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From the CONVENER'S DESK

Dear Esteemed Readers,

I extend warm greetings and a heartfelt Namaskar to each and every one of you. Reflecting on the significant events of the past month, January has been a momentous period for the NLC Bharat family. The 13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, hosted by the MIT School of Government from the 10th to the 12th of January, stands as a testament to our collective achievements. This conference, with its participation of over 7,000 registered students, 30 student speakers, and 50 distinguished guest speakers, provided a platform to delve into critical subjects such as culture, women's empowerment, and youth engagement in politics.

In parallel, the NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers convened during the same time frame, attracting over 70 MLAs and MLCs representing 15 states. With the insights of more than 15 speakers and former speakers as lead discussants, the discussions at the conclave centered around upcoming initiatives such as the MLA Exchange Program, National &

International Study Visits, the establishment of leadership schools within State Legislature Complexes, and the organization of MLA Youth Parliaments.

Aligned with our overarching mission of promoting 'World Peace and Development for all', as underscored in this third edition of the NLC Bharat newsletter, it is imperative to echo the timeless wisdom of Mahatma Gandhi who famously stated, "There is no way to Peace, Peace is the only way." At Dr. Vishwanath Karad MIT World Peace University, we remain unwavering in our commitment to embody his teachings and serve as a beacon of peace and harmony in the world.

On this note, I extend a cordial invitation to all legislators to join hands with us in fostering a more peaceful Bharat through your invaluable contributions. Let us unite in our efforts to build a brighter and more prosperous future for our nation.

Warm regards



Rahul V. Karad
Founder Convener
NLC Bharat



ACTIONS FOR PEACE

*Commitment
towards
Global Family*

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A Step Towards Transforming Bharat...

“At the National Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators, we introduced 8 proposals for the consideration of the participants. The initiatives for organizing the Vidhayak Chhatra Sansad (MLA YP) garnered interest from more than 30 MLAs and MLCs. Similarly, the proposal to institute political leadership schools within the Assembly and Council premises of various State Legislatures received broad support from 6 states. I am confident that such initiatives will serve as the ideal stage to attract talented, young, and ethically principled individuals to politics. In response to the feedback gathered from NLC Bharat participants and continuous communication between the NLC team and legislators, we have identified a consistent demand for capacity advancement programs, exchange initiatives, and special lectures on governance. During the 3-day conclave, it was a privilege for us to introduce our flagship programs - CAPABLE, SMILE, INTERACT, and SAMVAD - designed to address the needs and expectations of our participants. To sustain this momentum, we have decided to constitute the following Committees under the NLC Bharat”

NLC Bharat Committees :

-  **Legislative Research 24x7 Assistance Committee**
-  **Capacity Building Committee (CAPABLE)**
-  **International Study Visit Committee (SMILE)**
-  **National Study Visit Committee (INTERACT)**
-  **Good Governance Practices Sharing Committee (SAMVAD)**
-  **MLA Youth Parliament Committee (MLAYP)**
-  **Democratic Governance and Leadership Program Committee (DGLP)**
-  **Institute of Political Leadership and Government Committee (IPLG)**
-  **Information Technology, and Social Media Committee**
-  **NLC Bharat Newsletter Committee**
-  **NLC Bharat YouTube Channel Committee**





Glimpses

NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators

10th 11th 12th January 2024 Pune

The NLC Bharat Leadership Conclave of Presiding Officers and Legislators was held on the sidelines of 13th edition of the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad. This conclave featured over 70 participants and more than 20 distinguished guest speakers to address the gathering over the next course of action under NLC Bharat. The conference was an immediate success. In this issue, we share a few glimpses of the event.



Hon'ble Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu Ji addressed Legislators during the inaugural session.



Hon'ble Speaker Shri. U. T. Khader and Shri. Prithviraj Chavan interacting with Legislators.



