboring countries like Sri Lanka and Pakistan are in deep despair because of poor economic management."

Clarifying the concepts of revenue deficit and revenue surplus, Dr. Narayan warned that several State Governments are experiencing revenue deficits, indicating that their daily expenditures are funded through borrowing. Following the 'Golden Rule' of public finance, he stressed that, in the absence of economic emergencies, no economic entity should borrow to cover current consumption. Therefore, a long-term objective for governments should be to sustain a zero revenue deficit.

He also highlighted the concealed structural deficit of the Union government. He argued that "Without any direct benefits to the people, the transfers to states, salaries, pensions, and interest payments push the government of India into a deficit amounting to 257,178 crores." Shifting to the escalating debt burden of states, Dr. Narayan underscored that the Union's debt stands at 57% of GDP (2022-23 RE), while the cumulative debt of states (2022-23 RE) is at 27.5% of GDP, in contrast to the FRBM norms of 40% and 20%, respectively, for the Union and States. He also affirmed that the total liabilities to GSDP, including government guarantees, in states like Punjab (50.7%), Himachal Pradesh (45.3%), Andhra Pradesh (43.1%), and Rajasthan (42.6%), etc., are notably high. However, Odisha stands apart as an exception. Dr. Narayan, expressing his satisfaction with the state's fiscal management, remarked, "Odisha is a remarkable example. The Odisha government is widely popular and has been elected for the fourth successive term. So, it's possible to gain popularity, improve the state's conditions, and manage the finances better. It is not a trade-off between one and the other."

Turning to his native state of Telangana, Dr. Narayan commented that the state has depleted its surplus of 1.16 lakh crores since its inception in 2014. He stated, "The entire surplus has been exhausted, and Telangana is now in a deficit." Moreover, the new government that took office last month has committed additional expenditure of 1.22-1.33 lakh crores per year." In contrast, Karnataka has been more effectively administered. Yet, the state is grappling with a shortage of working capital due to election promises and has recently turned to overdraft facilities after a considerable period. He suggested that "Telangana never resorted to overdrafts when it was formed, but for 328 days out of 365 last year, they went into overdrafts."

Emphasizing the repercussions of populist and economically impractical projects initiated by different state governments, Dr. Narayan underscored that the power sector stands out as the most significant loss-making entity. The situation is poised to deteriorate further due to energy subsidies, poor management, and the shift to renewable energy. While acknowledging that this issue extends beyond India, Dr. Narayan contended that "in the next 10-20 years, India might have to allocate an additional 80-90 lakh crores at the very minimum for the power sector."

He also pointed out that the substantial committed expenditure on salaries, wages, pensions, and interest payments by the states (as a percentage of their own revenue) is impacting essential governance functions. Governments are required to allocate as much as 200% (in the case of Himachal Pradesh) or 156% (in the case of West Bengal) towards these commitments.

Dr. Narayan also conveyed dissatisfaction with the adoption of the old pension

scheme by certain states. He argued that in developed Western countries, pension funds are pre-funded, unlike in India. One notable feature of our pension system is the absence of pension provisions for private-sector employees and those working in the unorganized sector. Pensions are exclusively extended to government employees, with funding coming not from the government or the employees themselves. Furthermore, these pensions are linked not just to inflation but also to the recommendations of pay commissions. This places an extra strain on the financial resources of the government.

To address this financial challenge, Dr. Narayan emphasized that both the Vajpayee and Manmohan Singh governments made a prudent move by implementing the National Pension System. Under this system, employees contribute 10%, employers contribute 10-14%, and Union and State Governments contribute 10-14% each. Dr. Narayan pointed out that the National Pension Scheme involves upfront contributions. He also underscored the escalating burden of pension expenditure on states relative to their revenue. The burden has surged from 8% in 1990-91 to 27% in 2020-21. He also highlighted the seriousness of the matter concerning the Union Government. "In the case of the Union, the burden has increased from 7.9% to 16.3%."

Comparing India with the USA, Dr. Narayan emphasized that 18% of the Indian government's revenue is allocated for pension benefits, benefiting only 1.71 crores or 3.2% of the national workforce. In contrast, the United States allocates 15% of its government revenue to cover 17.8 crores or 94% of the national workforce. Expressing concern about the situation, Dr. Narayan posed a pointed

question, asking, "Is this what we are elected for?"

Dr. Narayan emphasized the severe repercussions of the Old Pension Scheme in Andhra Pradesh, offering statistics on committed expenditures relative to the state's revenues. He delved into the percentage of total revenue receipts, the growing fiscal deficit, and the debt-to-GSDP ratio. In highlighting the necessity of maintaining a balance between state finances and short-term public welfare, Dr. Narayan aptly argued that in democracies worldwide, there is a short-term political cost to be paid for preserving fiscal prudence. The challenge lies in carefully balancing the budget for the future against the promotion of long-term public good. "It is a challenge. But that is what the art of leadership is."

Concluding his address, Dr. Narayan briefly outlined strategies for improving the state of public finances through prudent management. He presented a 9-point agenda, which included measures such as implementing the 'Golden Rule' and restricting borrowing for current expenditures. Dr. Narayan proposed that states adhere to zero revenue deficit targets and subsequently aim for revenue surplus targets under Article 293(4) as a prerequisite for borrowing consent. He suggested discontinuing Revenue Deficit Grants by the Finance Commission, progressively increasing the retirement age in line with the rise in average life expectancy and global best practices, and treating Unfunded Pension Liability under the Old Pension Scheme as a deferred liability while advocating for Sustainable Pension Reforms.

After the presentation, the forum welcomed questions, and Dr. Narayan enthusiastically responded to questions directed towards him.



**Shri Ajay Dutt**, MLA from Delhi, conveyed to the attendees that the Delhi Government's budget had expanded from 31 thousand crores (in 2014) to 76 thousand crores (in 2023). He highlighted the remarkable accomplishments of the government in the Education and Healthcare sectors. He posed a question about the necessary ecosystem in India to extend pension benefits to the unorganized sector. In response, Dr. Narayan expressed the need for a system capable of offering social security and pension benefits not only to government employees but also to those in the unorganized sector, all without imposing a financial burden on state finances. At this juncture, Dr. Narayan invited participants to present their questions collectively, assuring that he would address them comprehensively.



**Shri Amit Kumar Mandal**, MLA, posed several questions, questioning the sustainability of freebies politics in the long run, the realism of the FRBM limit, constitutional measures to prevent politically motivated schemes and the evaluation of borrowing as either good or bad.



**Shri Nagaraju Yadav**, MLC from Karnataka, put forth significant suggestions, advocating for the implementation of universal basic income in India to counteract high wealth and income inequality. Simultaneously, he raised a pertinent query about why Department/Ministry Secretaries should not advise governments against heavy state borrowings and questioned the sustainability of deficit budgets in India.



**Shri Somnath Bharti**, MLA from Delhi, posed a direct query to Dr. Narayan, seeking insights into the political aspects of welfare measures. He specifically inquired whether there is a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to prevent welfare initiatives from becoming entangled in political posturing.



**S. Vijayadharani**, MLA from Tamil Nadu, pointed out the challenge faced by state governments in meeting the pension needs of their employees. She highlighted the difficulty in reducing benefits to state employees under various schemes, which the central government may insist on. Seeking a solution, she inquired about the way forward for the states.



