

POLICY BOOTCAMP

Deepening Democracy and Gearing-up Governance

SYNOPSIS2015



Vision India
Foundation

Vision India Foundation is a non-profit initiative by alumni and faculty members of various IITs. We identify, train, mentor and engage brightest young minds of the country for nation-building.



welcome to the modern nation-building movement

150 delegates, 46
speakers, 21 days.

**Policy BootCamp by Vision
India Foundation is first-
of-its-kind initiative to
engage youth with policy
and governance.**





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SPEAKERS



Dinesh Kumar

Founder, Srejan; Author & Teacher

‘Policies should be based on far sighted wisdom rather than convenience’, the speaker during the theme lecture on the inaugural day.

Kavita Jain

Hon'ble Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of Haryana

Citizen participation in reforms has enabled an era of good governance in the country.



SPEAKERS



R Balasubramaniam

Professor at Cornell; Founder, GRAAM;
Advisor, VIF

Leadership is about understanding
change, and change is all about knowing
what to preserve.



Rajeev Gowda

Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha

Elections are the backbone of any
democracy. But with time, even elections
need reforms.



Prianka Rao

Senior Analyst, PRS Legislative Research

A workshop on the functioning of parliament and basics of constitution.



Sham Kashyap

Head of Research at Grassroots Research
And Advocacy Movement (GRAAM)

Community led development is not a panacea but is as good, if not better, as any other form of government.

SPEAKERS



Dharam Vir

Former Chief Secretary, Haryana; Former
State Election Commissioner, Haryana

Discussion on critical issues in governance
and how India can overcome them.



Amir Ullah Khan

Director (Research), Aequitas

Talk on nation's finances and how to
manage them efficiently.



Satish Modh

Director, VES Institute of Management
Studies and Research; Advisor, VIF

Knowing oneself is the first step
towards serving the society.



Rajesh Chakrabarti

Executive Director, BIPP, Indian School of
Business

Session on public finance and banking
reforms in India.



Jayaprakash Narayan

Founder and President, Lok Satta Party

We have limited resources and infinite wants. We have to reconcile the two, and that is the real challenge.

Baijayant Jay Panda

Hon'ble Member of Parliament Lok Sabha

Advocate atleast one change you believe in for a democracy with fewer quirks.





Manohar Shinde

Former Clinical Faculty at UCLA;
Philanthropist

India needs to identify key areas where it can contribute to the world, and create centers of excellence in those areas.

Nachiketa Tiwari

Professor at IIT Kanpur

Higher education in India needs reforms to support the other reforms required for the nation.



SPEAKERS



Dilip Chenoy

CEO and MD, National Skill Development Corporation

Some of the training providers are not thinking big enough. We need industry to come up in a big way. Big companies should align and partner in this progress.



Chinmay Pandya

Pro Vice Chancellor, Dev Sanskriti University

What we do in life is often not as important as understanding why are we doing it.



Devinder Sharma

Author, Columnist; Expert on Food Policy

Agriculture is to be made profitable and viable. It should never be perceived as a derogatory profession.



Aniket Kale

Faculty at MIT School of Governance

Lapses among public and their representatives & lack of awareness causes most of the problems in the society.

SPEAKERS



Gaurav Goel

Co-founder, Samagra Development

Constituency development and campaigning are two sides of the same coin for a politician.



Prajapati Trivedi

Former Secretary, Performance Management, Government of India

What gets measured gets done.



Vishnu Dutt Sharma

National Vice-Chairman, Nehru Yuva
Kendra

We invite suggestions on how youth can
take part in nation-building through the
activities at NYK.



Suresh Prabhu

Hon'ble Minister for Railways

For the first time, Railways Ministry
celebrated World Environment Day. This
is not just the subject of Environment
Ministry. Everyone should care about it.



Ashok Jhunjhunwala

Professor at IIT Madras

Disruptive innovation towards overcoming
India's power problems can make India one
of the most green nations.

Jitendra Singh

Hon'ble Minister of State for Prime
Minister's Office

Discussion about the various initiatives
related to Space, North East, and
functioning of PMO by the new government.





R Vaidyanathan

Professor at IIM Bangalore

Misnomers, misconceptions & obtuse jargon has taken the reality of Indian economy miles away from reality.

Piyush Goyal

Hon'ble Minister for State (IC) for Coal,
Power and New & Renewable Energy

Story of his personal journey into politics
and how young people can enter politics.



SPEAKERS



Popatrao Pawar

Sarpanch, Hiware Bazaar, Maharashtra

We redesigned cropping patterns to have more cash crops, and banned tube wells that would enable the exploitation of groundwater.



Bharat Pathak

General Secretary, Deendayal Research Institute

We should practice traditional ideas utilizing the latest technologies for agriculture.



Nandita Pathak

Social Entrepreneur; Gonda Gramoday
Prakalp

Dignity of labor combined with financial
stability brings the best out of a traditional
artists.



