

# POLICY BOOTCAMP

Deepening Democracy and Gearing-up Governance

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Vision India  
Foundation







Vision India Foundation is a non-profit initiative by faculty and alumni of various IITs. We are a platform for the brightest youth of the country to participate in the modern nation-building movement. We invest on human capital to bring about systemic transformation through public policy and governance.





welcome to the modern nation-building movement

**150 delegates,  
48 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





**Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad**

Minister of Communication and IT, Govt. of India

**India at the Cusp of a Digital Revolution**

The canvas of this country is changing because the citizens are getting the opportunity to participate in governance.

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**Sh. Jayant Sinha**

Minister of State for Finance, Govt. of India

**Challenges and opportunities for the Ministry**

The govt. is pro-poor and that's why it is pro-market. This can be the only way forward & is not a contradiction.





## SPEAKERS



**Dr. Bibek Debroy**

Member, Niti Aayog; Noted Economist

**Mandate of Niti Aayog**

No monopoly accepts voluntarily without fighting and frowning a threat to its existence



**Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan**

Founder, Lok Satta Party; General Secretary, Foundation for Democratic Reforms

**Empowering Local Self Governance and Decentralization of Power**

The intellection of governance in post-independent India resulted in a system of alibi and not of performance





**Lieutenant General Syed Ata Hasnain**

Awarded PVSM, UYSM, AVSM, SM (bar),  
VSM (bar); Popularly known as 'People's  
General'

### **The Kashmir Conundrum**

Today, in this age of social media the  
ones who control information control the  
situation



**Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**

Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

### **Electoral and Political Reforms**

Due to the absence of aim for public good  
in post-independence India, the political  
class lost image of Deshbhakt



## SPEAKERS



**Sh. Prem Das Rai**

Member of Parliament from Sikkim

Youth and Sustainable Development in  
Sikkim

An empowered Panchayati Raj System - the  
reason for Sikkim's achievement of 100%  
sanitation coverage.



**Sh. Maheish Girri**

Member of Parliament from East Delhi

Life of a Parliamentarian

Lack of governmental and constitutional  
awareness amongst citizens is primary  
problem of India as a nation.





**Sh. Asoke Mukerjee**

Former Permanent Representative to United Nations from India

### India's Diplomatic Position

Priorities of Indian Diplomacy: Stable relations with neighbours and enhanced influence in Intl. Organisations



**Dr. S.Y. Quraishi**

Former Chief Election Commissioner of India

### Elections in the World's Largest Democracy

Indian Elections are the biggest management event in the world- the reason behind India's success as a democracy.





**Sh. Anil Swarup**

Coal Secretary, Govt. of India

**Increasing Transparency in Governance through  
Technology**

The all pervasive legislative gridlock in the coal sector could only be resolved through an effective strategy.

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**Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi**

Jt. Secretary, DoPT, Govt. of India

**Anti-Corruption Strategies**

Corruption in civil servants increased many folds during colonial times due to unbridled power of bureaucracy







### Dr. R Balasubramaniam

Professor at Cornell; Founder, GRAAM; Advisor,  
VIF

#### Poverty and Development

Change is not only about changing everything  
but also about discovering what to preserve.

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### Dr. Rakesh Gupta

Addl. Principal Secretary-CM Office, Govt. of  
Haryana

#### Sharing anecdotes from life of a bureaucrat

Technology is creating wonders for governance  
models -The road to minimum government  
maximum governance





## SPEAKERS



**Dr. Pramath Raj Sinha**

Founding Dean, Indian School of Business

### Role of Private Players in Higher Education

Technological interventions and employing more faculties can be the key to improve the education-state in India



**Dr. Jagadesh Kumar**

Vice Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University

### Enhancing Excellence in Higher Education

The primary focus areas for a university have to be greater access, equal access, excellence, relevance and promoting social values





**Sh. Jayesh Ranjan**

Secretary, IT, Govt. of Telangana

**Development Model of Telangana-Building  
the Trust**

Lack of trust in the poor is the biggest  
bottleneck in overcoming poverty.