**Smt. Ketakee Singh**, MLA from Uttar Pradesh, raised a question about navigating the present era of political gift-giving. Additionally, she sought guidance on optimizing the education budget for enhanced educational outcomes.

In response to the various questions and suggestions, Dr. Narayan provided his insights. He expressed a preference for avoiding the term "freebies," and instead favoring the term "individual short-term welfare measures." He acknowledged the necessity of such measures but emphasized the importance of maintaining a balance to ensure long-term collective welfare..

Regarding the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, Dr. Narayan praised it as a "fantastic Act." He highlighted Articles 293 and 362 as the pillars of the nation's economic health, asserting that, according to the Constitution, the credit of India and a smooth financial system are the Union's responsibility, transcending party politics. Similarly, he argued that states have the right to choose the old pension scheme if they wish, but emphasized the need for upfront payment if pensions are to be disbursed on a discounted cash flow basis 20 or 30 years into the future. Dr. Narayan stressed that states possess the power and authority to make such decisions in a federal setup, but cautioned that "Federalism and local governments do not mean fiscal irresponsibility and driving the country to bankruptcy."

Responding to Shri Nagaraju Yadav's query, Dr. Narayan concurred that universal basic income is crucial for mitigating wealth and income inequality. Additionally, he proposed the consolidation of numerous welfare schemes into a unified account to streamline programs. Dr. Narayan explained that "by pooling schemes, we can determine the transfer of benefits on an individual or family basis."

Addressing the issue of extending welfare benefits to workers in the unorganized sector, Dr. Narayan remarked that "82% of individuals in the unorganized sector are uncertain about where their next meal will come from." He proposed that the sole method of broadening the welfare system in the nation demands expanding the organized sector itself.

In response to Shri Somnath Bharti's question, Dr. Narayan recalled the words of Dr. K. M. Munshi from the Constituent Assembly, who stated, "As far as the financial integrity of the country is

concerned, India is whole. There is no debt to the Union, there is no debt to the States. There is a general government debt." Reiterating the observations of the International Monetary Fund regarding India's debt, Dr. Narayan clarified that the interest rates for the Union typically stand at 8%, while for the states, they are at 10%, with some states borrowing at rates of 11-13%. He emphasized that such borrowing is unsustainable. With interest rates ranging from 8-9% for 100% of the GDP, and the total revenues of the Governments (Union and States) being 18% of the GDP, spending 50% of the revenues solely on interest payments for past debts would undoubtedly lead to significant consequences. He also mentioned that as the GDP increases, so will the debt. However, it won't be disconnected from the GDP if there is a borrowing limit.

Responding to the question posed by Smt. Ketakee Singh, Dr. Narayan concurred that the competitive landscape of Indian politics compels parties to allocate more towards social welfare, as failure to do so results in a noticeable decline. However, he also emphasized the importance of ensuring that the economic growth rate outpaces the growth rate of social expenditure. Citing the example of Odisha, Dr. Narayan proposed that despite not being affluent, Odisha has implemented a system that has enhanced the social indicators of its residents without jeopardizing the state's financial health. He credited this approach as a key factor contributing to the popularity of the state government.

Having addressed all the questions and suggestions from the participants, Dr. Narayan welcomed a few additional questions and sought further suggestions. He provided concise responses and actively contributed to the suggestions put forth by the participants.



**Shri Rajesh Rathod**, MLC from Maharashtra, made an impassioned appeal to the participants, offering a humanistic perspective on the issue of pension schemes implemented by various state governments. He argued that individuals dedicate their entire lives to caring for their families and meeting their needs. If someone retires at the age of 60 or 65 without adequate provisions for pensions and old-age welfare, they may end up spending the remainder of their life dependent on their children, family, and relatives. Such a life contradicts the dignity promised by the Constitution. Therefore, pensions are crucial to ensure the proper care of our elderly citizens.



**Shri Madan Lal**, MLA from Delhi, presented two questions to Dr. Narayan. He inquired about the existence of a mechanism to curb the misuse of development funds during election periods and sought insights on measures to prevent uneven development in India.

In a succinct response to Shri Rajesh Rathod's comments, Dr. Narayan

contended that the matter at hand is not a binary choice between "Yes pension and No pension." Instead, it revolves around the concept of ensuring a sustainable pension. Addressing Shri Madan Lal's question on uneven development in India, Dr. Narayan asserted that out of the 35 lakh crores, 20 lakh crores are allocated to the states, indicating a limited monetary base for the center. He argued that the past mismanagement of some states should not result in penalties for the present generation. Using the example of Delhi benefiting from goods supplied by Bihar, he emphasized the interconnectedness of states. In conclusion, he affirmed, "I passionately believe, there is an India, and we have to protect that."



Concluding the session, **Shri Rahul V. Karad**, Executive President of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, expressed confidence in the NLC Bharat initiative. He extended gratitude to all the participants for their presence and assured them that the results of the three-day conclave would yield positive outcomes. Finally, he appealed to all stakeholders, urging them to "take this initiative ahead for the country." Following the concluding remarks, Shri Rahul V. Karad, along with the academic team of the MIT School of Government presented the participants with a shawl and a photo frame featuring the World Peace Dome as a gesture of felicitation.

### State-wise Participation of the delegates in the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators

Sr.	Name of the MLA/MLC	Designation	State/UT
1.	Shri. Yandapalli Srinivasulu Reddy	MLC	Andhra Pradesh
2.	Shri. Pokala Vansi Nagendra Madhav	MLC	
3.	Shri. P V V Suryanaraya Raju	MLC	
4.	Smt. Nikki Hembrom	MLA	Bihar
5.	Shri. Birendra Kumar	MLA	
6.	Shri. Chetan Anand	MLA	
7.	Shri. Arun Shankar Prasad	MLA	
8.	Shri. Sanjay Saraogi	MLA	
9.	Shri. Ijhaarul Hussain	MLA	
10.	Smt. Rashmi Varma	MLA	
11.	Shri. Sudhanshu Shekhar	MLA	
12.	Shri. Ram Naresh Yadav	MLA	
13.	Shri. Akshay Kumar Ishvarbhai Patel	MLA	Gujarat
14.	Shri. Amit Sihag	MLA	Haryana
15.	Shri. Bhavya Bishnoi	MLA	
16.	Shri. Neeraj Sharma	MLA	
17.	Shri. Induraj Narwal	MLA	
18.	Shri. Surender Shourie	MLA	Himachal Pradesh
19.	Shri. Amit Kumar Mandal	MLA	Jharkhand
20.	Shri. Abhayakumar Patil	MLA	Karnataka
21.	Shri. Sabana Talwar	MLC	
22.	Shri. M. Nagaraju	MLA	
23.	Shri. Saneeshkumar Joseph	MLA	Kerala
24.	Shri. Vikram Vasanthrao Kale	MLC	Maharashtra
25.	Shri. Ramdas Bhagwanji Ambatkar	MLC	
26.	Shri. Rajesh Rathod	MLC	
27.	Shri. Kishor Gajanan Jorgewar	MLA	
28.	Smt. Gayatri Devi	MLA	Madhya Pradesh
29.	Shri. Phundelal Singh Marko	MLA	
30.	Shri. Usham Deben Singh	MLA	Manipur
31.	Shri. Khongbantabam Ibomcha	MLA	
32.	Dr. Sukhato A. Sema	MLA	Nagaland