Santosh Kraleti

Consultant - Healthcare Financing
& Health Quality, ACCESS Health
International

Reality of health schemes: wallet for
tertiary healthcare bags all attention over
primary healthcare.

SPEAKERS



Rohini Kalvakuntla

Program Manager, Public-Private Partnerships, ACCESS Health International

Despite a vast potential, executing public-private partnerships is challenging especially in health sector. Trust-deficit is a major reason.



Vinod Rai

Former CAG of India

Professional excellence, apt decision making and culture of discipline will pave way for India of the future.



Madhu Kishwar

Professor at CSDS; Founder, Manushi

It is an utter failure of governance if citizens need to knock the doors of the Supreme Court over every issue.



Sarada Muraleedharan

Joint Secretary, Panchayati Raj

Having equal opportunities doesn't necessarily imply equality.



Devesh Chaturvedi

Joint Secretary, Department of Personnel
and Training

Connecting with the last person in chain of command is important because innovative ideas are not limited to the higher echelons of operation.

Mudit Kapoor

Faculty at Indian School of Business

Democracy is a very modern phenomena in the history of mankind and thus, this attempt to deepen democracy is in itself a historical venture.





Prem Das Rai

Member of Parliament from Sikkim

The North East will soon be the organic hub of the country. No pesticides, but healthy citizens.

Ajay Kumar Chaturvedi

Retired as Major General from Indian Army

Committed eligible manpower, technology and money are pillars to counter threats to national security.



SPEAKERS



Rajeev Malhotra

Professor at Jindal Global University
Former Economic Advisor to Union Finance
Minister

India has the chance to become a
developed nation by 2050. You can lead this
change.



Azeez Gupta

Program Director, Strategy and Program
Expansion, Pratham

The major policy gap is the lack of a
measure of the educational outcome in
India. We have the scope to introduce
certain reforms in this field.



Hrishikesh Mafatlal

Chairman, Mafatlal Industries

We get opportunities. We face failures. But again, that is not the final meaning of life.



Vinay Sahasrabudhe

Vice President, BJP

Ask yourself in 10 years- have you made a difference? If no, why? If yes, how?

SPEAKERS



Manohar Parrikar

Hon'ble Minister for Defense

Make in India is a frame of mind. It is the thinking that requires a change.



Shamika Ravi

Fellow at Brookings Institution; Professor
at Indian School of Business

We should work towards improving and
strengthening our primary healthcare.
Medical savings account is a better method
than health insurances.



Trilochan Sastry

Professor at IIM Bangalore; Co-founder,
Association for Democratic Reforms

Citizens need to act for good governance.
Feeling helpless doesn't bring reforms.



Siddharth Singh

Professor at Indian School of Business

What is missing is a clear focus on
understanding consumers who are
intended beneficiaries of any policy.





Karthik Ponnappa

Sustainability Consultant; IIM Bangalore Alumnus

We got a very good sense of what is going on at the top of the pyramid as well what is happening at the bottom. In the past 21 days, we have been able to get to the problem definition and re-definition. This is the biggest takeaway and I am happy that I was here.

Alina Alam

Student of Development Studies at Azim Premji University

I had come here with massive expectations but I got more than what my appetite could allow me to. Along with learning, there was a lot of un-learning also.



DELEGATES



Jigar Inamdar

Socio-political Leader from Gujarat

In these 21 days, I feel I have got what had been missing from my political life till now. Had I attended such a camp before contesting elections, results might have been different. I feel upgraded and updated. I recommend this to everyone who wants to enter politics.

Agastya Yeachuri

Consultant, Government & Infrastructure Advisory,
Grant Thornton

The BootCamp helped me to understand how we as aspiring youth can get involved in public policy. We had a lot of opportunities to interact and ideate, and VIF was very supportive in facilitating this process. It has been a really enjoyable experience.





Rhea Kumar

Student at Yale University

For somebody studying abroad, the BootCamp provided an opportunity to stay engaged with issues in India. It helped me to understand the ways to contribute and make a difference in the public policy space. I am also greatly impressed by the quality and diversity of speakers.

Somya Bajaj

Social Entrepreneur; Christ University Alumnus

As a fresh graduate I always wanted to make a difference in the society. When I first saw the BootCamp post on my Facebook page, I was confused. I had to choose between a corporate job and the BootCamp. Today I can say that if 21 days teach what it otherwise takes a lifetime to learn, you know you have made the right choice.



DELEGATES



Aditya Kesanupalli

Young India Fellow, Ashoka University

The program is so engaging that it doesn't feel like three weeks. Discussions go all the way till 3 AM in the night and the speakers present all kinds of perspectives. The student life itself is very interesting. This is something you shouldn't be missing.

Ankita Kumar Ratta

Social Worker; University of Toronto Alumnus

The BootCamp is a wonderful place for people who have an idea and want to understand how to take it further. I understood how my grassroots efforts in waste management can bring policy reforms. And being with so many people who share the same passion as you is an incredible opportunity.