**Sh. Subrat Sahoo**

Secretary, Department of School Education,  
Govt. of Chhattisgarh; Author

**Reforming the Primary Education Model in  
Chhattisgarh**

The reforms in Chhattisgarh have become  
models for various states to study.



## SPEAKERS



**Dr. Madhu Kishwar**

Founder, Manushi; Professor at Centre for  
Study of Developing Societies

**From Statist Controls to People Friendly  
Laws**

Enterprising spirit of lowest rung of the  
society needs the due recognition as Nano-  
Entrepreneurs



**Dr. Sreeram Chaulia**

Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs,  
JGU

**A relevant doctrine of foreign policy**

The Essence of Prime Minister Modi's  
Foreign Policy Doctrine is the Panchaamrit  
= Sammaan + Samvaad + Samriddhi +  
Suraksha + Sanskriti and Sabhyata





**Dr. Ashwin Mahesh**

Urban Theorist and Social Technologist

Urban Management and Citizen  
Participation

Citizens need to stop externalizing the  
problem and need to focus on problem  
solving.



**Dr. Prajapati Trivedi**

Former Secretary, Performance  
Management, Govt. of India

Government Performance Management  
System

Evaluation techniques for management  
control in govt. are different from those for  
strategic control.





Amb R. Dayakar, Sh. Shyam Parande and Dr. Amit Singh

Panel Discussion on "Use of Foreign Policy to Engage Diaspora and Civilisational Strands in Foreign Land"

Indian Diaspora : A strategic asset for its individual and collective accomplishment and contribution to India

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Sh. R Jagannathan

Editorial Director, Swarajya Magazine; Previously with Network 18, First Post and Forbes India

Deconstructing Political and Popular Discourse

Social Media, with its uniquely capable arsenal of particular functions can serve the public discourse in novel ways







### Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarti

Fmr Executive Director at Bharti Institute of Public Policy (ISB); Executive VP, Research and Policy, Wadhvani Foundation

#### Policy Landscape in India

Mapping recruitment with needs is critical to optimize the generalists vs specialists debate in bureaucracy

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### Dr. Amirullah Khan

Director (Research), Aequitas; Consultant, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

#### Social Sector Investments

The real public policy challenge for India-We are urbanizing but not fast enough





## SPEAKERS



**Major General Ajay Chaturvedi**

Awarded AVSM, VSM; Highly Respected  
Retired Army Officer; Author

### **Border Disputes**

Security, freedom, order, justice and  
welfare are key social values of a  
sovereign-state citizen



**Sh. Mahesh Sharma**

Development Leader Working on Tribal  
Projects in Jhabua since 25 years

### **Nation-building through community participation**

It is not about working for the society,  
it is about working with the society.-the  
essence of the age-old tradition of Halma.





**Sh. Y.B. Ramakrishna**

**Evolving Energy Space in India**

**Chairman, Working Group on Bio-Fuels,  
Govt of India**

Overcoming NIMBY, NOPE & BANANA  
syndrome-key mantra for India in the space  
of Energy Policy.



**Dr. Srinivas Chary**

**Director at Administrative Staff College of  
India**

**Urban Management and Services**

The most disruptive change in innovation is  
moving from wired to wireless system and  
opened up competition



## SPEAKERS



**Dr. Shamika Ravi**

Fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings  
Institution

### Addressing Farmer Suicides

Farmer Suicide - Is debt-trap the real  
reason? Data tells us a different story



**Sh. Nipun Mehra**

Investor and Entrepreneur; Vice President  
at Sequoia Capital

### Nation-building through entrepreneurship

Whenever there is any flaw in the system,  
there is a scope for entrepreneurship





**Sh. Sultan Shahin**

Founding Editor, New Age Islam

### Islamic Extremism and Deradicalization

Progressive muslims must refute the theology of violence and supremacism, and propagate a theology of peace and pluralism



**Sh. Jasmine Shah**

Deputy Director at Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia

### Evidence Based Policy-Making

Policies need to be evidence based and not convenience based





**Sh. T.R. Raghunandan**

International Consultant in areas of anti corruption, decentralised public governance and heritage restoration

**Fiscal Federalism & Fiscal Decentralization in India**

Devolution v. Agentification of governance: former promotes local accountability & latter has a chain component.