Sr.	Name of the MLA/MLC	Designation	State/UT
33.	Shri. Abdul Rehman	MLA	New Delhi
34.	Shri. Vishesh Ravi	MLA	
35.	Shri. Rajesh Rishi	MLA	
36.	Shri. Rajesh Gupta	MLA	
37.	Shri. Madan Lal	MLA	
38.	Shri. Bhupinder Singh Joon	MLA	
39.	Shri. Ajay Dutt	MLA	
40.	Shri. Jeevanjot Kaur	MLA	Punjab
41.	Shri. Manwinder Singh Giaspura	MLA	
42.	Shri. Amritpal Singh Sukhanand	MLA	
43.	Shri. R. B. Ashok Babu	MLA	Puducherry
44.	Shri. R. Senthilkumar	MLA	
45.	Shri. Rakesh Meena	MLA	Rajasthan
46.	Shri. Rafeek Khan	MLA	
47.	Smt. S. Vijayadharani	MLA	Tamil Nadu
48.	Shri. R.B. Ashok Babu	MLA	
49.	Shri. R. Senthil Kumar	MLA	
50.	Shri. Kandasamy V.P	MLA	
51.	Shri. Govindasamy A.	MLA	
52.	Shri. T. K Amulkandasami	MLA	
53.	Shri. Udumalai K Radhakrishnan	MLA	
54.	Shri. S.P Venkateshwaran	MLA	
55.	Shri. Damodaran S.	MLA	
56.	Shri. V. Sampath Kumar	MLA	
57.	Shri. M. S. M. Anandan	MLA	
58.	Shri. Paul Dangshu	MLA	Tripura
59.	Shri. Amit Singh Chauhan	MLA	Uttar Pradesh
60.	Shri. Vipul Dubey	MLA	
61.	Shri. Umesh Dwivedi	MLC	
62.	Dr. Surabhi	MLA	
63.	Shri. Rishi Tripathi	MLA	
64.	Smt. Pragya Tripathi	MLC	
65.	Smt. Ketakee Singh	MLA	
66.	Shri. Devender Kumar Nim	MLA	
67.	Shri. Dinesh Rawat	MLA	
68.	Shri. Ganesh Chandra	MLA	
69.	Smt. Asha Maurya	MLA	
70.	Shri. Bamba Lal	MLA	
71.	Shri. Suresh Gariya	MLA	Uttarakhand
72.	Smt. Mamta Rakesh	MLA	

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

### Visit to World Peace Centre and the World Peace Dome

Day 1 : Wednesday, 10th January 2024, 1700 hrs – 2230 hrs

Venue : Rajbagh Campus, Loni-Kalbhor



Departure to World Peace Dome



Arrival at the World Peace Centre and the World Peace Dome



Address by Revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad

Founder President MIT World Peace University,  
UNESCO Chair holder for Human Rights, Democracy, and Peace



**The Visit to the World Peace Centre, Loni Kalbhor** was organized for the dignitaries on the first day of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators. Dr. Milind Pande, Pro Vice-Chancellor of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, and his team were responsible for coordinating this visit to the landmark location.

Following the conclusion of the first day of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave, the guests were accompanied to the World Peace Centre located at MIT Art, Design, and Technology University's Rajbaug Campus at Loni Kalbhor. Revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder President of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University and UNESCO Chair holder for Human Rights, Democracy, and Peace, the host of the evening, graciously greeted the guests at the campus and engaged in a brief conversation with them.

Following a meaningful dialogue exchange, the guests were guided to the Memorial dedicated to Raj Kapoor. This unique museum, the only one of its kind in the country, pays tribute to the creative and passionate actor, Late Shri. Raj Kapoor. The Memorial vividly portrays scenes from Raj Kapoor's life and films. It not only features Raj Kapoor but also immortalizes statues of Amitabh Bachchan, Rajendra Kumar, Vaijayanti Mala, Nargis, Shashi Kapoor, Shammi Kapoor, and others. Iconic scenes from timeless classics like Awaara, Jis Desh Me Ganga Baheti Hai, and Mera Naam Joker are artistically displayed. After leaving the Memorial, guests enjoyed a short film presentation on the life of Late Shri Raj Kapoor, featuring clips from his famous movies.

Further leading the trail, Prof. (Dr.) Pande and his team along with the guests made headway towards Bhagwat Gita Dnyan

Bhawan. The entrance of the temple greeted them with awe-inspiring sculptures depicting the Pandavas alongside the graceful figure of Draupadi. At the outset was the depiction of the sacred havan kund. The peculiar shape of the Havan Kund helps to generate, store and spread the divine energies in the surrounding atmosphere. As the guests advanced further into the temple's heart, they were confronted by a mesmerizing tableau, unravelling vivid descriptions of all the religions in the world, casting a spell of profound significance on their spiritual journey.

The guests exiting from the Bhagwat Gita Dnyan Bhawan were awe-struck with the view of the World Peace Dome lit up beautifully.

Upon reaching the dome entrance, guests were captivated by the grandeur and magnificence of the unique edifice. A notable feature that greeted them at the entrance was a bell adorned with the symbol 'Om' positioned on top. The majestic bell instantly transcends individuals on a spiritual journey, where the resonating echo creates a profound atmosphere. As they progressed further, a large water pool bordered by rose bushes imparted a serene tranquillity. Three fountains situated midway contribute to the overall soothing ambiance. The pathway is adorned with elegant illuminated pillars on both sides, casting a haloed glow upon the already refined surroundings. The entrance guided the guests towards a staircase crafted from marble. The pristine white of the steps stands in sharp contrast to the red hue of the sandstone pathway. These steps play a pivotal role in establishing the thematic essence of what lies ahead. Adorned with verses and shlokas from ancient scriptures across various religions, as well as the wisdom of revered gurus worldwide, the stairs are inscribed with profound teachings of saints, seers, and sages.

Among them are sayings such as, "Perfection does not come from only belief and faith; it comes through the performance of action without any aspirations." This staircase led the guests to the World Peace Dome.

Before entering the Dome, the distinguished guests were presented with a light and sound show that showcased the making of the World Peace Dome and the importance of the Dome. The guests were seated facing the dome and Prof. (Dr.) Milind Pande audaciously briefed the guests about the institution, its leadership, and the employment of the statute of Revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath Karad.

Prof. (Dr.) Pande stated, "The World Peace Dome, World Peace Prayer Hall, and Library stand tall at a height of 263 feet, with a diameter measuring 160 feet. The dome itself reaches a height of 96 feet, contributing to the total structure's impressive elevation from ground to apex. This architectural wonder was completed in 2018 and is characterized by the circular shape of the dome, symbolizing eternity and perfection, and is recognized as the world's largest dome. As a monumental structure, it houses the World Peace Prayer Hall and the World Peace Library, serving as an open and dedicated space for the global community to promote world peace and humanity. Inside the hall, there were statues of the world's most eminent philosophers and scientists – individuals who have profoundly influenced human thought throughout history and continue to do so today. The World Peace Dome is embellished with 54 such jewels of humanity who have significantly contributed to the creation of civilization and the advancement of human thought."

