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## **EVENT TIMELINE**

## DAY 1: Thursday, 15th June 2023

- Orientation Meeting at Hotel Grand Hyatt, Mumbai: 1100hrs-1230hrs.
- Welcome by Host State Leadership: 1800hrs-1930hrs.

## DAY 2: Friday, 16th June 2023

- Inauguration of Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Anil Gupta Social Innovation Expo: 1020hrs-1040hrs
- Inaugural Function: 1100hrs-1300hrs
- Round Table Discussions: 1430hrs-1630hrs
- Thematic Parallel Sessions: 1430hrs-1630hrs
- Ramp of Democracy (लोकतंत्र का लोकपथ): 1830hrs-1930hrs

## DAY 3: Saturday, 17th June 2023

- Roundtable Discussion of International Delegates on: Fostering International Legislative Collaborations: 0800hrs-1000hrs
- Plenary Session: 1000hrs-1130hrs
- Thematic Parallel Sessions: 1145hrs-1345hrs
- Roundtable Discussions: 1200hrs-1400hrs
- Valedictory: 1615hrs-1745hrs

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) facilitated a platform where Members of Legislative Assemblies (MLAs) and Members of Legislative Councils (MLCs) from all over the country united for a cause. Prominent people who are the Patrons and Governing Council for NLC Bharat include former Lok Sabha Speakers *Smt. Sumitra Mahajan*, *Dr. Meira Kumar*, *Shri. Manohar Joshi*, *and Shri. Shivraj Patil*. This event facilitated legislators to come together and share their experiences. It was the first-ever event that united legislators from all over Bharat, which took place in Mumbai from June 15th to June 17th, 2023. The primary objective of this Conference was to give a common platform for legislators to interact with each other and thereby enhance the effectiveness of legislative processes in their respective State Assemblies.

NLC Bharat is an initiative under the vision of *Shri. Rahul Karad*, Founder of the MIT School of Government (MIT-SOG). This initiative aims to establish an impartial framework for promoting education, training, skill development, and capacity enhancement for legislators and legislative staff. It also encourages cooperation between lawmakers from different states and countries to make legislatures work efficiently.

On the **first day** of the conference, the patrons of NLC Bharat greeted the participants with a warm welcome. *Smt. Sumitra Mahajan*, Padma Bhushan Awardee and Former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, eulogized *Shri. Rahul Karad*, for his forward-thinking approach. She admired how he goes beyond political differences and focuses on the development of states collectively, to benefit the whole country. After the dignitaries got settled, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Maharashtra Legislative Council, *Dr. Neelam Gorhe*, and Leader of the Opposition, Maharashtra Legislative Council, *Shri. Ambadas Danve* welcomed the participants and congratulated them for being part of the historic conference. Post the welcome, a *cultural program* followed by dinner concluded on Day 1.

Day 2 began with the inauguration of the Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Anil Gupta Social Innovation Expo by the Chief Guest *Shri. Om Birla*, Hon'ble Speaker of Lok Sabha followed by the formal inauguration of the National Legislators' Conference, Bharat. The Social Innovation Expo pavilion showcases the theme of the 75th year of independence of Bharat and celebrates the idea of democracy. The exhibition includes displays like:

- "Impressive Actions by Chosen 75 MLAs for Improving Local Areas"
- "75 Remarkable Startups for Local Development"
- "75 Outstanding Initiatives by States and Union Territories"
- "75 Admirable Democratic Practices from Other Democratic Countries Worldwide"
- "75 Exemplary Figures of Democracy from Around the World."

The elected representatives went on to participate in **Thematic Parallel Sessions** which were held on topics including Stress Management in Public Life, Instruments and Impact of Sustainable Development, Welfare Schemes: Uplifting the Last Person, and many more. Further, **Round Table Discussions** were also conducted on themes which included Bharat@2047: Our Vision – Roundtable of Leaders of all the Political Parties, Spiritualization of Politics – Roundtable of Spiritual Leaders, etc.

The elected representatives also brought the **soil and water** from their native places to create a 'Garden of Democracy' and exchanged traditional sweets with each other during the conference. Caricature artists showcased their talent to the dignitaries by drawing their sketches throughout the course of the conference. The venue of NLC Bharat is adorned with **sculptures portraying eminent figures** who played instrumental roles in guiding nations to glory. These sculptures serve as a poignant reminder of the power of collaboration among leaders to propel our nation to unparalleled heights.

The much-awaited Ramp of Democracy (लोकतंत्र का लोकपथ) was held at the end of the day and was hosted by the *Hon'ble Usha Uthup*. Various elected representatives from different states walked on the ramp and showed their diverse cultures and heritage in their traditional state attire.

Day 3 began with a Roundtable Discussion of International Delegates on 'Fostering International Legislative Collaborations' after which a **Plenary Session** titled 'Tale of the Tall – Leadership Mantras' was held which was presided by Hon'ble Former Vice President **Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu**, and Hon'ble Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha **Shri. Harivansh Singh** with other dignitaries.

The conference concluded with a **Valedictory ceremony (मंथन)** which was presided over by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, *Shri. Eknath Shinde*, and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, *Shri. Pramod Sawant*. In the end, the **baton for NLC 2024** was passed on to the Chief Minister of Goa and after Goa, the third edition of NLC Bharat was declared to be hosted by the Government of Karnataka.

Overall, **86 ministers** from different states, **3 Chief Ministers**, **28 spiritual leaders**, **32 political leaders** as representatives of different political parties, **28 secretaries of various Vidhan Sabha's**, **68 social and thought leaders**, and **54 business leaders** from the Indian Merchant Chamber (IMC) took part in the first edition of NLC Bharat.

## DAY 1

## **Orientation Meeting**

## Thursday, 15th June 2023, 1100hrs-1230hrs

The orientation meeting for the speakers for the National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) was held on the 15th of June 2023 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Mumbai. This initial meeting aimed to set the tone for the discussions to follow and to emphasize the collective commitment to legislative excellence and national progress.

Shri. Rahul Karad, the Founder, Convener of NLC Bharat, provided an initial overview, program structure, and processes of the 1st NLC to the respected Hon'ble Speakers, Chairpersons, and Secretaries of State Legislatures a few hours before the commencement of the NLC Bharat event on the 15th of June 2023.

Among the prominent members present for the orientation were Patron Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Patron Shri. Shivraj Patil, Patron Dr. Meira Kumar, Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Adv. Rahul Narwekar, Prof. Ram Charan, Shri. N. Gopalswami, Shri. A. P. Singh, Shri. Kavindar Gupta, Shri. Ram Chandra Purve Yadav, Shri. Biswajit Daimary, Shri. C. P. Joshi, Shri. Rajesh Patnekar, Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed, Shri. Lobsang Sangay, Shri. Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Shri. Satish Mahana, Shri. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Shri. Basavraj Horatti, Shri. Gian Chand Gupta, Shri. Devesh Chandra Thakur, Shri. Vijaykumar Sinha, Shri. Arun Kumar Upreti, Shri. Thomas A. Sangma, Shri. Govind Singh Kunjwal and Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Shri. Rajiv Sethi, Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Shri. Lalrinliana Sailo, Shri. Dilip Walse Patil, Shri. Vijay Kumar Sinha, etc.



## **Welcome by Host State Leadership**

#### 15th June 2023, 1800hrs-1930hrs

Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman Maharashtra Legislative Council

Dr. Neelam emphasized the need for such a platform where MLAs across Bharat could share their own work, and best practices and discuss how the functioning of legislators can be improved. She requested the attendees to support such events and also hoped for another occasion to again host attendees as guests in Maharashtra.

Shri. Ambadas Danve, Hon'ble Leader of Opposition, Maharashtra Legislative Council

Shri. Ambadas Danve congratulated Shri. Rahul Karad and the MIT-WPU Institution for conducting the National Legislators' Conference. He further voiced his support for holding such conferences again in the future where all MLAs and MLCs from all the states gather for a single event. He goes on to say "Different parties have diverse policies; however, all must work towards a common goal of making our nation better". Shri. Ambadas invited all attendees to take maximum benefit of this conference to become a better public leader.



## DAY 2

Inauguration of Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Anil Gupta Social Innovation Expo

## Friday, 16th June 2023, 1020hrs-1040hrs

Day 2 of NLC Bharat began with the inauguration of the Late Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar, Dr. Anil Gupta Social Innovation Expo by the Chief Guest Shri. Om Birla. The Expo aims to showcase good governance models, social innovation and innovative development models, flagship programs of state governments, organizations, individuals, etc. It reflected the theme of Bharat's 75th year of independence and celebrated the spirit of democracy. The captivating event marks the convergence of intellect, innovation, and inspiration. The Innovation Expo was organized with different themes such as the 75 Commendable Democratic Practices, 75 Commendable Practices by MLAs/ MLCs, CMs on Constituency Development, 75 Commendable Governance Initiatives, and 75 Commendable Start-ups for Grassroot Development.