Shri. Rahul V. Karad ji interacting with Legislators



Dr. Raghunath Mashelkar Ji speaking during the session on "Innovations, Technology and Strengthening the Fabric of Democracy"



Shri. Rajesh Rish Ji, MLA, Janakpuri Delhi; sharing their opinion during Capacity Building Sessions.



All the attendees of the conclave of Presiding officers and Legislators along with dignitaries outside Saint Dnyaneshwara Hall, MIT-WPU



Glimpses

13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad
10th 11th 12th January 2024 Pune

The 13th edition of the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad, upholding its tradition of deliberating on politically sensitive and socially significant topics, featured over 50 distinguished speakers from diverse backgrounds. Spanning three days, the event included eminent figures like Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, etc. Featuring more than 30 student speakers and attracting over 10,000 participants, the 13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad proved to be a resounding success. In this issue, we share a few glimpses of the event.



"Remember, the strength of a nation lies in the hands of its youth. Embrace knowledge, uphold values, and strive for excellence."
- Shri. M. Venkaiah Naidu



"The lessons of this Sansad go beyond the academic; they echo the ideals of democracy, leadership, and nation-building."
- Shri. Shivraj Singh Chauhan



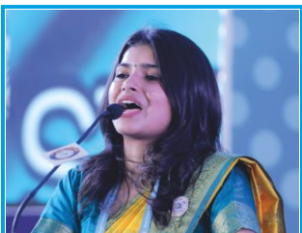
"In your success, the country will rise, the country will shine, the country will prosper and may you lead this great nation to further greatness in the next Yug Parivartan that is going to happen."
- Shri. Vikram Sampath



"Let us harness the power of data to strengthen democracy, promote diversity, and foster a more just and equitable society for all."
- Shri. Manoj Kumar Jha



"Embrace folklore's wisdom; unite, preserve and celebrate our cultural heritage for a vibrant future"
- Shri. Manoj Muntashir



"Folklore embodies our identity, resilience, and diversity, weaving stories that transcend generations."
- Diya Tomar



"In this era of transformation, let's unite to shape a future where every voice matters."
- Rishi Vaibhav Mishra

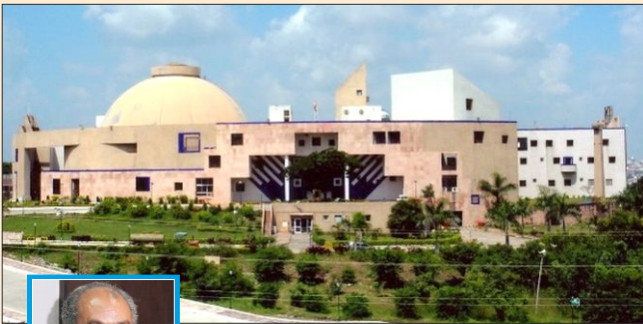


"The vision of Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad was to cultivate a platform for transformative dialogue and to nurture future leaders."
- Shri. Rahul V. Karad

Warm Wishes to all elected
Hon'ble Speakers
of their respective
Legislative Assemblies



Hon'ble Shri Lalbiakzama
Speaker, Mizoram Legislative Assembly
Elected to the assembly on the ticket of
Zoram Peoples Movement
Education - B. Com.



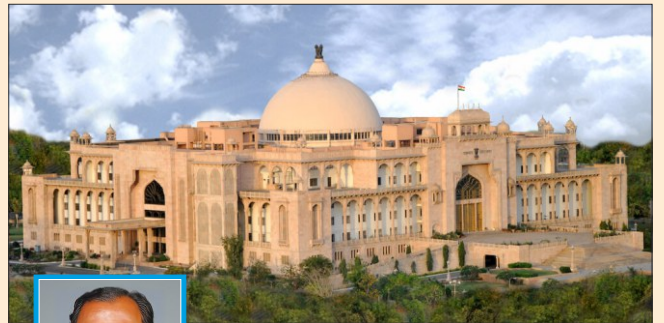
Hon'ble Shri Narendra Singh Tomar
Speaker, Madhya Pradesh Legislative
Assembly
Elected to the assembly on the ticket of
Bharatiya Janata Party
Education - Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)