The guests were further led to the dome by revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad. After capturing a beautiful photo

on the staircase leading to the dome, the guests along with Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad proceeded towards the dome. In his elegant discourse, Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad skillfully explicated the correlation between the spiritual element of life and the scientific sine wave function. He astutely pointed out how the introduction of a sine wave injects an artistic element into the otherwise mundane world of mathematics. Beyond its mathematical utility, the 'Sine Wave' is portrayed as an allegory for the cyclicity inherent in life. After a short discussion with revered Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath D. Karad, the guests proceeded towards the World Peace Library.

The World Peace Library is located just below the Prayer Hall. A vast collection of philosophical texts from around the world awaited the guests. The Library accommodates thousands of books and scriptures encompassing a wide range of subjects, including religion, spirituality, science, and philosophy, sourced globally. Within its shelves, one gains insights into both the distinctions and commonalities among various religions. The presence of ancient scriptures contributes to a deeper understanding of the rituals and practices associated with these diverse belief systems.

The day concluded with a grand dinner with all the guests greeting each other and enjoying the serenity and peaceful ambiance inside the World Peace Dome.



## Programs discussed in the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators

During the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave several programs were presented such as Vidhayak Chhatra Sansad and the establishment of political leadership schools within the Legislatures. Furthermore, programs focusing on capacity advancement, international study visits, MLA exchange, and the arrangement of an annual conference addressing good governance in the Legislatures were also tabled.

### Programs Offered

#### 1) MLA Youth Parliament (MLAYP)

The MLA Youth Parliament (MLAYP) will serve as an intermediate platform to establish a movement amongst the students and youngsters to channel their energy for constructive activities towards building themselves as responsible citizens of tomorrow.

Leading ahead, the MLAYP will be organized in each Assembly Constituency in association with the BCS. The BCS is a unique movement that provides the youth a platform to become agents of change by committing to politics and embrace public life to strengthen the democratic fabric of our nation. It is an opportunity for each MLA to connect with the youth in their constituency.

MLAYP envisages that motivated, committed, and politically active leaders will emerge to provide effective leadership to the people and practice morality in politics for their betterment.

#### 2) State Assemblies on Mission for Vital All-round Development (SAMVAD)

Bharat is a mosaic of diversity, a tapestry woven with the threads of federalism with the pursuit of effective public policy. The country

has a lot to offer and learn from inter and intra-regional co-learning. The SAMVAD annual conference on Good Governance and Public Policy in State Assemblies strives to serve as a crucible for such transformative ideas.

The SAMVAD conference aims to illuminate pathways for accountable governance, participatory decision-making, and inclusive policy frameworks. By fostering dialogue among eminent experts, policymakers, and thought leaders, the conference will help cultivate a culture of transparency, innovation, and responsiveness.

The efforts will be to explore the transformative potential of good governance principles enabled by digital innovation for local constituencies to become the epicenters of positive change with enhanced transparency, and empowered communities for a brighter and more inclusive Bharat.

#### 3) Smart MLAs International Leadership Experiences (SMILE)

The NLC Bharat International Study Tour, designed for MLAs and MLCs, is pivotal in reshaping national leadership. Beyond conventional training, it offers an immersive experience to professionalize leadership, empowering emerging leaders with knowledge, values, and global exposure. This transformative journey fosters personal and professional growth, broadens perspectives, and establishes a collaborative platform for future leaders, administrators, and political workers, contributing to positive societal change.

#### 4) Interstate Network for Training, Education, Research, and Collaboration Techniques (INTERACT)

The Legislators' Exchange Program, INTERACT, aims to foster collaboration, understanding, and professional growth among legislators from different states through constituency visits coordinated by the respective state assemblies. This program will be an extension of the proposed Capacity Advancement Program, which has been envisaged as an initiative in collaboration with the premier institutes, instrumental in implementing the CAPs. The CAPs will be delivered throughout the year through a series of organized modules, workshops, and collaborative sessions. The Exchange Program, instead, will facilitate an informal visit, serving as a platform for exchanging knowledge, best practices, and experiences among participants through in-person meetings, ideal constituency visits, and various other field trips.

#### 5) Capacity Advancement Programs Aimed for Building Legislative Excellence (CAPABLE)

In the contemporary landscape, the role of legislators extends far beyond the traditional confines of law-making. In navigating today's intricate society, legislators function as dynamic agents of societal progress, grappling with a myriad of challenges spanning economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability. Their responsibility encompasses not only the creation of laws but also the nuanced understanding of evolving societal needs.

To effectively discharge these

multifaceted responsibilities, legislators require a diverse skill set. As a result, capacity advancement programs have gained significance globally. These programs aim to enhance the skill sets of political leaders by providing them with additional skills to complement their existing ones. Historical evidence indicates that through participation in CAPs, leaders can formulate more effective laws, draft policies that are scientifically and environmentally sound, and meet the increasing expectations of their constituents.

At the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave for Presiding Officers and Legislators, 2 proposals titled "Preparing for Elections: Data, Surveys, Analysis, Interpretations," and "From Backbencher to Minister" were presented, emphasizing capacity advancement for the participants, and their office staff.

#### 6) The Institute of Political Leadership and Government (IPLG)

The current state of political leadership in Bharat is marked by a significant gap between the aspirations of the populace and the capabilities of those in positions of power. Recognizing this gap, there is a compelling need to establish Institutes of Political Leadership and Government (IPLG) within every State Legislature Complex, acting as transformative agents for our political culture.

IPLGs are envisioned as dynamic hubs of learning, not only imparting theoretical knowledge but actively involving Members of Legislative Assembly (MLAs), Members of

Legislative Council (MLCs), Ministers, and Bureaucrats in the teaching process. This unique approach ensures that practical insights, real-world experiences, and nuanced perspectives are shared with the participants, enriching their

understanding of the complexities of governance.

In conclusion, the establishment of Institutes of Political Leadership and Government in every State Legislature Complex is an imperative step toward rejuvenating our political landscape.



A group photo of all the participants of the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave  
(In the Centre of the Frame from the Left: Shri U. T. Khader Fareed, Shri Rahul Karad, Shri Satish Mahana, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Shri Girish Gautam, and Dr. Ram Charan)

## ABOUT

### The 13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad in Hindsight



## 13<sup>th</sup> भारतीय छात्र संसद<sup>®</sup> (INDIAN STUDENT PARLIAMENT) Estd. 2011

Bharat, the world's largest democracy and considered one of the most stable nations, aspires to attain high development standards through a political focus on progress. To achieve this transformation, it's essential to engage dedicated youth in politics, fostering a commitment to public service and fortifying our democratic foundation. In pursuit of this goal, Shri Rahul V. Karad initiated the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) in 2011. The non-political platform, known as BCS, aims to sensitize and mobilize the nation's youth, drawing on the energy of socially active and politically aware students from over 25,000 colleges across 400 universities in India, contributing to the collective journey of nation-building.

The 13th edition of the BCS, upholding its tradition of deliberating on politically sensitive and socially significant topics, featured over 50 distinguished speakers from diverse backgrounds. Spanning three days, the event included eminent figures such as Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu (Former Vice President, India), Shri Satish Mahana (Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Assembly), Prof.