- "Impressive Actions by Chosen 75 MLAs for Improving Local Areas" The Conference publishes a Compendium on chosen MLAs' and MLCs' admirable approaches to constituency development. A thorough questionnaire was sent to them in this respect via the NLC website (https://www.nlcbharat.org), and it was coordinated directly with the legislators or their secretaries in different regions of Bharat. The Compendium promotes cutting-edge approaches to constituency development, giving legislators a platform to demonstrate their creativity in resource management, development, and constituency nursing for the benefit of the populace. The Compendium is therefore anticipated to motivate political and governance players to effect good change and engage with legislators around the country.
- "75 Remarkable Startups for Local Development" Developing and putting into practice fresh concepts, projects, or activities to address social issues locally are referred to as grassroots social innovations. It entails people or communities working together to identify and resolve issues in their immediate surroundings using original and environmentally friendly solutions. In conclusion, grassroots social innovation refers to community-driven initiatives that address social concerns using original, inclusive, and locally-based methods. It inspires people and groups to assume responsibility for the problems they confront and actively seek out long-term fixes.
- "75 Outstanding Initiatives by States and Union Territories" The primary goals of the campaign to publish a "Compendium of Commendable Governance Initiatives" are to find, verify, and record the exceptional, admirable, and repeatable governance practices from various regions of the nation. An effort is being made to gather and highlight the excellent governance projects as well as to make them available to the lawmakers for potential replication or scaling up, based on the interests and preferences of the important stakeholders and the available resources. All the legislators attending the conference, regardless of their demographic characteristics and legislative experience, were left with a sense of commitment, conviction, and seriousness as well as some key takeaways from the program.

• "75 Admirable Democratic Practices from Other Democratic Countries Worldwide" The Compendium on Commendable Democratic Practices was crafted to document and preserve the best practices used in legislative processes around the world. The development of legislative procedures, the formulation of public policy, and the carrying out of public policy to safeguard the people's justice have all advanced along with democracy around the world. The collection of 75 excellent democratic practices from around the world focuses on the legislative process, election procedures, participation, and representation of oppressed groups like minorities, tribes, and women. It also examines the digitization of electoral and legislative procedures. The objective is to improve democratic practices all over the world by incorporating these 75 studies into the global democratic conversation, with a focus on Bharat.





## **Inaugural Function**

## 16th June 2023, 1100hrs-1300hrs

The NLC Bharat was officially inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker *Shri. Om Birla* in the presence of Hon'ble Patrons of NLC & Former Speakers of Lok Sabha – *Shri. Shivraj Patil*, *Dr. Meira Kumar*, *Smt. Sumitra Mahajan*, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra *Shri. Devendra Fadnavis*, Hon'ble Speaker, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly *Adv. Rahul Narwekar*, Hon'ble Deputy Chairperson, Maharashtra Legislative Council *Dr. Neelam Gorhe*, Founder President, MIT World Peace University and Creator, World Peace Dome *Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad*, Founder of MIT School of Government, Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, and Convenor of NLC Bharat *Shri. Rahul V Karad* along with *24 Vidhan Sabha Speakers /Chairpersons and 1870 elected representatives*.

The ground-breaking NLC Bharat began brimming with energy and anticipation. Legislators from various corners of the nation and different political affiliations were engaged in consecutive roundtable discussions and thematic parallel sessions over the next two days. This dynamic platform acted as a venue for the exchange of invaluable best practices, fostering unity in our collective endeavor to shape the nation's future.

Addressing the gathering of legislators, Shri. Om Birla said that this conference gives a platform to engage in discussions and contemplate strengthening our legislative institutions. It will help to spread the essence of Bharatiya democracy throughout the world. He further added, 'The role of the legislators is one of great responsibility as they are the crucial link between the citizen and the executive. As such, their sole responsibility is to effectively convey issues of the public interest, wishes, aspirations, and needs of the populace to the executive.'

Unveiling the roadmap to excel as legislators, Shri. Shivraj Patil, Hon'ble Former Lok Sabha Speaker and Patron of NLC Bharat underscores the significance of understanding our constitution. He advocates for thoughtful deliberations in both Parliament and legislative assemblies while suggesting amendments.

Shri. Devendra Fadnavis, the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, eloquently emphasized that although our nation may witness divergent ideas and paths, our collective mission remains singular: to elevate Bharat to unprecedented heights.

Hon'ble Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, Adv. Rahul Narwekar shared invaluable perspectives on how NLC Bharat will catalyze the growth and development of both the parliament and the citizens of Bharat. In his address, he emphasized the significance of this conference, bringing together diverse cultures and ideas under one roof.





#### **Round Table Discussions**

#### 16th June 2023, 1430hrs-1630hrs

# RT 01: BHARAT@2047: OUR VISION - ROUNDTABLE OF LEADERS OF ALL THE POLITICAL PARTIES

The introduction reflected the career and achievements of **Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan** (Former Member of the Legislative Assembly, Andhra Pradesh) and his contribution to administration and politics. Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan said that the true unit of politics is the state in Bharat. Lots of debates happen on power games at the national level and they are irrelevant to the lives of most people, most of the time.

**Shri. Pradyot Bikram Manikya** (Chairman, Tipra Motha Party), said that in a unique country like Bharat, we focus more on uniformity and diversity. But it's a challenge to create uniformity, as struggles are different for different states. If Bharat needs to flourish, every smaller section of Bharat should be of relevance in 2047.

**Shri. Sanjay Nirupam** (Former Member of Rajya Sabha), said that the pace at which our population is increasing we need to understand how huge our population will be by 2047. What are the issues and challenges our population is going to face then? He goes on to say that the concept of "Food for All" should be the main focus of all state political leaders and parties.

**Shri. Ramdas Athavale** (Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment), said that in parliamentary democracy there should be cooperation irrespective of who is in the government. Many times, bills are passed unanimously. We must make our democracy stronger by maintaining peace.

Shri. Raju Shetty (Former Member of the Parliament and leader, Swabhimani Paksha), said that becoming a great nation means giving priority to agriculture. If our population increases thrice in number from our current population, our farmers are capable enough to feed our whole population. But when it comes to the welfare of the farmers, no appropriate step is being taken at the grassroots level.

**Smt. Brinda Karat** (Social Activist and senior Leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and Former Member of the Rajya Sabha), said that for the betterment of our future, it is important to learn from our past/present situations and experiences. In a diverse country like Bharat, we need a common ground to work together.

*Shri. Shriniwas Patil* (Member of the Lok Sabha and former Governor of Sikkim), said that the vision for 2047 Bharat needs to be led by young stakeholders. They have a chance to convert their vision into reality.

**Shri.** K C Tyagi (General Secretary & National Spokesperson, Janata Dal United), goes on to say that Bharat has the biggest production of grain and rice in the world. A lot of issues are being faced by the farmers, for example, starvation in Haryana. Discrimination and hunger elimination need to be considered for the betterment of Bharat.

**Smt.** Rajnitai Patil (Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, AICC, in charge - Jammu & Kashmir), said if Bharat and Hindustan are divided, then how Bharat is going to flourish? Unemployment is a major issue in our country today.

Chairman of the session *Shri. Jayant Patil* (Member of the Maharashtra Assembly) started his speech with the issue of global warming and the seriousness of climate change. He also pointed out the menace of freebies instead of prioritizing development and infrastructure. He emphasized the need for thinking globally rather than locally and the need for inclusive development.





#### RT 02: SPIRITUALIZATION OF POLITICS - ROUNDTABLE OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS

The session was blessed by Revered **Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D Karad**, eminent educationist and UNESCO Chair for Human Rights, Democracy, and Peace. The other prominent members present from MIT-WPU were **Dr. S. N. Pathan, Dr. Sanjay Upadhye**, and **Dr. Priyankar Upadhyaya**. Prominent Spiritual Leaders from across the country also participated in the Round Table conference.

The prominent Spiritual Leaders who participated in the Round Table were

- Swami Narasimhananda Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Kozhikode, Kerala.
- Swami Vigyanananda Founder and Global Chairman of World Hindu Foundation.
- Achary Vivek Muni President, International Mahavir Jain Mission, New Delhi.
- Rabbi Ezekiel Isaac Malekar Honorary Secretary of the Judah Hyam Synagogue, New Delhi.
- Dr. Sampadananda Mishra Director, Centre for Human Sciences, Rishihood University, Sonipat.
- Haji Syed Salman Chishty Gaddi Nashin, Dargah Ajmer Sharif and Chairman, Chishty Foundation.
- Swami Yogi Amarnath Renowned Scholar and Sadhak.

All the eminent participants emphasized bringing ethics and morality into politics. Everyone recalled the ancient Bharatiya Wisdom Principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" i.e., the whole world is one family, and stressed the role of Bharat and Bharatiya leadership at all levels for this to manifest. The clarion call was given for mutual respect for all religions and to treat them as equals. For Bharat to become Vishwa-Guru again in the 21st Century as prophesied by the Great Noble son of Bharat Swami Vivekananda, the amalgamation of Science and Spirituality must occur.

#### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

In the concluding address, the Chairman of the Session **Dr. Arif Mohammed Khan** (Governor of Kerala), stressed the need for revisiting the Jewels of Wisdom from the Ancient Knowledge System of Upanishads and Vedas for the resurgence of a whole new mankind.



# RT 03: FUNCTIONING OF THE LEGISLATURE: CHALLENGES & ROAD AHEAD - ROUNDTABLE OF SECRETARIES OF ALL STATE LEGISLATURES

Legislatures have always been the cornerstone of democratic societies, responsible for enacting laws, providing oversight, and representing the interests of the people. However, they have long faced numerous challenges that hindered their effectiveness and undermined the principles of good governance. During this panel discussion, our esteemed panelists delved into the heart of these challenges and explored potential pathways forward.