Hon'ble Sri Gaddam Prasad Kumar
Speaker, Telangana Legislative Assembly
Elected to the assembly on the ticket of
Indian National Congress
Education - Intermediate at Government
Jr. College



Hon'ble Dr. Raman Singh
Speaker, Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly
Elected to the assembly on the ticket of
Bharatiya Janata Party
Education - Bachelor's Degree in Ayurvedic
Medicine and Surgery



Hon'ble Shri Vasudev Devnani
Speaker, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly
Elected to the assembly on the ticket of
Bharatiya Janata Party
Education - B.E. Electrical

THE UN 75 INITIATIVE

The Future
We Want,
The UN
We Need



In January 2020, the UN initiated a worldwide consultation in commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of its establishment. This comprehensive effort involved engaging people across diverse backgrounds in surveys and dialogues to gather insights into their aspirations and concerns for the future. Participants were encouraged to share their perspectives on global cooperation priorities and the role of the UN. Since the outset of this initiative, more than one million individuals from all UN Member States and Observer States have actively participated in the consultations including representative polling of 50,000 individuals from 50 countries. Several noteworthy findings have emerged from the survey.

First, a widespread consensus is on prioritizing improved access to healthcare, safe water, sanitation, and education as crucial elements for global well-being.

Second, the collective focus extends towards addressing poverty, reducing inequalities, and promoting employment, indicating a commitment to fostering economic and social development.

Third, the survey revealed prevalent concerns across all regions regarding the future impact of climate change, underscoring the global recognition of environmental challenges.

Fourth, there is a collective call for greater respect for human rights, and conflict resolution emphasizing the importance of ethical and humanitarian considerations in global governance.

Fifth, younger participants exhibited a more optimistic outlook on the future than their older counterparts. An overwhelming 87% of surveyed individuals believe in the indispensability of international cooperation to effectively address contemporary challenges.

Sixth, a significant majority, 60%, believe that the UN has played a role in making the world a better place, indicating a positive perception of the organization's

impact. However, there are calls for the UN to be more inclusive, with specific urges for greater representation of civil society, women, youth, vulnerable groups, cities, local authorities, businesses, regional organizations, and other international entities.

Lastly, the findings underscore collective advocacy for greater accountability, transparency, and impartiality in global leadership and governance, emphasizing the need for ethical and responsible practices on the international stage.

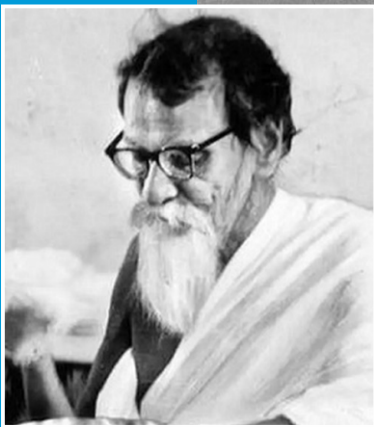
Concurrently with the UN 75 initiative, the UN Member States officially embraced the "Declaration on the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations" in the General Assembly on 21 September 2020. Emerging from the devastation of World War II, the UN is steadfast in its commitment to restructure the organization. Acknowledging the increased number of countries, individuals, challenges, and potential solutions, the UN has declared a heightened readiness to collaborate with young people, civil society, and indigenous communities. The UN has rightfully pledged to extend the essence of this declaration to "we the people," underscoring its commitment with a strong sense that:

"What we agree today will affect the sustainability of our planet as well as the welfare of generations for decades to come. Through reinvigorated global action and by building on the progress achieved in the last 75 years, we are determined to ensure the future we want."

Navigating the post-COVID world amid ongoing conflicts worldwide, the UN 75 initiative offers hope for improved outcomes in education, health, social security, global cooperation, and more. It presents opportunities for our ambitious individuals, aiming to secure long-term peace and tranquillity in our societies.