(Dr.) Sanjay Kumar (CSDS), Shri Manoj Muntashir Shukla (lyricist and poet), Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan (Former Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh), and others. The 13th BCS covered sessions on Youth in Politics, the impact of AI and Social Media on Democracy, the Caste Census Dilemma, Women's Safety, and the influence of folklore on our culture.

Featuring more than 30 student speakers and attracting over 10,000 participants, the 13th BCS proved to be a resounding success, garnering substantial media attention from prominent national and international publications. The event also included a flagship youth-to-youth connect, where participants collaboratively addressed and proposed solutions to pressing social issues. As Bharat advances towards its destiny in 2047, the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad stands out as a pivotal platform that has reshaped the dimensions of governance ensuring that the nation's progress is not just a reflection of its past, but a realization of its collective dreams and aspirations.



## ITINERARY

<b>Day 1</b>	Wednesday, 10th January 2024, 1040 hrs to 1230 hrs	
<b>Session</b>	<b>Inauguration Ceremony</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
1000 hrs	03 mins	Arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune
1003 hrs	03 mins	Offering of Flowers at the Saint Dnyaneshwara Statue
1006 hrs	01 min	Arrival at the office of UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad – Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University
1007 hrs	25 mins	Welcome exchange and Refreshments
1032 hrs	01 min	Departure of the Hon'ble Dignitaries for Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1033 hrs	03 mins	Releasing of Customary Balloons
1036 hrs	01 min	The arrival of the Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1037 hrs	03 mins	Screening of film about Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament)
1040 hrs	04 mins	Cultural Program
1044 hrs	01 min	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1045 hrs	01 min	Lighting of the Lamp (On the way to the dais)
1046 hrs	02 mins	Arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
1048 hrs	02 mins	National Song
1050 hrs	02 mins	World Peace Prayer
1052 hrs	01 min	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business.
1053 hrs	03 mins	Welcome Address by Dr. R. M. Chitnis – Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
1056 hrs	03 mins	Felicitations of the Dignitaries on the dais 1.) Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji 2.) Shri. Basavaraj Horatti Ji 3.) Shri. Satish Mahana Ji 4.) Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed Ji 5.) Shri. Girish Gautam Ji 6.) Prof. Ram Charan Ji
1059 hrs	03 mins	Playing a short Film on 1st National Legislators' Conference, Bharat (NLC, Bharat) (held on 15th June to 17th June 2023 in Mumbai)
1102 hrs	05 mins	Address & Briefing on Concept of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament) by Founder Convener Shri. Rahul V. Karad - Managing Trustee, MAEER's MIT & Executive President, MAEER's MIT and MIT World Peace University & Chief Initiator, MIT School of Government (1st School of Bharat for Political Leadership), Founder – NLC, BCS, NTC, NWP, NCMJ, Sarpanch Sansad



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1107 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu by Playing a Short Film
1108 hrs	15 mins	Address by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu - Former Vice President of India
1123 hrs	01 min	Reading of Citation of Honor
1124 hrs	02 mins	Presentation of Citation of Honor to Shri. Rahul V. Karad
1126 hrs		Departure of the Chief Guest Hon'ble Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu ji
		Program Continues
1126 hrs	08 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (2 students - 3 mins each) (Followed by Felicitation) 1) Shubham Chauhan – Maharashtra 2) Gondliya Bhawik – Gujarat
1134 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Special Guest of Honor Prof. Ram Charan by Playing a Short Film
1135 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Special Guest of Honor Prof. Ram Charan - World Renowned Business Advisor, Author and Thinker
1147 hrs	03 mins	Playing of Short Film on Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Prayer Hall & World Peace Library - World Peace Dome
1150 hrs	10 mins	Address by UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad – Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University and Creator, World Peace Dome
1200 hrs	03 mins	Vote of Thanks by Dr. K Gireesan - Director, MIT-SOG, MIT World Peace University
1203 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session



## ITINERARY

<b>Day 1</b>	Wednesday, 10th January 2024, 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs	
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Youth Leadership in Politics – Rhetoric or Reality?</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
1500 hrs		The arrival of the Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1500 hrs	10 mins	Heartfulness Rajyoga Meditation by Mrs. Anjali Bapat - Heartfulness Trainer, Heartfulness Regional Head of Maharashtra and Goa
1510 hrs	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business
1512 hrs	03 mins	Speech by Student Leader
		(Followed by Felicitation) - Yash Varandal – Maharashtra
1515 hrs	02 mins	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1517 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the dignitaries on the dais
1518 hrs	03 mins	Welcome by Dr. Anjali Sane - Dean, Public Policy, School of Economics and Commerce, MIT World Peace University
1521 hrs	04 mins	Felicitation of the Dignitaries on the dais Felicitation Sequence – 1) Shri. Basavaraj Horatti Ji 2) Shri. Chirag Paswan Ji 3) Shri. Shehzad Poonawalla Ji
1525 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
1527 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. Basavaraj Horatti by Playing a Short Film
1528 hrs	10 mins	Opening Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. Basavaraj Horatti - Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council
1538 hrs	10 mins	Conferment of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work & Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session & Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo and World Peace Dome Photo
		Shri. Satyajeet Sudhir Tambe - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Council, Maharashtra (Graduates Nashik), Former President, Maharashtra State Youth Congress, Founder, Jai Hind Yuva Manch
		During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais, and in the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak will be played
		Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins)
1548 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais



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1548 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
1550 hrs	10 mins	<p>The Conferment of Uccha Shikshit Aadarsh Yuva Sarpanch Samman (to Highly Educated Sarpanchs of different States of India for expression of Commitment towards roots) at the hands of the Hon'ble Chairman of the session &amp; other Dignitaries of the Session (at the background Photo Presentation on Uccha Shikshit Aadarsh Yuva Sarpanch Samman Awardees will be played) (Response 1 min. each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms. Yashodhara raje Shinde – Sarpanch, Vaddi Village, Tehsil Miraj District Sangli, Maharashtra (Pursuing M.B.B.S)</li><li>2. Shri. Rajbalwinder Singh - Sarpanch, Sahungra Village, Balachaur tehsil, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar, Punjab (LLB)</li><li>3. Smt. Priyanka Tiwari – Sarpanch, Rajpur Gram Panchayat, Hathras, Uttar Pradesh (PG Diploma in Social Media and Web Journalism)</li><li>4. Smt. Neeru Yadav - Sarpanch, Village – Lambi Ahir, District - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan</li></ol>
1600 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
1602 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri. Chirag Paswan by Playing a Short Film
1603 hrs	20 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri. Chirag Paswan - Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Lok Janshakti Party, Jamui, Bihar), President, Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas)
1623 hrs	12 mins	<p>Speech by Student Leaders (4 students - 3 mins each) (Followed by Felicitation)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Shubhankar Pandit – Gujarat</li><li>2. Ayesha Mehboob Ulde – Maharashtra</li><li>3. Bomito Kinimi – Nagaland</li><li>4. Prajakta Bhangre – Maharashtra</li></ol>
1635 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri. Shehzad Poonawalla by Playing a Short Film
1636 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri. Shehzad Poonawalla - National Spokesperson, Bharatiya Janata Party, Alumni - MIT SOG
1648 hrs	01 min	Felicitation of Shri. Prithviraj Chavan
1649 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri. Prithviraj Chavan – Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Maharashtra (INC, Karad South, Maharashtra), Former Chief Minister, Maharashtra, Former Union Minister, Govt. of India
1701 hrs	01 min	Standing Ovation to Shri. Prithviraj Chavan from Hon'ble Dignitaries and Students
1702 hrs	10 mins	Question and Answer (Jointly by Dignitaries on the dais)
1712 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph
1714 hrs	03 mins	Voting on Resolution
1717 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session
1718 hrs		Session Concludes