Recognizing the significance of addressing these challenges, a panel discussion titled "Functioning of the Legislature: Challenges & Road Ahead" was specially organized for State Secretaries. The session was expertly chaired by *Shri. P. D. T. Achary*, the Former Secretary General of Lok Sabha, with Shri. Ashok Deewan led as the Lead Moderator, who introduced the esteemed panelists, including Shri. P. D. T. Achary. During the panel discussion, the panelists delved deeply into the core challenges that legislatures confront and presented insights on potential pathways forward. Their comprehensive exploration shed light on the multifaceted issues surrounding legislative functioning and provided valuable perspectives on charting a more effective course for the future.

The discussion encompassed various critical aspects, addressing the impact of partisanship on legislative decision-making, and its ramifications on governance. The importance of enhancing legislative capacity and expertise was emphasized, recognizing that informed decisions require a deeper understanding of complex issues. The panelists also underscored the significance of transparency and public engagement, as meaningful involvement of citizens in the legislative process is fundamental for a thriving democracy. Additionally, the urgency to streamline legislative processes and combat corruption was acknowledged as a necessity to ensure efficiency, fairness, and accountability in governance.

The following major points were discussed in this round table conference:

- Paperless Documents Initiative;
- Remedial Measures for Pending Bills;
- Powers of the Assembly;
- Pendency of Financial Committees;
- Bill Passing Delay Issues;
- Judicial Activism;
- Committee Formation.

Overall, the panel discussion provided a comprehensive understanding of the functioning of the legislature and the challenges faced by it. The insights shared by the panelists laid the groundwork for potential solutions and improvements in the legislative processes, transparency, and effectiveness. By addressing these challenges and embracing innovative approaches, the road ahead holds the promise of a more efficient, accountable, and responsive democratic system.

#### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The session was concluded by Shri. P.D.T. Achary with meaningful insights from the discussions. During the panel discussion on the functioning of the legislature, Shri. P.D.T. Achary, in his role as the facilitator, provided a thoughtful and impactful conclusion. He highlighted the significant role of State secretaries in advising the speaker and underscored the importance of aligning their guidance with the principles enshrined in the Constitution. This emphasis on constitutional alignment reinforces the crucial responsibility of State secretaries to contribute to the effective functioning of legislative bodies.



# RT 04: TRANSFORMATION OF BHARAT IN AMRIT KAAL-ROUNDTABLE OF BUSINESS-NDUSTRY LEADER

The session was started by lighting of lamp and ringing the bell of democracy at the august hands of invited dignitaries. The session was chaired by **Dr. Ashok Joshi** (Owner, Microlin LLC). The keynote speaker was **Mr. Anant Singhania** (President, IMC).

Four topics were discussed with the presence of MLAs/MLCs representing various states. The topics deliberated in round table with takeaway were as follows:

- 1) Industry Collaborations: The need for legislation and Industry Business in this dynamic era was expressed.
- 2) Inclusive Growth: The significance of sustainable balanced growth was established.
- **3) Public Infrastructure towards the growth of cities:** The role of public infra was deliberated.
- **4) Renewable energy:** The importance of unconventional energy with case studies was deliberated.

Honorable Revered **Prof. Dr. Vishvanath Karad** with respected **Shri. Rahul Karad** and **Shri. Shivraj Patil** addressed the roundtable blessed by Honorable **Swamiji**. Hon'ble Shri. Rahul Karad Sir received a standing ovation for successfully organizing the event.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

In conclusion, legislation and industry collaborations are crucial in today's dynamic era to promote fair competition, protect intellectual property, and encourage innovation. Inclusive growth, focusing on sustainable balanced development, is significant in addressing social and economic disparities. Collaborative efforts between governments, businesses, and communities are necessary to drive progress and create a sustainable and inclusive future.



#### **Thematic Parallel Sessions**

## 16th June 2023, 1430hrs-1630hrs

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- 4. Embracing Technology for Economic Welfare.
- 5. Commendable Legislative Practices.



Stress Management in Public Life



Instruments and Impact of Sustainable Development



Welfare Schemes: Uplifting the Last Person



Embrace Technology for Economic Welfare



Commendable Legislative Practices

## 1. "Stress Management in Public Life"

Our eminent dignitaries who voiced their views were Shri. Arun Kumar Upreti, Capt. Akhilesh Saxena, Dr. Charandas Mahant, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Shri. Harshal Jawale, Shri. Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Shri. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Dr. Prashant Khankoje, Dr. Ram Charan, Shri. Sanjay Bhatia, Shri. Suresh Kumar Khanna, and Shri. U.T Khader Fareed. The whole discussion on Stress management, in a nutshell, is that "Stress management is a continuous process, and the rationale lies in recognizing the difference in good and bad stress thereby harnessing positive stress and managing the negative ones." Also, the importance of yoga and meditation as a remedial mechanism was highlighted by Shri. Arun Kumar Upreti and Shri. Sanjay Bhatia was one of the lead speakers in the stress management session. Likewise, "The need for identifying triggers of stress in oneself to aid in stress management effectively" was also a good insight given by Dr. Prashant Khankoje. However, Dr. Chotisuh Sazo, Former Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly gave a dynamic outlook that the mindful utilization of technology can be of real help in performing public duties and commitments thus leveraging the time and energy spent otherwise, leading to stress.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The lead speaker Shri. Harshal Jawale highlighted his spiritual journey and stressed the need for meditation. He pointed out that after meandering through various ways of meditation, he and his wife found peace in heartful meditation. He said meditation increases concentration, intuition, efficiency, and creativity. The participants then highlighted that, as legislators, it is not easy to find time for meditation. Their lives are very different from the lives of bureaucrats. They are hard-pressed for time, so meditation is not always an option. However, the chair and the co-chair encouraged the participants to look within themselves to find sustainable peace and harmony. Also, meditation or some prayer could be very helpful on this journey, a suggestion that many participants appreciated.





## 2. "Instruments and Impact of sustainable development"

Dr. Abhay Bang, Shri. Devaji Tofa, Shri. Girish Gautam, Shri. Kartikeya Sarabhai, Shri. Kavindra Gupta, Dr. Khader Vali, Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Prof. Lawrence Pratchett, Shri. Mahesh Sharma, Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Shri. Praveen Pardeshi, and Dr. Rajendra Singh were the respectable panelists. The panelists and speakers were competent distinguished personalities from different walks of life. Shri. Devaji Tofa who is a famous forest rights activist while sharing his views also put forth a notion to join hands to build bridges between our tribal communities and wider society and collectively contribute to the tapestry of our nation. "Achieving sustainable development is a collective action and that it is a shared commitment that each and every one of us must embrace" were the words of wisdom by Shri. Kunwar Manvendra Singh, Chairman of the UP Legislative Council. Dr. Neelam Gorhe, Deputy Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council further encouraged the participants through her invitation to make smart and responsible choices prioritizing sustainability and ensuring a better future for each generation. Also, "Deliberation as a Powerful Tool for Shaping Sustainable Future in Bharat" was a valuable contribution to the thematic discussion by the lead speaker Dr. Lawrence Pratchett.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

Sustainable development is an essential concept to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of our future generations to meet their own needs. It is a shared commitment of the organizations, governments, and each and every individual to realize the goals of sustainable development. By employing effective instruments such as policy and governance, education and awareness, technology and innovation, collaboration, and partnerships we can achieve significant positive impacts on the environment, society, and the economy.



## 3. "Welfare Schemes: Uplifting the Last Person"

"Welfare Schemes: Uplifting the Last Person" was the last theme of discussion in parallel sessions. In the words of *Shri. Vipin Singh Parmar*, MLA, Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly - It is the duty of every MLA to ensure the welfare of the people in that state and it should be their topmost priority. "Poverty is not only deprivation of income rather it is deprivation of rights," says *Shri. M B Rajesh*, Hon'ble Minister for Local Self-government and Excise, Government of Kerala. A very relevant point made by *Shri. Rajesh Patnekar*, Co-chairman was the session said that though both central and state governments have launched welfare, schemes whether is it being availed by the common man must be the question to be answered. *Shri. C P Radhakrishnan* who was the Chief Guest in the session made a wonderful remark that Bharat will not be developed until the need of the last person is also taken care of. Members of Honour on the panel included *Dr. C P Joshi, Shri. Abhijeet Agrawal, Shri. Gian Chandra Gupta, Shri. Pasha Patel, Shri. Ram Nivas Goel, Prof. Dr. Santosh Kumar, Shri. Swadhin Kshatriya, Shri. Susdarshan Iyengar, Shri. Popatrao Pawar, and Dr. R Balasubramaniam.* 

#### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

A nation truly progresses when the downtrodden and the last person in the country achieves the basic standard of living. The welfare schemes of the government are very important to help the vulnerable and less privileged to step up a little every time. Welfare schemes are individual-oriented but ensuring the benefit reaches the beneficiary is still unanswered. Making known the benefits and schemes to the beneficiaries is a challenge to overcome.