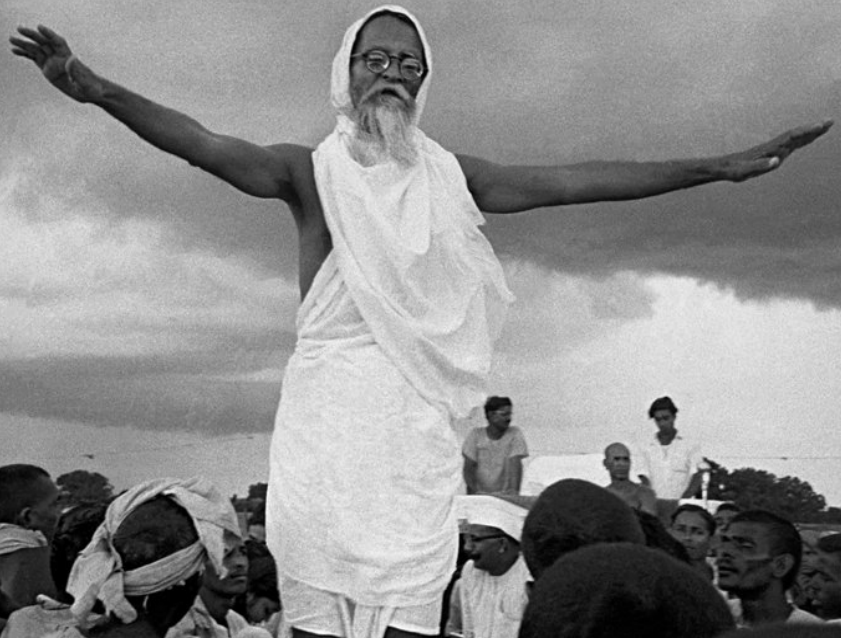


Vinoba Bhave: An Apostle of Peace



Vinoba Bhave

Eminent Gandhian Philosopher



India's ancient culture is deeply rooted in spiritual values, which became the guiding principles of Vinoba Bhave's life, one of Mahatma Gandhi's most dedicated disciples. Choosing the ascetic path of a sanyasi, he dedicated himself entirely to implementing Gandhi's vision of revitalizing villages and uplifting the oppressed masses and thus emerged the apostle of peace. This article highlights Vinoba's undeterred commitment and his understanding of peace.

Finding Peace in the Prison:

Vinoba's commitment to his ideals led to multiple imprisonments, beginning in 1923 for raising the national flag and continuing in Dhulia jail in 1932 and Vellore during the Quit India movement in 1942. Despite the hardships of imprisonment, Vinoba found solace in the disciplined lifestyle enforced in jail, which allowed ample time for meditation and contemplation. While detained in Nagpur Jail (later moved to Akola), Vinoba meticulously organized his daily routine to occupy himself. He dedicated 2-3 hours to meditation, spent 10 hours walking around his room, covering approximately 10 miles, and allocated another 10 hours for sleep. Despite the challenging circumstances, he remained remarkably composed and serene, prompting the jail warden to transfer him to the general ward.

In Dhulia jail, he provided motivational talks to fellow

prisoners, fostering an ashram-like environment, and delivered weekly lectures on the Gita, which later became renowned for his commentary on the scripture. While incarcerated in Vellore Jail, Vinoba dedicated himself to mastering Tamil and other prominent South Indian languages such as Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam. In Wardha, he enlisted the help of a maulvi to study Arabic so that he could read the Quran in its original language, and eventually compose a commentary on it. Additionally, Vinoba had some knowledge of Persian and Pali and made efforts to learn Chinese and Japanese. During his travels across various provinces, from Assam to Kerala, as part of the Bhoodan movement, he endeavored to learn the local language in each region to better connect with the local populace.

In essence, during his imprisonment, Vinoba closely adhered to the philosophical principles of sthita-prajna from the Bhagavad Gita, finding solace and guidance in its teachings.