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**Sh. Devinder Sharma**

Author, Columnist; Expert on Food Policy

**Agrarian Crisis in India**

Punjab is the living evidence of fallacious theory saying productivity not the primary reason for farmer suicide.







**Sh. Himanshu Patel**

Sarpanch, Punsari Village

**Rural Development Model**

We utilised govt. schemes to develop Punsari as a  
digitally empowered village

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**Dr. Abha Mehndiratta**

Consultant, World Bank

**Quality collaborative for government sponsored  
schemes**

Know what we want to accomplish - what steps  
can help us reach that goal - analyze if the steps  
have been an improvement





## SPEAKERS



**Sh. Sasi Sunkara**

Partner, Mckinsey India

**Life of a Consultant**

The challenge is to balance life goals and career, while understanding which one to prioritize if the two don't align



**Sh. Vivek Agnihotri**

Film maker

**Cinema as a Discourse Builder**

Art must catalyse its existence - scope for cinematic attempts to catalyze the emergence of an alternative narrative.





**Smt. Nidhi Kamdar**

OSD to Maharashtra Chief Minister

**Why the Youth Should Enter Politics**

India is undergoing a phenomenal transformation in political space. An opportunity for youth to enter politics.



**Sh. Zoravar Gill**

Associate, Chief Minister's Office, Govt. of Maharashtra

**Model of Maharashtra CM War Room**

Being part of the system is the only way to ensure the last mile execution of government's initiatives



## SPEAKERS



**Sh. Gaurav Goel**

Managing Director at FourthLion

**Career Opportunities in Public Policy**

Constituency Development and  
Campaigning are two sides of the same coin  
for a politician



**Dr. Kaushiki Sanyal**

Consultant, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy  
and Kamonohashi Project (Japan)

**Policy Landscape in India**

There are numerous stakeholders in the  
policy making and implementation process  
- that is where the beauty lies





**Sh. Apurv Kumar Mishra**

Editor-in-Chief of India Law Journal

**From Good Ideas to Good Legislations**

Rule-making process constitutes the actual nuts and bolts of making a change in the system



**Sh. Sudarshan Ramabadran**

Research Fellow, India Foundation

**Indo-China Strategic Ties**

China's interests in POK are not new. China's repeated attempts to counter and contain India are not new either.





**DELEGATES**





**Sabareesh Ramachandran**

Student at London School of Economics; Alumnus of  
IISc Bangalore

The diversity in the speakers as well as the delegates gives us a unique exposure. The past 21 days have altered the way I think. It has provided me with important learnings for the life ahead.

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**Pukhraj Ranjan**

Pursuing MA in Education at University of Jyväskylä,  
Finland

To be in the company of such people, passionate about bringing responsible reforms is not an opportunity to be missed. There is immense learning - both of diverse subjects as well as of our roles ahead.





## DELEGATES



**Hansika Singhal**

Pursuing PhD in Psychology from IIT Roorkee

In these 21 days I have got what had been missing in my life. The discussions and the topics posed fundamental questions in front of me.

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**Charchil Shah**

Alumnus of Ahmedabad University

The Policy BootCamp has given me a good understanding of the possible ways in which I can contribute in the society. It is a brilliantly designed program that teaches 4 years of content in 21 days.







### **Brahmaiah Manam**

**Socio-Political Leader from Andhra Pradesh**

I feel updated and re-energized after the bootcamp. There are so many out-of-the-box ideas that will help me be a better leader. It serves as a unique launchpad for aspiring public leaders.

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### **Prachi Khaitan**

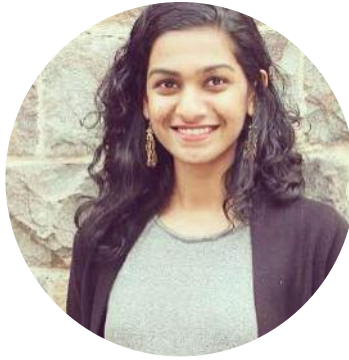
**Student of Political Science at Loreto College, Kolkata**

I am greatly impressed by the knowledge and diversity of speakers. We identified the key challenges in various sectors and then ideated on pragmatic solutions. The various activities gave an enriching dimension to the learning.