## 4. "Embracing Technology for Economic Welfare."

Further, "Embracing Technology for Economic Welfare" was the second most important topic that was up for discussion in the NLC meeting. In today's era embracing technology is not just an option but a necessity for economic growth was how *Shri. Timothy D Shira*, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Mizoram legislative Assembly opined. However, *Shri. Nitish Chawla*, a renowned personality, and lead speaker for the event has tabled a number of questions as his concerns on harnessing the technology potential of Bharat. *Shri. Raghunathrao Malkapure*, Former Chairman of the Karnataka Legislative Council, has answered this concern to some extent by linking education, research, and development as vital keys for strategic advancement of society and economies. *Dr. Ajit Ranade*, *Prof. Anil Gupta*, *Shri. Govind Singh Kunjwal*, *Dr. Raghunath A Mashelkar*, *Dr. Narendra Jadhav* were other prominent personalities in the dias who made thoughtful dialogues on the theme.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

Science, innovation, and technology are a vicious circle. Technology is and will be crucial for any economy as it enables streamlining processes, increases productivity, and fosters innovation. Technology provides us convenience and personalization while respecting other people's needs. Digital access to profiles of political leaders helps people to make informed decisions while promoting transparency and empowering citizens to actively participate in governance.



#### 5. "Commendable Legislative Practices"

"Commendable Legislative Practices" was yet another subject listed for discussion in parallel sessions. *Prof. Dr. Susan Osterman*, one of the lead speakers in the session made a very notable point that for an MLA, effective communication, negotiations, and active participation in the activities within the respective constituency is the deal-breaker. Likewise, the provision for providing necessary skills, training, and knowledge to help legislators navigate the legislative process effectively and thereby fulfill responsibilities was the statement of *Mr. John Mahoney*, Lead Speaker for the event. The continuation of which, *Shri. Lalrinliano Sailo*, chief guest for the event vouches that the State of Mizoram is the exemplary State for commendable legislative practices upholding Gandhian principles. *Shri. Choephel Thupten, Shri. Devesh Chandra Thakur, Shri. Embalam R Selvam, Shri. K. R Suresh Reddy*, *Dr. Lobsang Sangay, Shri. N Gopalaswami, Shri. Om Prakash Rawat, Shri. Satish Mahana, Mr. Scott Saiki, Dr. Steve Glovinsky, Ms. Tsitsi Gezi, Prof. Varun Sahni, Mr. Wayne Harper, Prof. Varun Sahni, Shri. Vijay Kumar Sinha were the distinguished personalities who gave their insights on the theme.* 

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

To summarize, the attendees agreed that their primary aim is to serve the people and address their concerns. They believe that every day presents a new set of challenges for them, and the legislators are constantly tested on their ability to resolve issues and find solutions. On the issue of resolving differences between legislators, bureaucrats, and different stakeholders, they opined that it is crucial to foster open lines of communication and mutual understanding to benefit the public. The session ends with a positive outlook towards more collaboration between democracies. "Learn and Implement" is the need of the hour. Moreover, a democracy cannot survive only with the lawmakers. The public and their confidence in democracy have a bigger role to play in the sustenance of democracy.



## Ramp of Democracy (लोकतंत्र का लोकपथ)

#### 16th June 2023, 1830hrs-1930hrs

The highly anticipated "Ramp of Democracy" (लोकतंत्र का लोकपथ) event took place on the second day and was hosted by the esteemed *Usha Uthup*, a legendary singer and Padma Shri awardee. With her mesmerizing voice, she skillfully intertwined the melodies of Bharat in various languages. This event brought together elected representatives from different states who walked down the ramp, proudly displaying their diverse cultures and rich heritage in their traditional state attire.

As the evening unfolded, the honored legislators from across Bharat showcased their respective cultures, creating a powerful demonstration of Unity in Diversity, which lies at the heart of Bharat's democracy. It was truly heart-warming to witness these legislators transcending the boundaries of constituencies, states, parties, ideologies, and personal identities as they stepped onto the stage.

Normally, legislators are invited to attend public programs, but they seldom get the chance to actively participate and perform on the stage. The "Ramp of Democracy" event bridged this gap, providing them with a unique opportunity to showcase their talents and cultural heritage enthusiastically.

Each group of legislators, representing their individual states, donned their distinctive traditional attire, adding a vibrant and colorful dimension to the event. The singer's statewise songs further enriched the experience, infusing the program with a delightful and diverse flavor.

Overall, the participating legislators were brimming with enthusiasm and eager to present the uniqueness of their respective states to the audience. Through this event, the essence of Bharat's democracy was accentuated, emphasizing the importance of unity amidst the beautiful tapestry of its cultural diversity. The "Ramp of Democracy" celebrated the spirit of harmony and cooperation among the nation's elected representatives, fostering a stronger bond that upheld the values of a thriving democratic nation.



## DAY 3

## Roundtable Discussion of International Delegates on: Fostering International Legislative Collaborations

## Saturday, 17th June 2023, 0800hrs-1000hrs

The session started with a speech by *Dr. Ram Charan* (Bharatiya-American business consultant), who said Together we can make a difference. In his speech, he specifically mentioned that collaboration between countries has taken place through several mediums, for example, Boy Scouts, sports, etc., but he emphasized that this collaboration should be for solving national problems. He specifically mentioned "One Planet, One Future." Dr. Ram Charan spoke about the Young Presidents Organization and how their monthly meetings have enabled the exchange of ideas and collaboration for international business. On this, *Dr. Neelam Gorhe*, Chairperson of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, gave importance to the study centers for women's studies. She gave importance to the need for dialogues between research organizations and legislators.

Mr. John Mohaney (Project Manager - Leaders & Distributions are organic institutions that develop within their surrounding environments. A model to think about is the one that operates in the United States, where in states with limited resources, legislators rely on organizations like ours for research on a wide range of issues, from healthcare to criminal justice. Perhaps you could envision NLC in India becoming like NCSL in the United States, serving as a centralized research hub where legislators from any state can reach out and request information. This way, you could receive timely responses, memos, and briefs to aid in your legislative efforts.

**Prof. Dr. Susan Ostermann** (Assistant Professor of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame), the table lead shared that in the context of South Asia, her team has arranged two conferences (South Asia Group). Day one was filled with academic talks while day two focused on policy making and was open to the public. She highlighted that the first conference was comparatively harder to organize than the second as reaching out to both academics and policy makers was difficult.

**Dr. Michael Pippenger** (Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalization, University of Notre Dame) shared that at the American Council of Political Leaders, they arrange short-term small delegations (by-partisan and multipartisan) to expose legislators to one another and to exchange academic perspectives. Everyone involved in US policymaking is involved in these delegations in this program, including legislators.

**Dr. Parimal Sudhakar** (Associate Professor & Associate Dean - External Relations, School of Government), shared that at MIT they have organized study tours to Europe for our students, and made them visit international institutions like UN headquarters. However, funding became a problem. But as a next step for NLC, they plan to offer such tours to legislators in Bharat to give them exposure to foreign institutions. Additionally, through the Bhartiya Chhatra Sansad, students from Amsterdam come to MIT, Pune for research and connect with legislators. He suggested that just as Bharatiya legislatures visit foreign countries and their educational institutions, private universities in Bharat can also host foreign legislators with academic backgrounds, this can be helpful to the emerging liberal arts courses in Bharat.

**Dr. Santosh Kumar** (Professor and Dean, Division Office- Arts, Design & Humanities), said that building relationships between academics and Bharatiya legislatures is a major project. They need to understand each other and also understand that they need each other. "We need to build rapport and good connection with both the parties as middlemen before introducing them to each other".

Shri. Bhavya Bishnoi (Member of Haryana Legislative Assembly), shared that he is on leave from Harvard to run for office, so he has always had one foot in academics and one in politics. He believes we need good governance associates. Politicians today are more open-minded, they have candidates (political consultants) design manifests from grassroots-level field research. He suggested that even though it is used for election campaigning such manifests for governance practices would be helpful.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The session was concluded on a positive note with reference to several associations to bring people together for a good structure. The delegates emphasized the need for dialogues and building pilot skills. The discussion focused on the importance of infrastructure and money to support this type of collaboration. There was also a discussion on the distinction between doing things and forging relationships. Forging relationships is necessary and requires identification of mutual needs and is long-term work.





## **Plenary Session**

## 17th June 2023, 1000hrs-1130hrs

#### Tale of the Tall - Leadership Mantras

The eminent leaders who participated in the plenary session "Tale of the Tall" at NLC Bharat offered a wealth of leadership principles gleaned from their broad experiences. These priceless perceptions have enormous potential to influence how Bharat will change in the future.

### A) Dr. Meira Kumar, Former Speaker of Lok Sabha:

Dr. Meira Kumar addressed the conference attendees with a very warm welcome. She says, "It's our duty to collectively move our democracy forward with a sense of togetherness, making it stronger and more progressive." According to her, Democracy serves no purpose if we can't uplift the backward classes who continue to live at the edge of their lives without any respect. And that we should all join hands for world peace with fellow countries without any external conflicts or any harm to any nation. She concluded by emphasizing the value of the Bharatiya Constitution – that "it extends beyond the words it contains and the new laws it creates, what the Constitution is doing for the lower classes, and unemployed ones are more important and challenging and whoever has been chosen as the representative of this republic Bharat has to fulfill a lot of demanding roles by standing like a pillar and strengthening the Constitution for our developing nation."