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<b>Day 2</b>	Thursday, 11th January 2024, 0915 hrs to 1115 hrs	
	(Death Anniversary of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri)	
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Yugaantar -Youth in Transition</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Description</b>
0845 hrs	03 mins	Arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune
0848 hrs	03 mins	Offering of Flowers at the Saint Dnyaneshwara Statue
0851 hrs	05 mins	Arrival at the office of UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad – Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University
0856 hrs	15 mins	Welcome exchange and Refreshments
0911 hrs	04 mins	Departure of the Hon'ble Dignitaries for Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
0915 hrs		The arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
0915 hrs	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business
0917 hrs	01 min	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
0918 hrs	01 min	Lighting of the Lamp (On the way to the dais)
0919 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
0920 hrs	02 mins	National Song
0922 hrs	02 mins	World Peace Prayer
0924 hrs	01 min	Paying Homage to the Late Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri
0925 hrs	03 mins	Welcome by Dr. Santosh Kumar – Dean, School of Liberal Arts, MIT World Peace University
0928 hrs	04 mins	Felicitations of the Dignitaries on the dais 1) Shri. Basavaraj Horatti Ji 2) Dr. Vikram Sampath Ji 3) Swami Mukundananda Ji 4) Dr. Suresh V. Garimella Ji
0932 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
0934 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. Basavaraj Horatti by Playing a Short Film
0935 hrs	10 mins	Opening Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. Basavaraj Horatti - Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council



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0945 hrs	10 mins	<p>Conferment of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work &amp; Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session &amp; Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by the presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo, and World Peace Dome Photo to Shri Chetan Anand - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Bihar (Rashtriya Janata Dal, Sheohar, Bihar)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais</li><li>In the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak would be played</li><li>Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins each)</li></ul>
0955 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
0957 hrs	15 mins	<p>Speech by Student Leaders (5 students - 3 mins each) (Followed by Felicitation)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Sayli Sanjay Ghante – Maharashtra</li><li>2) Suraj Sharma – Himachal Pradesh</li><li>3) Tulip Sharma – Chattisgarh</li><li>4) Nandita Jamwal – Jammu</li><li>5) Anurag Gupta – Chattisgarh</li></ol>
1012 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Suresh V. Garimella by Playing a Short Film
1013 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Suresh V. Garimella - President, University of Vermont, Founding Director, NSF Cooling Technologies Research Center, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Mechanical Engineering, Member, National Science Board
1025 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Swami Mukundananda by Playing a Short Film
1026 hrs	15 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Swami Mukundananda - Spiritual Leader, Author, Vedic Scholar
1041 hrs	02 min	Oath
1043 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Vikram Sampath by Playing a Short Film
1044 hrs	15 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Vikram Sampath - Renowned Historian & Columnist
1059 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph
1101 hrs	03 mins	Voting on Resolution
1104 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session
1105 hrs		Session Concludes



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<b>Day 2</b>	Thursday, 11th January 2024, 1130 hrs to 1330 hrs	
	Death Anniversary of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	
<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Democracy 2.0 – How AI and Social Media are Changing the Game?</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
Time	Duration	Description
1130 hrs		The arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1130 hrs	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program
1132 hrs	01 min	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1133 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
1134 hrs	02 mins	National Song
1136 hrs	02 mins	World Peace Prayer
1138 hrs	03 mins	Welcome by Dr. Mangesh Bedekar - Dean, School of Computer Science & Engineering, MIT World Peace University
1141 hrs	03 mins	Felicitations of the Dignitaries on the dais 1) Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed Ji 2) Adv. Somnath Bharti Ji 3) Dr. Shehla Rashid Ji 4) Ms. Apurva Singh Ji
1144 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
1146 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed by Playing a Short Film
1147 hrs	10 mins	Opening Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed - Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly
1157 hrs	07 mins	Conferment of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work & Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session & Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by the presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo and World Peace Dome Photo. Shri. Bhavya Bishnoi - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Haryana (BJP, Adampur, Hisar, Haryana) ※ During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais ※ In the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak would be played ※ Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins each)
1204 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais



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1205 hrs	15 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (5 students - 3 mins each) 1) Himanshu Jindal – Delhi 2) Sejal Singh – Maharashtra 3) Akshara H - Andhra Pradesh 4) Rishi Vabhav Mishra – Uttar Pradesh 5) Aditya Raj – Bihar
1220 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Shehla Rashid by Playing a Short Film
1221 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Shehla Rashid - Policy Consultant and Researcher
1233 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Ms. Apurva Singh by Playing a Short Film
1234 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Ms. Apurva Singh - National BJYM 11 State Incharge of Social Media, Founder of Vibes of Bharat and Social Activist.
1246 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Adv. Somnath Bharti
1247 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Adv. Somnath Bharti - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Delhi (AAP, Malviya Nagar, South Delhi), Advocate, Supreme Court of India
1259 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri Siddharth Kak
1300 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri Siddharth Kak - Indian Documentary Maker, Television Producer, and Founder of the Surabhi Foundation
1312 hrs	15 mins	Question and Answer (Jointly by Dignitaries on the dais)
1327 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph
1329 hrs	02 mins	Voting on Resolution
1331 hrs	02 mins	Announcement of Next Session
1333 hrs		Session Concludes
1335 hrs to 1445		Joining VIP Lunch



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<b>Day 2</b>	Thursday, 11th January 2024, 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs	
	Death Anniversary of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri	
<b>Session 4</b>	<b>लोक संस्कृति की शक्ति – Power of Folklore in our culture (Cultural Expressions)</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
Time	Duration	Description
1500 hrs		The arrival of the Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1500 hrs	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business
1502 hrs	02 mins	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1504 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the dignitaries on the dais
1505 hrs	03 mins	Welcome by Dr. Mrudula Kulkarni – Dean, Students Affairs, MIT World Peace University
1508 hrs	10 mins	Heartfulness Rajyoga Meditation by Mrs. Anjali Bapat - Heartfulness Trainer, Heartfulness Regional Head of Maharashtra and Goa
1518 hrs	04 mins	Felicitation of Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh
1522 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
1524 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh by Playing a Short Film
1525 hrs	10 mins	Opening Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh - Hon'ble Chairman, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council
1535 hrs	10 mins	Conferment of <b>Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman</b> (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work & Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session & Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo and World Peace Dome Photo 1) Shri. Sudhanshu Shekhar - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Bihar (Janata Dal (United), Harlakhi, Madhubani, Bihar) 2) Shri. Suresh Garia - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttarakhand (BJP, Kapot, Bageshwar, Uttarakhand) * During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais * In the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak would be played * Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins each)
1545 hrs	02 mins	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
1547 hrs	03 mins	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri. Manoj Muntashir by Shri Sankalp Singhai - Officer on Special Duty, MIT WPU
1600 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri. Manoj Muntashir by Playing a Short Film
1601 hrs	20 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri. Manoj Muntashir - Lyricist, Poet, Dialogue Writer and Screenwriter