Kunal Aggarwal

Technical Analyst at Goldman Sachs; IIT Hyderabad Alumnus

This concept was especially helpful for people like me whose background is engineering but are interested in learning public policy. We learnt from the policy makers, interacted with MPs and researchers. The camp helped me understand career options in the field and opened opportunities with the government.

Indraneel Banerjee

Student of Political Science at Mumbai University

Coming to the BootCamp I had no expectations, but leaving here I am much more enriched. It's not about learning new things, but building on the existing. These topics should be studied by all people, regardless of career. It's a remarkable feat by the organizers, in logistics and intent! #BeAndMake



ACTIVITIES





'Yoga Marathon' as part of International Yoga Day celebrations



Delegates during Dr Jitendra Singh's talk, Delhi

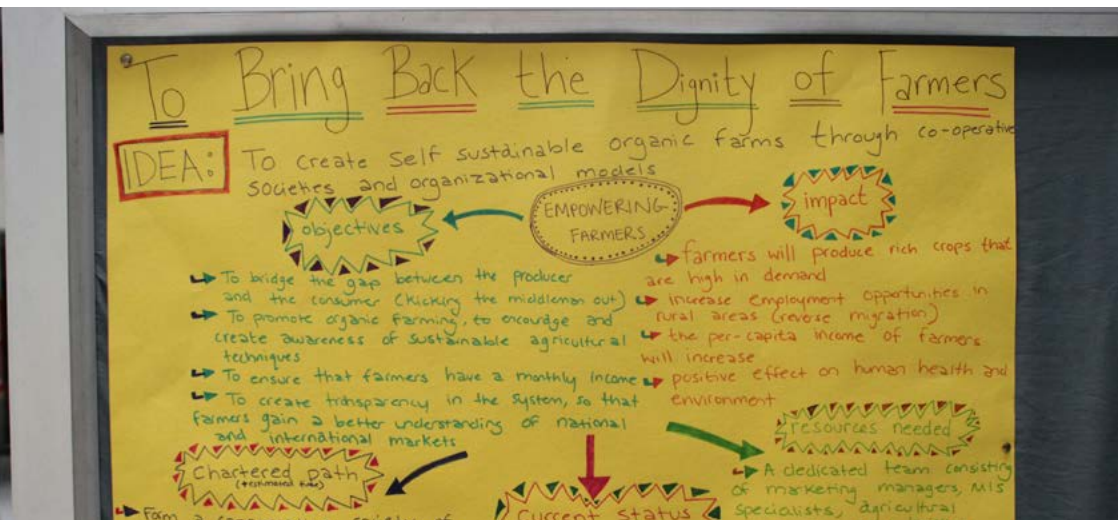
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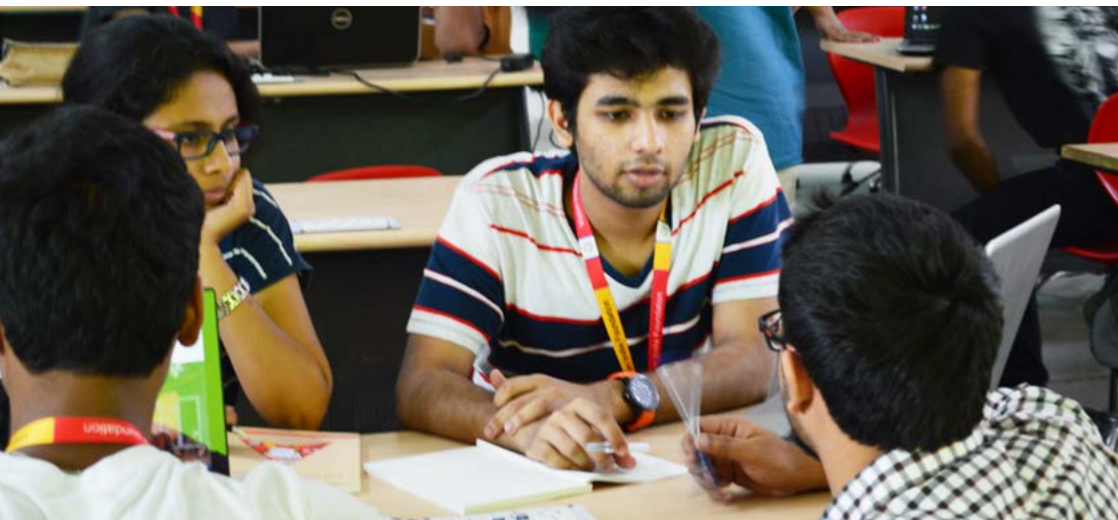
Field visit to Asawarpur village in Sonipat, Haryana



Cultural celebrations during farewell



One of the ideas presented by a delegate during Idea Haat



Focused group discussions to foster learning and ideation

ACTIVITIES



Special Interest Group discussing about Make In India



Discussions of a Special Interest Group with Mr Dilip Chenoy



Meditation and pranayama on the International Yoga Day



Dr R Balasubramaniam awarding the certificate to a delegate



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