#### B) Shri. Ashok Gehlot, Chief Minister of Rajasthan:

Shri. Ashok Gehlot speaks about NLC Bharat, as an initiative that is an inspiration for the new generation. He also contemplated how MLAs and MLCs should maintain their personality, and how they should work selflessly for the people of the country. He added, "Every legislator should be loyal to the party and to the party's ideology." Bharat's democracy is famous in the world for fairness and strength, and we should maintain this image for a long time was his line of thought. He also threw light on schemes for 'Social Security and the Right to Health'. According to him, these schemes will be beneficial for common people in their old age.

#### C) Smt. Brinda Karat, Former Member of Parliament:

Smt. Brinda Karat congratulates Shri. Rahul Karad for organizing NLC Bharat and bringing it to reality on the ground. She mainly talked about the representation of women MLAs and MLCs in the Parliament. She urged all the participants of NLC Bharat 2023 to support the Women's Reservation Bill to increase women's representation in Parliament by around 50 percent. Further, she highlighted the tragic situation of the State of Manipur. The North East States are a good example of Unity in Diversity in our country, she sighed. Further, she asserted that "Unity should be preserved, and the situation should be peacefully handled as soon as possible. Lastly, she points out four main topics for discussion: Secularism, Communalism, Social Justice, and Economic Justice.

#### **D)** *Dr. Leo Varadkar*, Prime Minister of Ireland:

Dr. Leo acknowledges "I appreciate the value of sharing best legislative practices as it is vital for strengthening our parliament and democracies and to foster international collaboration." Further, he also said that good legislation can stimulate positive changes for the betterment of our society.

He praised the Bharat's government for the good implementation of green energy, digital transformation and successfully hosting the G20 summit. He also encouraged us to strengthen Bharat and Ireland's relationship.

**E)** Shri. Prithviraj Chavan, MLA (INC, Karad South), Former Chief Minister, Maharashtra & Former Union Minister, Govt. of Bharat:

Shri. Prithviraj Chavan addressed the attendees via online mode. In his valuable speech, he said "The challenge before all of us is how we develop Bharat into a developed country in the near future, the dream, our Prime Minister has for Bharat to make Bharat a developed nation by 2047." He also talked about the extent of realization of the concept of liberal democracy and secular democracy in our country. He further points out the need for changes in the anti-defection law as well.

### F) Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu, Former Vice President of Bharat:

Shri. Venkaiah Naidu mainly talked about youngsters, at a point he mentioned that "One must have an aim and should work hard, also, one must be disciplined, punctual and utilize time efficiently". Further, he threw light on the importance of our Constitution and democracy. Further, he goes on to highlight the challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, gender inequality, and social discrimination. He said that to strengthen democracy we should select and elect leaders with character, caliber, capacity, and conduct. He also shows concern for the uneven distribution of powers between the legislature, judiciary, and executive. Similarly, he made convincing remarks on anti-defection law. He encouraged the parliamentarians to keep pleasant relationships with their opposition and have mutual respect and regard. Lastly, he gave the mantra of practicing discipline in Parliament.

#### G) Dr. Lobsang Sangay, Former President, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA):

Dr. Lobsang mentioned that we must confront the challenges of the Six Cs (Casteism, Criminalization, Communalism, Corruption, Colonial Mindset, and Climate Change). To challenge this, he proposed the Three Ks (Karma, Karuna, and Karam). He urged everyone to work towards the welfare of the people first and then place the interest of the nation, party, family, etc. He requested every participant to be broad-minded and to understand how pivotal the responsibility they have been entrusted with. While concluding his remarks were that more and more countries are becoming non-democratic, and that authoritarianism is a threat to democracy which needs to be curbed at its roots. On the other hand, he appreciates Bharat's model of development with democracy and asserts that by 2047 this model should prevail around the world.

#### H) Shri. Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bharat:

"Pradhan Mantri Sandesh", which is the message of the Prime Minister, was presented by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan. In his message, he congratulated and gave best wishes to the members of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council from all over the country who participated in this program. He mentioned that "This Legislators' Conference allowed people's representatives from all over the country to get to know each other and will also provide a suitable platform to understand their working style". He goes on to say "I believe by learning from each other's functioning, public representatives will be able to move forward with a better model of development." Further he hoped that this new initiative would strengthen the legislature to continue to grow in a pure tradition.

He also noted, "It is heartening to see that young legislators are getting blessings and guidance from senior leaders through this conference." In the concluding part, he hoped that this conference would provide new energy to the legislators to accelerate their efforts in the interest of the nation.

#### I) Shri. Rahul Karad, Founder Convener of NLC Bharat:

Shri. Rahul Karad expressed his happiness about the ongoing conference. According to him, the conference unfolded very smoothly with eagerness, zeal, and enthusiasm. Further, he divulged information about the next edition of NLC Bharat which will be conducted after 18 months in Goa. Finally, he urged everyone to participate in a valedictory program in large numbers.





#### **Thematic Parallel Sessions**

#### 17th June, 1145hrs-1345hrs

The second day of parallel sessions was scheduled for 17th June 2023 and the topics for the day 2 discussion were more diverse and interesting. The themes were:

- 1. Work-life balance: A key to success.
- 2. Art and craft of developing your Constituency.
- 3. Construct your image the Tools and Techniques.
- 4. Legislative Performance Living Up to Expectations
- 5. Collaborating for Social Good: Bureaucrats & Legislators



Work-Life Balance: A Key to Success



Art and Craft of Developing Your Constituency



Construct your image - the tools & techniques



Legislative Performance - Living Up To Expectations



Collaborating for Social Good: Bureaucrats and Legislators

## 1. "Work-Life Balance - A key to success"

The service of MLAs and MLCs is a relentless and selfless one however, achieving a work-life balance is also an important factor thus forming the third topic for discussion i.e., Work-Life Balance - A key to success. As rightly pointed out by *Shri. Kavinder Gupta* "A politician's relentless dedication and long hours of service is a reminder of his commitment to society". However, *Smt. Manisha Koirala*, who was one of the lead speakers, also added that priority must also be given to one's health. Without health, no social service can be rendered effectively. Notably, there were speakers who made statements giving higher value to public service over self service like *Shri. Devesh Chandra Thakur*, Chairman of the Bihar Legislative Council, asserted that public service lies in the ability to connect with the people we represent. *Shri. Prahlad Singh Tipania*, who is a social activist, said that being organized and prioritizing tasks will eventually save time and thus have a balanced professional and personal life. The eminent panel other than those mentioned above included *Dr. A. Velumani, Shri Basavaraj Horatti, Ms. Deepa Malik, Dr. Jagannath Dixit, Ms. Radhika Rastogi, and Shri. W. Cole Durham, Jr.* 

#### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The key takeaways of the session were that health is as important as work in the constituency. Priority to work can only be achieved through a healthy lifestyle. An elected representative must work tirelessly for the constituency but not at the cost of health and an undisciplined work cycle. Proper planning and conscious eating habits will aid in the effective utilization of time and effort.



## 2. "Art and Craft in Developing Your Constituency"

"Art and Craft in Developing your Constituency" was also a relevant topic for discussion amongst others listed. For an elected member of any constituency, it is his responsibility till the term of his service to cater to the people's requests and demands. According to *Shri. Satish Mahana*, Hon'ble Speaker of UP Legislative Assembly, an important quality of an elected representative is to listen; irrespective of how much expectations of the people can be met. *Dr. Bhagwat Karad*, a Chief guest for the parallel session, strongly advocates "Legislators as voices, voices of the people who elected them. All the speakers in this session had a unanimous opinion that an elected representative has to be the face and voice of that constituency and should always be actively involved in all the activities of that constituency. *Smt. Supriya Sule*, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha, says power is the opportunity to serve. The Hon'ble speakers and other distinguished members who also shared their views were *Shri. Anurag Singh Thakur*, *Shri. Awadh Bi Harivansh Chaudhary*, *Prof. Lawrence Pratchett*, *Shri. Nitesh Chawla*, *Shri. Pradeep Lokhande*, *Shri. Rajesh Patnekar*, *Prof. Dr. Santosh Kumar*, *and Shri. Subhash Phal Desai*.

#### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

For any elected representative it is imperative to listen with patience to each and every person who comes to him/her. Likewise, wisely raising the concerns of his constituency in the Assembly during question hours is also an important responsibility. Placing the welfare of the people above personal and political interests will be fruitful in serving the constituency efficiently.



## 3. "Construct your image - Tools and Techniques"

"For every Politician, reputation and his good work will be his silent votes in the coming elections. And that brings us to the last topic for discussion for the first day i.e., "Construct your image – Tools and Techniques". Shri. Dhawal Vaswada, Shri. Kultar Singh Sandhwan, Shri. Sanjay Jha, Dr. Steve Glovinski, Shri. Metbah Lyngdoh, Dr. Michael Pippenger, Shri. Rajeev Sethi, Prof. Ram Charan, and Shri. U. T. Khader Fareed was an esteemed panel for this session. "As citizens of the World's greatest democracy, we have to shape our society and believe in the power of change" were the words of Shri. Rajeev Sethi, renowned Bharatiya Designer, and chairperson of the Asian Heritage Foundation. Constructing one's image with honesty, commitment, humility, and flexibility is how you brand yourself, said Shri. U.T. Khader Fareed, Hon'ble Speaker of Karnataka Legislative Assembly. Dr. Michael Pippenger, Vice president and Associate provost for internationalization, University of Notre Dame, USA during his powerful speech went on to say that "Our image is the strength of one's character and the values we uphold". The session summed up with common agreement on the fact that a politician must engage with the community regularly and by doing that he can positively construct his/her image.