Messenger of Peace and Harmony:

Vinoba Bhave's life was driven by fostering religious harmony through the dissemination of the message of Sarva-Dharma-Samabhav, the equality of all religions. He conducted extensive studies and published selections from the Quran, Bible, and Dhammapada, seeking to promote the unity of hearts and advocating

against the division of human society along sectarian lines.

During a padayatra in Bihar in September 1953, Vinoba faced opposition from orthodox temple priests when he decided to visit the Baidyanathdham temple with the Harijan brothers. Despite being attacked and some members of the group being seriously injured, Vinoba chose forgiveness over retaliation, refusing to file a police complaint.

In March 1955, while in Jagannathpuri for a Sarvodaya conference, Vinoba encountered restrictions on entry for a French lady accompanying him. In protest against this discriminatory practice, Vinoba refrained from entering the temple himself, believing that Hindu dharma should not prohibit individuals of any faith from visiting sacred sites. Similar incidents occurred at the Guruvayur temple in Kerala, where Vinoba declined to enter after his Christian friends were barred.

However, Vinoba also experienced warmth and acceptance at many religious sites. At the Melkote temple in South India, associated with Ramanujacharya, he and his Christian companions were warmly welcomed. In Ajmer, the Nazim of Dargah Sharif invited Vinoba and his fellow participants, including women, to the shrine.

During a walk in Kashmir with Muslim companions, Vinoba would pause at 11 A.M. to read and listen to the Quran. In Amritsar, while visiting the Golden Temple, he praised Guru Nanak's message of universal brotherhood and condemned the exploitation of religion for political gain.

In a poignant moment, Vinoba received a letter in Kashmir from Tahsildar Singh, the son of the infamous dacoit Mann Singh, who was sentenced to death and wished to meet Vinoba before his execution. Touched by this request, Vinoba believed in the potential for redemption and asked Maj. Gen. Yadunath Singh to explore possibilities for peace in the Chambal Valley. This led to the surrender of 20 dreaded dacoits, who laid down their arms and were reunited with their families. Vinoba wrote, 'the experience which he had in this dacoit-infested area, he had never before. The whole atmosphere was filled with divine aura. It appeared that God had entered their heart and did a miracle.'

Vinoba's efforts aimed to transform the atmosphere of violence and crime in the region, as he believed in the

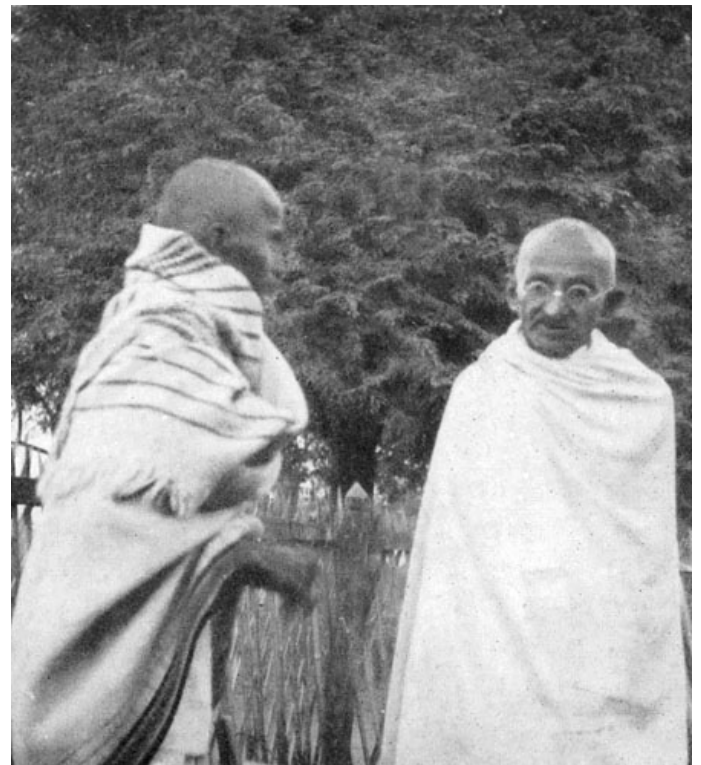
power of constructive action and the rule of law. To ensure the lasting influence of his mission, Vinoba established a Peace Committee within the Sarva Sewa Sangh. This committee was tasked with undertaking constructive initiatives aimed at transforming the environment of violence and crime prevalent in the Chambal Valley.