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1600 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Shri. Manoj Muntashir by Playing a Short Film
1601 hrs	20 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Shri. Manoj Muntashir - Lyricist, Poet, Dialogue Writer and Screenwriter
1621 hrs	04 mins	Felicitation of Shri. Manoj Muntashir
1625 hrs	15 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (5 students - 3 mins each) 1) Anshuman Patil - Maharashtra 2) Diya Tomar - Madhya Pradesh 3) Gyaneshwari Virole - Maharashtra 4) Shradha Shirodkar - Goa 5) Aryaa Basare - Maharashtra
1640 hrs	15 mins	Question and Answer (Jointly by Dignitaries on the dais)
1655 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session
1656 hrs	10 mins	Cultural Performance
1706 hrs		Session Concludes
1730 hrs Onwards		Youth to Youth Connect



## ITINERARY

Day 3	Friday, 12th January 2024, 0915 hrs to 1115 hrs	
	Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day	
<b>Session 5</b>	<b>Data, Diversity, and Democracy: Caste Census Dilemma</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
Time	Duration	Description
0845 hrs	03 mins	Arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune
0848 hrs	03 mins	Offering of Flowers at the Saint Dnyaneshwara Statue
0851 hrs	05 mins	Arrival at the office of UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad – Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University
0856 hrs	15 mins	Welcome exchange and Refreshments
0911 hrs	04 mins	Departure of the Hon'ble Dignitaries for Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
0915 hrs		The arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
0915 hrs	01 min	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business
0916 hrs	01 min	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
0917 hrs	01 min	Lighting of the Lamp (On the way to the dais)
0918 hrs	01 min	Offering of Flowers at Swami Vivekananda photo on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti
0919 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
0920 hrs	02 mins	National Song
0922 hrs	02 mins	World Peace Prayer
0924 hrs	03 mins	Welcome by Dr. K Gireesan - Director, MIT-SOG, MIT World Peace University
0927 hrs	04 mins	Felicitations of the Dignitaries on the dais 1) Shri. Girish Gautam Ji 2) Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha Ji 3) Dr. Ajoy Kumar Ji 4) Dr. Sanjay Kumar Ji
0931 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
0933 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. Girish Gautam by Playing a Short Film
0934 hrs	10 mins	Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. Girish Gautam - Former Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Madhya Pradesh (BJP, Deotalab, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh)



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0944 hrs	07 mins	Conferment of <b>Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman</b> (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work & Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session & Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo and World Peace Dome Photo to Smt. Purnima Niraj Singh - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Jharkhand (INC, Jharkhand, Dhanbad, Jharkhand) * During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais * In the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak would be played * Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins)
0951 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
0952 hrs	15 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (5 students - 3 mins each) 1) Student Leader - Anurag Shukla - Bihar 2) Student Leader - Kshitij Naik - Maharashtra 3) Student Leader - Saurabh Singh Jariyal - Himachal Pradesh 4) Student Leader - Akash Sapkale - Maharashtra 5) Student Leader - Vidhan Malik - Uttar Pradesh
1007 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Ajoy Kumar by Playing a Short Film
1008 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Ajoy Kumar - AICC Incharge (Odisha, TN & Puducherry). Former President JPCC. Former Member of Parliament, Jamshedpur
1020 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Sanjay Kumar by Playing a Short Film
1021 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Sanjay Kumar - Director, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS)
1033 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha by Playing a Short Film
1034 hrs	15 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha - Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (RJD, Bihar), Professor, University of Delhi, National Spokesperson, RJD
1049 hrs	02 mins	Voting on Resolution
1051 hrs	15 mins	Question and Answer (Jointly by Dignitaries on the dais)
1116 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph
1117 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session
1118 hrs		Session Concludes



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<b>Day 3</b>	Friday, 12th January 2024, 1130 hrs to 1327 hrs	
	Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day	
<b>Session 6</b>	<b>As we land on the Moon, are Women Safe on Land</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
Time	Duration	Description
1130 hrs		The arrival of the Hon'ble Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1130 hrs	01 min	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1131 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
1132 hrs	02 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - Associate Professor & Program Director, WPU School of Business
1134 hrs	02 mins	Welcome by Dr. Vrushali Kulkarni - Associate Dean, School of Computer Engineering & Technology, MIT World Peace University
1136 hrs	01 min	Offering of Flowers at Swami Vivekananda photo on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti
1137 hrs	03 mins	Felicitations of the Dignitaries on the dais 1) Shri. Girish Gautam Ji 2) Dr. Tessy Thomas Ji 3) Adv. Abha Singh Ji
1140 hrs	02 mins	Curtain Raiser Video Clip about the Session
1142 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chairman of the Session Shri. Girish Gautam by Playing a Short Film
1143 hrs	10 mins	Address by the Chairman of the Session Shri. Girish Gautam - Former Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Madhya Pradesh (BJP, Deotalab, Rewa, Madhya Pradesh)
1153 hrs	07 mins	Conferment of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman (Ideal Youth MLA Honor) (Best Outstanding Performance in Development Work & Promotion of Parliamentary Democracy) at the hands of Hon'ble Chairman of the Session & Hon'ble other Dignitaries on the Dias by the presentation of Shawl, Special memento, Saint Dnyaneshwara Photo and World Peace Dome Photo to Dr. Surabhi - Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Uttar Pradesh (AD(S), Kaimganj, Farrukhabad, Uttar Pradesh) * During conferment, the Hon'ble MLA award recipient will be Standing at the center of the Dais * In the background Glimpses of Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak would be played * Brief inspiring message to the youth and future leaders by Hon'ble Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak award recipient / after Conferment of Award (Inspiring message and appeal to Youth for serving the nation) (2 mins)



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1200 hrs	03 mins	Felicitation of the Dignitaries on the dais 1.Smt. Roopa Ganguly Ji 2.Dr. Fauzia Khan Ji
1203 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph of the Awardees with the Hon'ble Dignitaries on the dais
1204 hrs	15 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (5 students - 3 mins each)
		(Followed by Felicitation) 1. Student Leader – Tarmika – Haryana 2. Student Leader – Nidhi Sandhir - Delhi 3. Student Leader – Ashishdeep Kaur - Punjab 4. Student Leader – Aditi Sharma – Uttar Pradesh 5. Student Leader - Abdul Aziz - AP
1219 hrs	03 mins	A monologue by the students of Public Policy presents Whispers of Progress, Echoes of Reality... lead role Ms. Tanvi Bansal and Ms. Karisma Sherlith
1222 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Adv. Abha Singh by Playing a Short Film
1223 hrs	10 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Adv. Abha Singh - Activist (Women's Rights & Gender Equality), Practicing Lawyer, Bombay High Court
1233 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Tessy Thomas by Playing a Short Film
1234 hrs	10 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Tessy Thomas - Distinguished Scientist & Former Director General - Aeronautical Systems (AS), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Govt. of India
1244 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Smt. Roopa Ganguly by Playing a Short Film
1245 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Smt. Roopa Ganguly - Noted Actress, Playback Singer and Former MP, Rajya Sabha
1257 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Eminent Speaker Dr. Fauzia Khan by Playing a Short Film
1258 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Eminent Speaker Dr. Fauzia Khan - Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha (NCP, Maharashtra), National President Women's Wing, NCP, Former Minister for GAD, Education, Health & WCD, Govt. of Maharashtra
1310 hrs	10 mins	Question and Answer (Jointly by Dignitaries on the dais)
1320 hrs	02 mins	Voting on Resolution
1322 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph
1323 hrs	01 min	Announcement of Next Session
1324 hrs		Session Concludes
1330 hrs		Joining VIP Lunch