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

Building a good image is reciprocal to shaping public opinion. Authenticity, credibility, and integrity are the most important attributes for creating a positive public opinion. Social media has become an effective tool to spread messages of social good, unity, progress, and good initiatives of the elected representatives. Like in every aspect of life, once the image of a person is tarnished then it takes great effort to regain credibility once lost. Being accountable for the decisions taken and admitting mistakes whenever necessary will help gain trust and support from the people.





## 4. "Legislative Performance - Living Up To Expectations"

In the words of **Dr. Subramanian Swamy**, Former MP, "A legislator's journey should commence with a profound understanding of the rules of procedure and conduct of business." Thus, "Legislative Performance-Living Up To Expectations" as the first theme of the discussion was a highly meaningful exchange of views between the participants and speakers. **Dr. C. P. Joshi**, Hon'ble Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly made a remarkable statement that an elected representative shall utilize the question hours in the Assembly for addressing local and regional issues and thus serve the interest of the constituents. Further, transparency and accountability as fundamentals to maintain public trust were rightly pointed out by the Chief Guest **Shri. Lalrinliana Sailo** in his speech. Apart from the above-mentioned speakers, there were valuable contributions from other speakers and presiding members, namely **Shri. Awadesh Pratap Singh, Shri. Kuldeep Singh Pathania, Shri. Manvendra Singh, Mr. Scott Saiki, Ms. Tsitsi Gezi, Adv. Vivek Tankha, and <b>Mr. Wayne Harper.** 

## Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

Undertaking an Impact Assessment on legislation provides an analysis of the potential effects and effectiveness of a legislative proposal before its enactment. It could have the following benefits: improve the quality of legislation; increase the productivity of legislature; and improve governance; help make informed choices; identify potential effective alternatives and reduce redundant legislation. Existing mechanisms of postenactment assessment in Bharat are already in place in the Social Impact Assessment under the Land Acquisition Law; there is a proper mechanism to carry out the social impact of the project. Besides providing an overview of the needs for realizing the objectives of the legislation, the Legislative Impact Assessment (LIA) can be a tool to act as a checklist for necessary support systems to implement the legislation. It is the accountability and responsibility of the Parliament to ensure the effectiveness of the passed legislation.



### 5. "Collaborating for Social Good: Bureaucrats & Legislators"

The NLC Event had participants/invitees both from bureaucracy and legislators and hence it was the right platform for both the stakeholders to table their concerns and share their opinions. "Collaborating for Social Good: Bureaucrats & Legislators" was one such topic that urged the bureaucrats and legislators to play a complementary role rather than being competitors of each other. The bureaucrats are responsible to the executive for the matter of checks and balances in the power vested in each organ of the government. *Shri. Surendra Nath Tripathi*, Director General, IIPA opines that Conflicts arise when individuals prioritize personal credits over collective progress, leading to a fragmented system. Collaboration between bureaucrats and legislators is essential for achieving social good and effective governance as shared by *Shri. Timothy D Shira*, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly. *Shri. Avinash Dharmadhikari*, *Shri. Armstrong Pame*, *Shri. Govind Singh Kunjwal*, *Shri. Ram Nivas Goel*, *Dr. Sanjeev Mishra*, *Shri. Tripurari Sharan*, *Shri. Vijay Kumar Sinha* were other eminent members on panel who spoke on this issue.

### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

A culture of open dialogue, exchange of ideas, and collective problem-solving is the need of the hour. Rather than talking across the table, engaging in meaningful conversations will be more fruitful and productive. The relationship between the bureaucrats and politicians can be improved by letting them go of their egos and also treating each other with mutual respect and warmth. After the ball, the bureaucrats and the elected representatives are the two wheels of democracy which have to go along smoothly. A shared responsibility for the implementation of policies is the fair conclusion for this session.



#### **Roundtable Discussions**

#### 17th June, 1200hrs-1400hrs

### RT 01: BHARAT@2047: OUR VISION - II

The session started with the introduction of *Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan* by *Prof. Sridhar Pabbisetty*. The introduction reflected the great career and achievements of Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan and his contribution to administration and politics. Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan (Former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Andhra Pradesh) appreciated the progress of Bharatiya democracy and the accomplishment of political leadership in a linguistically diverse country that is usually not recognized enough by us. His speech started with the thought-provoking question that is "How far have we come as a democracy?" In his speech, he stressed the significance of quality education, healthcare, urbanization, and urban poverty particularly in the Bharatiya context. He suggested the creation of small towns as hubs of economic growth near villages to overcome the abovementioned challenge. It is needed to create a link between rural and urban areas to prevent the crisis and the mass migration of unskilled laborers. In his conclusion, he emphasized the transformation of political leadership, public good, the rule of law, and the need for the advancement of technology.

**Shri. Mahesh Tapase**, Spokesperson, and Chief Media Coordinator of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) began by highlighting the achievements of Bharat over the past 75 years. He acknowledged the contributions made by previous governments across various sectors such as education, agriculture, social justice, rural development, urbanization, skill development, and healthcare infrastructure. This acknowledgment reflects a recognition of the collective efforts put forth by different administrations to address the nation's needs and improve the lives of its citizens.

**Shri. Pasha Patel**, a Veteran Farmers' Leader and Former Member of the Legislative Council (MLC) from Maharashtra emphasized the importance of environment conservation, decarbonization, reducing pollution, and addressing climate change. His focus on these pressing environmental issues highlights the recognition of their impact on the present and future well-being of the planet and its inhabitants. He argued that we need to increase our forest cover by 33 percent to tackle challenges posed by climate change. Patel underscored the need for generating renewable energy as a vital step towards reducing the reliance on fossil fuels and curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

Chairman of the session *Shri. Jayant Patil*, Hon'ble MLA of Maharashtra, and President NCP started his speech by focusing on global warming and the seriousness of climate change. He also pointed out the menace of freebies instead of prioritizing development and infrastructure. He added the justice delivery and huge pendency of cases in courts that are preventing the delivery of justice to common people and other developments which also end up being a hindrance for foreign investments and overall growth. He emphasized the need for thinking globally rather than locally and the need for inclusive development.

**Shri. G. Devarajan**, General Secretary of All India Forward Block, identified the drawbacks in the Bharatiya parliamentary system such as pending bills, and participation of MPs in parliamentary debates as issues that need to be addressed. He also recalled the ideologies of Subhash Chandra Bose that religion should not govern politics and ideas of freedom, equality, and 65 justice. There has been a rise in dissent and protests in Bharat for issues such as agriculture, employment, poverty, etc.

*Shri. Y. Satya Kumar*, National Secretary of BJP, emphasized the need for long-term public policies for the agriculture sector, collective efforts, and commitments of all sections of society including government, NGOs, and all. He argued that Bharat is a changing face, but there is a need to increase budgetary allocation on education, health, and agriculture with the rising population. He also mentioned the lack of accountability, the disparity between the states, and the lack of will among political leadership hindering the development of Bharat.

**Shri. Sushil Kumar Shinde**, Former Union Home Minister and Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, recalled the idea of a welfare state by Plato and Macaulay. He also remembered the ideologies and contributions of Mahatma Gandhi and Subhash Chandra Bose for the independence of Bharat

**Shri. Bhai Jagtap**, Member of Maharashtra Legislative Council, stressed the importance of parliamentary committees for the functioning of parliament and the constitution of Bharat. The session also ended with remarks and comments from various dignitaries present during the session.

### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The Round Table - Bharat @ 2047: Our Vision brought together distinguished individuals who shared their perspectives on various aspects of Bharat's development. From Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan's emphasis on democracy and transformation in leadership to Shri. Pasha Patel's focus on environmental conservation and Shri. Y. Satya Kumar's call for long-term public policies, the discussions shed light on the challenges and opportunities facing Bharat as it approached its centenary year. The session also highlighted the challenges in the parliamentary system, the need for inclusive development, and the importance of accountability and equal representation. Overall, the event provided a platform for important voices to express their ideas and visions for Bharat's future, fostering dialogue and inspiring collective action for the nation's progress.



# RT 02: LAW AND CITIZENS @ 2047: OUR VISION ROUND TABLE OF LEGAL LUMINARIES

The introductory note was given by the Chairman of the session, *Dr. Nishith Desai* (Founder and managing partner of Nishith Desai Associates). In his discourse, Dr. Desai pointed out the significance of Democracy and how the same shall be perceived in the coming days in order to shape our legislation. Through his skilled deliberation, he skillfully navigated the conversations, ensuring that all participants had an opportunity to share their insights and ideas.

**Dr. Lalit Bhasin** (President of the Society of Indian Law Firms), addressed the conference, shedding light on the challenges posed by an overwhelming number of cases and the limitations of relying solely on litigation. He highlighted the staggering volume of over 5 crore cases and emphasized that increasing the number of judges alone would not solve the problem.

**Dr. Aditya Sondhi** (Senior Advocate) firmly opposes moral policing, considering it a direct violation of personal freedom and an encroachment upon the principles of a democratic society. He asserts that individuals should have the right to make choices that may diverge from societal norms, as long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others.