## DELEGATES



**Devashri Kulwal**

Student of Political Science at Delhi University

The program is so engaging that the discussions and activities didn't make me realize how quickly the 3 weeks got over. The amount of effort everyone around is putting in has motivated me.

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**Kamal Madishetty**

Studied International Affairs at JGU, Sonipat;  
Alumnus of IIT Guwahati

It is a brilliant opportunity to study the edifice of our country. Public policy is something that we interact with in our everyday lives and it becomes important for active citizens to understand it. The bootcamp is a place that celebrates diversity and learning.







### Yehudah Katz

Former Junior MK Assistant at The Knesset - Israel's Legislature

Spending 21 days with the people here and learning about different dimensions of public policy in India has filled me with immense love and respect. As someone who did not know much about the country, I now feel as if India is my second home. We are different, yet we are similar in so many ways.

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### Saranya Dhingra

Studied Public Policy at Sri Sri University, Orissa

India is facing an opportunity to rise to the pinnacle of glory. Policy BootCamp is a platform that is preparing us to play our roles in the modern nation-building movement. I feel lucky to be a part of this community.





A photograph of a person with long dark hair, wearing a red shirt, leaning over a table. They are using a blue marker to write on a pink sticky note. The table is covered with many other pink sticky notes, some of which have handwritten text. In the background, another person is partially visible, also working at the table. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter.

# ACTIVITIES



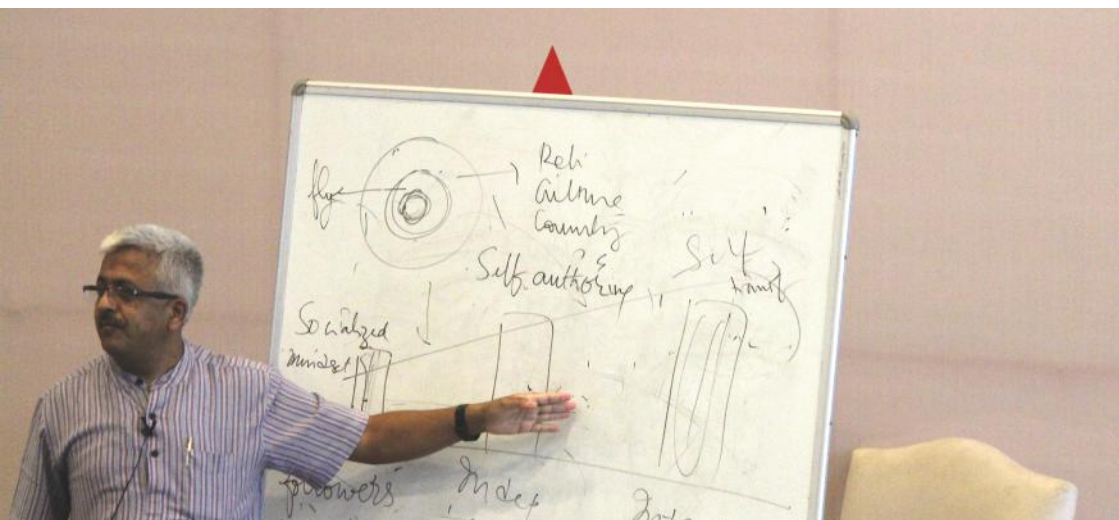


Engaging discussion during one of the peer-to-peer sessions



Working in groups on policy challenges





Dr. Balasubramaniam during one of the workshops



Cultural celebrations





One of the ideas presented by a delegate during Idea Haat



Video making as a part of campaign design activity





# **Other Activities At Vision India Foundation**



**Good Governance Yatra:**

A delegation travels across India to study model governance projects and interact with the stakeholders involved.

**World Governance Expedition:**

An opportunity to study the policy making and governance processes in different parts of the world.

**Research and Fellowships:**

Focused on generating thought and execution to drive good governance and policy making.







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Telangana



Government of  
Haryana



Government of  
Andhra Pradesh



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