## ITINERARY

<b>Day 3</b>	Friday, 12th January 2024, 1500 hrs to 1700 hrs	
	Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and National Youth Day	
<b>Session</b>	<b>Valedictory Ceremony</b>	
<b>Venue</b>	Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap, MIT World Peace University Campus, Kothrud, Pune	
Time	Duration	Description
1500 hrs		The arrival of the Dignitaries at Swami Vivekananda Sabha Mandap
1500 hrs	02 mins	Ringing the Bell of Democracy (On the way to the dais)
1502 hrs	02 mins	Lighting of the Lamp (On the way to the dais)
1504 hrs	01 min	Offering of Flowers at Swami Vivekananda photo on the occasion of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti
1505 hrs	01 min	Arrival of the Dignitaries on the dais
1506 hrs	02 mins	National Song
1508 hrs	02 mins	World Peace Prayer
1510 hrs	03 mins	Introduction by the Anchor Dr. Gautam S. Bapat - HoS, SoM (UG), MIT World Peace University
1513 hrs	05 mins	Welcome Address by Dr. R. M. Chitnis – Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
1518 hrs	04 mins	Felicitation of the Dignitaries on the dais 1) Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji 2) Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan Ji
1522 hrs	04 mins	Address by Dr. Sanjay Upadhyay - Motivational Speaker & Orator, Founder, Man Kara Re Prasanna
1526 hrs	03 mins	Playing a short Film on 1st National Legislators' Conference, Bharat (NLC, Bharat) (held on 15th June to 17th June 2023 in Mumbai)
1529 hrs	01 min	Introduction of Founder Convener Shri. Rahul V. Karad by Dr. Gautam S. Bapat
1530 hrs	07 mins	Address and Sharing Future Roadmap and Vision of the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad by Founder Convener Shri. Rahul V. Karad - Managing Trustee, MAEER's MIT & Executive President, MAEER's MIT and MIT World Peace University & Chief Initiator, MIT School of Government (1st School of Bharat for Political Leadership), Founder – NLC, BCS, NTC, NWP, NCMJ, Sarpanch Sansad
1537 hrs	03 mins	Introduction of UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad by Dr. Gautam S. Bapat
1540 hrs	10 mins	Address by UNESCO Chair Holder Revered Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad – Founder & Chief Patron, MAEER's MIT, Pune & President, MIT World Peace University and Creator, Philosopher Saint Shri Dnyaneshwara World Peace Prayer Hall & World Peace Library - World Peace Dome
1550 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chief Guest Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan by Shri Sankalp Singhai - Officer on Special Duty, MIT WPU
1551 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Chief Guest Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan by the Playing a Short Film



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1552 hrs	20 mins	Address by the Chief Guest Shri. Shivraj Singh Chouhan - Former Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Madhya Pradesh (BJP, Budhni, Madhya Pradesh)
1612 hrs	02 min	Felicitation of Dr. Vijay P. Bhatkar - Padma Bhushan, Chairman, National Steering Committee (NSC) for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), Former Chancellor, Nalanda University, Eminent Computer Scientist, Father of PARAM Super Computer & Former Chairman, Board of Governors, IIT, Delhi
1614 hrs	06 mins	Speech by Student Leaders (2 students - 3 mins each) 1) Student Leader - Kaushal Sahu – Madhya Pradesh 2) Student Leader – Bhartendu – Rajasthan
1620 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Special Guest of Honor Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan by Playing a Short Film
1621 hrs	12 mins	Address by the Special Guest of Honor Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan - IAS (Retd), President - Loksatta Movement
1633 hrs	05 mins	Address by Dr. R. M. Chitnis – Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
1638 hrs	01 min	Felicitation of Pujya Dr. Gyanvatsal Swami
1639 hrs	01 min	Introduction of the Special Guest of Honor Pujya Dr. Gyanvatsal Swami by Playing a Short Film
1640 hrs	15 mins	Address by the Special Guest of Honor Pujya Dr. Gyanvatsal Swami - Life Coach & Eminent Speaker, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha
1655 hrs	01 min	Introduction of Dr Yogesh Lakhani ji - CMD, Bright Outdoor Media Limited by Dr. Gautam S. Bapat
1656 hrs	03 mins	Playing Glimpses of 13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (Indian Student Parliament)
1659 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph of the Dignitaries on the dais
1700 hrs	04 mins	Tying of Ekta Sutra (Bond of Solidarity)
1704 hrs	04 mins	Vote of Thanks by Prof. Dr. Milind Pande - Pro-Vice Chancellor, MIT World Peace University
1708 hrs	01 min	The National Anthem
1709 hrs	03 mins	Honor of Founder Convener, BCS & NLC Shri. Rahul V. Karad on behalf of BCS Student Coordinators of all States of Bharat by presenting a beautiful Banner (Salute to the Man who's Strengthening Democracy and Giving Voice to the Unheard)
1712 hrs	01 min	Group Photograph of all the student volunteers with Shri. Rahul V. Karad
1713 hrs		Valedictory Session Concludes



## INAUGURAL CEREMONY



The Guests led by Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu Ringing the Bell of Democracy



Guests at the Lamp Lighting Ceremony



Shri Rahul Karad addressing the 13<sup>th</sup> BCS



The Hon'ble dais of the Inaugural Ceremony of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad



Felicitation of  
Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu



Felicitation of  
Shri Basavaraj Horatti



Felicitations of  
Shri Satish Mahana



Felicitations of  
Shri U. T. Khader Fareed



Felicitations of  
Dr. Ram Charan



Student Speakers



## VALEDICTORY CEREMONY



Guests at the  
Lamp Lighting Ceremony



Guests reciting the  
World Peace Prayer



Revered  
Prof. (Dr.) Vishwanath Karad



Guests unveiling the brochure on the 13<sup>th</sup> BCS



Ekta Sutra – The bond of solidarity



BCS Student Coordinators from across Bharat  
honouring Shri Rahul Karad for strengthening democracy and giving voice to the unheard



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## About the MIT School of Government

Conceived by **Shri. Rahul V. Karad**, Executive President of Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, the **MIT School of Government** epitomizes a visionary quest to foster ethical, dynamic, and dedicated political leadership across diverse sectors and societal strata. Pioneering the creation of future political leaders, this groundbreaking institution was established in 2005 and stands as the inaugural school of its kind.

The cornerstone of MIT School of Government is its unique two-year **Master's Program in Political Leadership and Government (MPG)**. This immersive learning experience encompasses a first-year curriculum comprising on-campus instruction through classroom lectures delivered by core faculty, guest lecturers, and luminaries from politics, society, bureaucracy, judiciary, media, and the corporate realm. Augmenting theoretical learning, students engage in field visits and study tours to locations like Delhi, and model villages in Maharashtra.

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