**Shri. Nitin Podar** (Partner JSA Advocates & Solicitors), spoke about educating students about the principles of justice, equality, and human rights, educational institutions promote a sense of fairness and encourage individuals to recognize and challenge injustice in various forms.

**Adv. Samasekhar Sundaresan** shared his insights on the process of drafting effective laws. He emphasized the importance of distinguishing between a great law and a great draft, proposed a draft solution, stressed the need to acknowledge problems, and highlighted the significance of pre-legislative consultation.

Adv. Aniket Nikam focused on the importance of simplifying the language of laws, the retributive form of punishment, overcoming colonial influences, and ensuring accessible justice by utilizing technology for our benefit and involving prisoners in legal reform.

**Adv. Dr. Shrikant Malegaokar**, in his address at the conference, underscored the importance of citizen participation in the lawmaking process. He emphasized the need for effective mechanisms that allow citizens to contribute to the development of laws, such as public consultations, open forums, and deliberative processes.

Adv. Firoze B. Andhyarujina addressed key aspects related to the preservation of democracy, fundamental rights, and the need for effective mechanisms in the legal system.

Mrunalini Deshmukh (Director of Kirloskar Industries Ltd and Kirloskar Oil Engines Ltd.) discussed the significance of the family institution and the influence of the 1955 law on its structure. Ms. Deshmukh focused on the influence of the 1955 law on the structure of families. She discussed how this legal framework governs various aspects such as marriage, divorce, adoption, and inheritance.

### Conclusion and Key Takeaways of the Session:

The discussion emphasized the need to envision a legal framework that aligns with the evolving needs and aspirations of citizens in the year 2047. Participants highlighted the importance of adopting a forward-thinking approach and incorporating innovative solutions to address emerging legal challenges. The round table emphasized the significance of placing citizens at the center of legal policies and reforms. Participants stressed the need to ensure access to justice, protection of fundamental rights, and the promotion of inclusivity and equality within the legal system.

In conclusion, the Round Table Discussion on "Law and Citizen @ 2047: A Vision" at the National Legislator's Conference (NLC) brought together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders to explore the future of law and its impact on citizens. The discussion provided valuable insights and key takeaways that will shape the legal landscape for the year 2047 and beyond. The insights gained from this discussion will serve as a roadmap for policymakers, legal practitioners, and decision-makers to shape the legal framework and policies that will create a vision of law in 2047 that meets the needs and aspirations of citizens.



### **Valedictory**

### 17th June 2023, 1615hrs-1745hrs

The National Legislators' Conference Bharat came to a successful conclusion, highlighted by the presence of distinguished individuals on the platform during the closing ceremony. The Valedictory ceremony started with a special written message from the Hon'ble Prime Minister *Shri. Narendra Modi.* Esteemed attendees included the chief guest, *Shri. Eknath Shinde*, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and *Dr. Pramod Sawant*, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa. They were joined by *Shri. Harivansh Singh*, the esteemed Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, and *Dr. Neelam Gorhe*, the Deputy Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. Other notable guests included *Adv. Rahul Narwekar*, the respected Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, *Shri. Ramesh Bais*, the esteemed Governor of Maharashtra, and *Dr. Meira Kumar*, Former Speaker of the Lok Sabha and patron of NLC Bharat. A special message, drafted by *Shri. Rahul Gandhi* of the Indian National Congress (INC) was read aloud by *Shri. Bhai Jagtap*. These dignitaries contributed to an air of authority and significance during the event's culmination.

As the esteemed dignitaries and patrons took the stage during the closing moments of the conference, the Convener of NLC Bharat, *Shri. Rahul V Karad*, announced the venue of the second edition of this historic conference: Goa, scheduled for November 2024. In a ceremonial gesture, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Eknath Shinde, handed over the baton of NLC Bharat to his counterpart from Goa, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. Pramod Sawant. During the closing ceremony of the conference, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri. Eknath Shinde emphasized the importance of maintaining the flame of democracy by working together positively. He urged all MLAs to focus on creating new policies that foster the development of the state and contribute to the welfare of Bharat and its people. Sharing his perspective, the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra, Shri. Ramesh Bais highlighted the significance of the platform in enabling MLAs to understand critical national issues. He emphasized that parliamentary committees serve as effective mediums for democracy, and MLAs should dedicate their time in the assembly to address various problems and propel society forward.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Shri. Pramod Sawant expressed that the conference holds immense importance in driving change for a new Bharat. He advocated for similar meetings to be organized in every state, as they help enhance parliamentary functioning and contribute to the country's development. MLAs were urged to present problems impartially and actively participate in nation-building. Shri. Harivansh Singh, the esteemed Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, stressed the need for new laws in a changing world. He encouraged MLAs to take initiative and actively work towards overcoming challenges, fostering dynamism, and establishing an economically strong society. Updating old laws and providing special training to MLAs for building a beautiful society were also emphasized as essential steps.





### **MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES**

### 15th, 16th, 17th June 2023

### **Garden of Democracy**

Legislators from all over the nation who attended the historic NLC Bharat 2023 conference actively brought soil and water from their home regions to the event in a show of unity in diversity. The treasured soil and water from their ancient lands were delivered by legislators from all States and Union Territories, representing the deep-rooted strength and unflinching resiliency that underpin our great nation. The garden of democracy will be strengthened by the combination of this collective soil and water, which will promote its expansion and success. The lawmakers transported the holy soil and water from their various home countries with utmost regard, evoking the rich legacy and unbreakable spirit that supports our great country.





### **Caricature Drawing**

The NLC Bharat Event was a great success as a whole and a notable contribution was from caricature artists. Caricature is a distinctive kind of art that conveys the spirit of people via exaggerated features and comedy. Participants were able to capture their NLC Bharat experience originally and distinctively through the art of caricature. An enormous reaction from participants and attendees made the caricature booth a well-liked attraction. Seven brilliant artists offered their abilities, knowledge of capturing facial traits, and sense of humor to the drawings during the event dates, June 15th –17th, 2023, making the event a success and bringing joy to many attendees. A startling total of roughly 1400 caricatures were created throughout the course of the three days. A treasured memory that will be cherished for years to come was created by the drawings, which captured the spirit and personality of each person.





### ऐतिहातिक क्षणों के साक्षी

In the wake of the crafting of the illustrious Constitution of Bharat, the distinguished members of the Constituent Assembly affixed their signatures, symbolizing an unwavering unity and heralding the advent of a transformative era. During the first National Legislators' Conference Bharat 2023, an additional momentous turning point occurred in Mumbai as legislators from all around our beloved Bharat gathered, leaving their names indelible on the pages of the prestigious book ऐतिहातिक क्षणों के साक्षी. They fervently supported the lofty goal of creating a long-lasting, non-partisan platform for State Legislators (MLAS & MLCs) in a loud affirmation of their presence. Finally, the book bearing names and signatures of MLAs and MLCs across Bharat was handed over by Patrons Dr. Meira Kumar & Shri. Shivraj Patil to Founder Convenor Shri. Rahul V. Karad in Valedictory Session.



### **Leadership Schools**

Today's world faces complex challenges such as climate change, technological advancements, economic disparities, and social inequality. Young enthusiasts often possess a deep understanding of these issues and are passionate about finding sustainable solutions. Therefore, along with traditional concerns, the younger generation must be given a chance to address such pressing issues. Their active participation is crucial to ensure that the needs of both current and future generations are adequately addressed.

Engaging young individuals in politics ensures a more diverse and representative government. The younger generation brings unique perspectives, fresh ideas, and innovative solutions to the table. By equipping them with the necessary skills, knowledge, and platforms for engagement, political leadership programs can empower these young enthusiasts to become effective leaders and catalysts for positive change. Hence, Legislative Assemblies must step up and assume the responsibility of political training. By fostering their participation, State legislative assemblies can create a more inclusive and dynamic political landscape that addresses the needs and aspirations of all segments of society.

The establishment of political leadership institutions for young enthusiasts provides a platform for their visionary thinking and involvement. It encourages them to actively participate in politics and shape the future of our nation. Therefore, State Legislative Assemblies should prioritize the establishment of training institutions for young individuals. By doing so, they will not only foster an environment that encourages youth participation in politics but also pave the way for a prosperous, socially just, and environmentally conscious society.

Therefore, there arose a necessity for training these representatives in parliamentary democracy to foster state and national development through innovative approaches. This need was highlighted during the Conference. So, the proposal to train representatives from various states through the MIT- School of Government (SOG) was brought up. Given this context, we take great pride in announcing that the following six Legislative Assemblies have proactively stepped up and made a commitment to establish dedicated training institutes within their respective premises.

- 1. Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- 2. Karnataka Legislative Assembly
- 3. Sikkim Legislative Assembly
- 4. Rajasthan Legislative Assembly
- 5. Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- 6. Maharashtra Legislative Assembly

We are thankful to all the Hon'ble Speakers of these six Legislative Assemblies for signing this important agreement and joining the mission to equip young individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead and shape Bharat's political landscape, ensuring a brighter and more inclusive future for all.





### **Success Story Documentation**

The National Legislators' Conference (NLC) Bharat conducted a remarkable initiative that aimed to document the political journeys of numerous MLAs and MLCs from across the country. This endeavor involved conducting interviews with the legislators, enabling them to share their unique experiences and insights into their political careers. Each legislator had the opportunity to delve into their personal stories, explaining the reasons that compelled them to enter the realm of politics, as well as the challenges, and successes that have shaped their journeys in politics. They shared the various factors that motivated them, such as a desire to bring about positive change, serve their communities, or contribute to the nation's progress. These elected representatives also shared their working experiences, achievements, and notable projects they had undertaken in their constituencies.

The primary objectives of the Success Story Committee were to provide a platform to acknowledge the dedicated work of elected representatives as well as to inspire and motivate others by creating a comprehensive compilation of success stories. During the collection drive, the committee members conducted interviews with the MLAs and MLCs, recording their success stories on video. This was done with the help of sets of standardized and exhaustive questionnaires for MLAs and MLCs respectively that aimed to portray a wholesome picture of the individual legislator.

One significant aspect of the interviews was the message these experienced legislators had for young and aspiring politicians. They offered guidance, encouragement, and advice to the next generation of leaders, urging them to enter politics with sincerity, dedication, and a genuine commitment to public service. They emphasized the importance of integrity, perseverance, and the need to stay connected with the concerns and aspirations of the people they represent.

Overall, the activity of documenting the political journeys of legislators is crucial in motivating young individuals aspiring to join politics. It provides inspiration, realistic expectations, insights into motivations and challenges, exposure to diverse perspectives, and guidance for future success. By showcasing the experiences of experienced politicians, this activity plays a vital role in nurturing the next generation of leaders and fostering a vibrant and dedicated political landscape.



### MOUs Between MLAs/MLCs for Exchanging Good Practices

The National Legislators' Conference, held on June 15th, 16th, and 17th, 2023, at Jio World Centre, witnessed Members of the Legislative Assembly/ Council entering into 27 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs).

The legislators from different political parties came together to exchange good practices from their constituencies and signed MoUs on the development agenda beyond Political Ideologies.

The conference aimed to benefit and empower the people in their respective constituencies, focusing on vital areas such as Education, Public Health, Youth Empowerment, Poverty Eradication, and Employment Generation. The objectives of these MoUs were to adopt best practices, exchange ideas, and engage in constructive interactions to uplift and empower the lives of constituents.

A total of 6 MoUs were signed with Union Territories and other states, 6 were signed interstate, and 15 were signed within the states, promoting collaborative efforts to achieve a shared vision for progress and development.









## MOUs Between MLAs/MLCs for Exchanging Good Practices

Following are a few names of the legislators who signed the MOUs to exchange good practices from their respective Constituencies.

MOU No.	Names of the MLAs / MLCs who signed MOUs
MOU 01	Subhash Phal Desai (Goa) & Ganesh Chandra (Uttar Pradesh)
MOU 02	Anil Kumar Tripathi (Uttar Pradesh) & Dr. Chandrakant Shetye (Goa)
MOU 03	Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi) & Suryabanshi Suraj (Odisha)
MOU 04	Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi) & Abhijit Wanjari (Maharashtra)
MOU 05	Ganesh Chandra (Uttar Pradesh) & Abhijit Wanjari (Maharashtra)
MOU 06	Ganesh Chandra (Uttar Pradesh) & Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi)
MOU 07	Subhash Phal Desai (Goa) & Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi)
MOU 08	Subhash Phal Desai (Goa) & Anil Kumar Tripathi (Uttar Pradesh)
MOU 09	Dr. Budhan Murmu (Odisha) & Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi)
MOU 10	Ganesh Chandra (Uttar Pradesh) & Dr. Chandrakant Shetye (Goa)
MOU 11	Akhilesh Pati Tripathi (Delhi) & Anil Kumar Tripathi (Uttar Pradesh)
MOU 12	Anil Kumar Tripathi (Uttar Pradesh) & Dr. Chandrakant Shetye (Goa)
MOU 13	Subhash Phal Desai (Goa) & Dr. Chandrakant Shetye (Goa)
MOU 14	Govind Prasad (Rajasthan) & Narendra Nagar (Rajasthan)
MOU 15	Govind Prasad (Rajasthan) & Kaluram Meghwal (Rajasthan)
MOU 16	Govind Prasad (Rajasthan) & Chandrakant Meghwal (Rajasthan)
MOU 17	Nirmal Kumavat (Rajasthan) & Chandrakant Meghwal (Rajasthan)
MOU 18	Kaluram Meghwal (Rajasthan) & Chandrakant Meghwal (Rajasthan)
MOU 19	Narendra Nagar (Rajasthan) & Chandrakant Meghwal (Rajasthan)
MOU 20	Krishnamurari Sharan (Bihar) & Rajeev Kumar Singh (Bihar)
MOU 21	Rajeev Kumar Singh (Bihar) & Kaushal Kishore (Bihar)
MOU 22	Vivekanand Pandey (Uttar Pradesh) & Mohan Verma (Uttar Pradesh)
MOU 23	Narayan Singh Patta (Madhya Pradesh) & Sanjay Uikey (Madhya Pradesh)
MOU 24	Ramlal Malviya (Madhya Pradesh) & Panchilal Menada (Madhya Pradesh)
MOU 25	Debarata Saika (Assam) & Bhaskar Jyoti Baruah (Assam)
MOU 26	Suryabanshi Suraj (Odisha) & Dr. Budhan Murmu (Odisha)
MOU 27	Dr. R. K. Patel (Uttar Pradesh) & Ganesh Chandra (Uttar Pradesh)

## Youth Parliament in Constituency of Each MLA

Among the numerous legislators here is a selection of few MLAs who signed MoUs to organize Youth Parliament in their respective constituencies on the lines of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (BCS).

State	MLA Name	Constituency
Uttar Pradesh	Shri. Jaikumar Singh Jaiki	Binidki
	Shri. Vinay Verma	Shohratgarh
	Shri. Ashok Kumar	Salon
	Dr. Mukesh Verma	Shikohabad
Assam	Shri. Debabrata Saikia	104, Nazira
Odisha	Shri. Suryabanshi Suraj	Dhamnagar
	Dr. Mukesh Mahaling	Loisingha
	Dr. Budhan Murmu	Saraskana (Mayurbhanj)
	Shri. Ganesh Ram Singh Khuntia	26-Jashipur
	Shri. Makaranda Muduli	Rayagaba
Nagaland	Shri. Kudecho Khamo	Chozuba (Phek)
Gujrat	Shri. Vinubhai Chaganbhai Radadiya	Amerali
	Dr. Darshita Shah	Rajkot West-69
Madhya Pradesh	Shri. Ajab Singh Kushwaha	Sumaoli
Rajasthan	Shri. Chandrakanta Meghwal	Keshoraipatan (Bundi)
	Shri. Madan Prajpat	Pachpadra
Himachal Pradesh	Shri. Inder Dutt Lakhanpal	Barsar
Jharkhand	Dr. Lambodar Mahto	Gomia
Punjab	Shri. Jagdeep Kamboj Goldy	Jalalabad
	Shri. Panthdeep Singh	Dera Baba Nanak
	Shri. Harbhajan Singh	Jandiala
Delhi	Shri. Naresh Yadav	Mehrauli
	Shri. Rakesh Rishi	Janakpuri

### **Unveiling of 4 Compendiums on Commendable Democratic & Governance Initiatives**



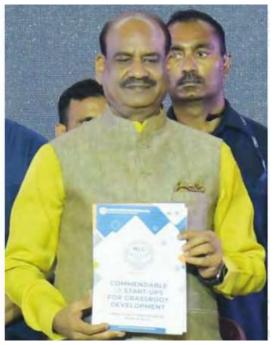
Patron Dr. Meira Kumar unveiled the compendium on Commendable Governance Initiatives



Adv. Rahul Narwekar unveiled the compendium on commendable practices by MLAs on Constituency Development



Patron Smt. Sumitra Mahajan unveiled the compendium on commendable democratic practices from other democratic countries



Shri. Om Birla unveiled the compendium on commendable start-ups for grassroot development

These four Compendiums on Commendable Democratic & Governance Initiatives were prepared by the NLC Research Team and released by Hon'ble dignitaries during this historic conference. It was presented to the legislators as one of their important takeaways from the Conference.

### A WAY FORWARD

### 17th June 2023, 1615hrs-1745hrs

In the end, the baton for NLC 2024 was passed on to the Chief Minister of Goa and after Goa, the third edition of NLC Bharat was declared to be hosted by the Government of Karnataka. Now, the NLC will act as a non-partisan, permanent foundation for enhancing the efficiency of the legislators from the country. "It is necessary for all political parties to forget their political differences and come together and brainstorm. In that regard, we have only taken the initiative, and this initiative must continue without stopping here. The Chief Minister of Goa has decided to hold the next meeting in Goa in November - 2024, while the next meeting will be held in Karnataka," *Shri. Rahul Karad* announced at this time.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, *Shri. Pramod Sawant* said Goa was eager to host legislators from across the country next year and suggested publishing a compendium on the outcome of the conference which could be a reference guide for parliamentary best practices for state assemblies and councils.

'Today many new challenges are facing our country. We have to keep working together to meet those challenges. While thinking about the construction of 'Navbharat' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat', a non-party ideology has to be adopted. For this, such an apolitical meeting is useful, and it is also the need of the hour. It will only serve to strengthen the foundation of democracy,' all the leaders expressed this sentiment at the closing ceremony of the first historical National Legislators' Conference Bharat (NLC Bharat) on 17th of June 2023, Saturday.



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