Conclusion:

Given this context, Vinoba's life and teachings hold significant relevance for the nation. As a deeply spiritual individual and a devoted adherent of Gandhian principles, his core values encompassed ahimsa (non-violence), satya (truth), and prem (compassion). In a world plagued by senseless violence, hatred, and bigotry, Vinoba's profound commitment to peace continues to resonate, emphasizing the urgent need for his message in today's society.

Note: This article is inspired by the writings of Dr. B. P. Mathur. To read the full article visit:

<https://www.mkgandhi.org/vinoba/vinoba-apostle-of-peace.html>



Vinoba Bhave with Mahatma Gandhi
at Kochrab Ashram, Ahmedabad

Indian Economy A Review

A Decade of Transformative Growth
(2014 to 2024)

The Department of Economic Affairs has released a report titled "**A Review of the Indian Economy**," offering insights into India's economic trajectory over the past decade. According to the report, India's domestic economy remains robust, with a projected real GDP growth of 7.9% between FY22 and FY24, driven by initiatives such as Make in India and PLI schemes. Consumption demand, particularly PFCE, has shown resilience, contributing significantly to post-Covid recovery. Emphasizing macroeconomic stability, India has adopted flexible inflation targeting, aiming to maintain inflation within a 2 to 6 percent range. The Price Stabilization Fund has been instrumental in managing price volatility in agricultural commodities. Despite global challenges like supply chain disruptions and geopolitical conflicts, India has effectively controlled inflation, diversified energy sources, and stabilized retail inflation at 5.5 percent in FY24.

The report underscores India's shift towards long-term empowerment in its welfare approach, focusing on universal access to amenities and improving the quality of life. Initiatives such as DBT

and JAM have minimized leakages, while investments in child immunization and sanitation have yielded positive results. Social security schemes like APY and PMJJY have shown progress, and infrastructure development has stimulated employment opportunities.

India's merchandise exports reached USD 451.1 billion in FY23 despite global tensions, with services experiencing a 120% growth over the decade. FDI inflows totaled USD 596.5 billion from FY15 to FY23, and foreign reserves surged to USD 623.2 billion, covering over ten months of imports. However, alongside India's ascent to the world's fifth-largest economy, geopolitical risks have become increasingly apparent.

For further insights on the risks to and opportunities for the Indian economy, refer to our analysis of the report at

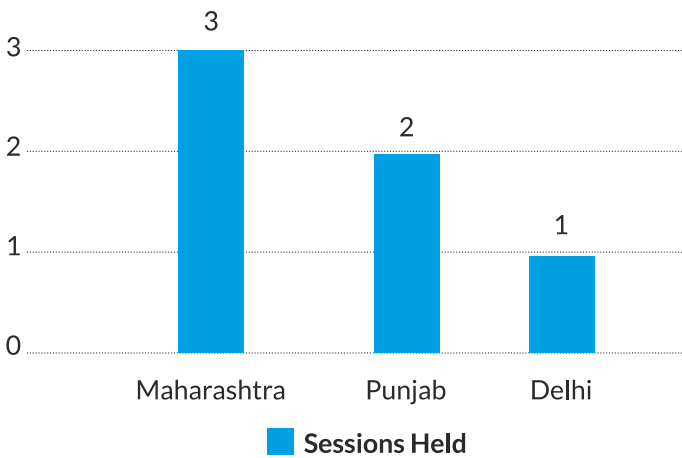
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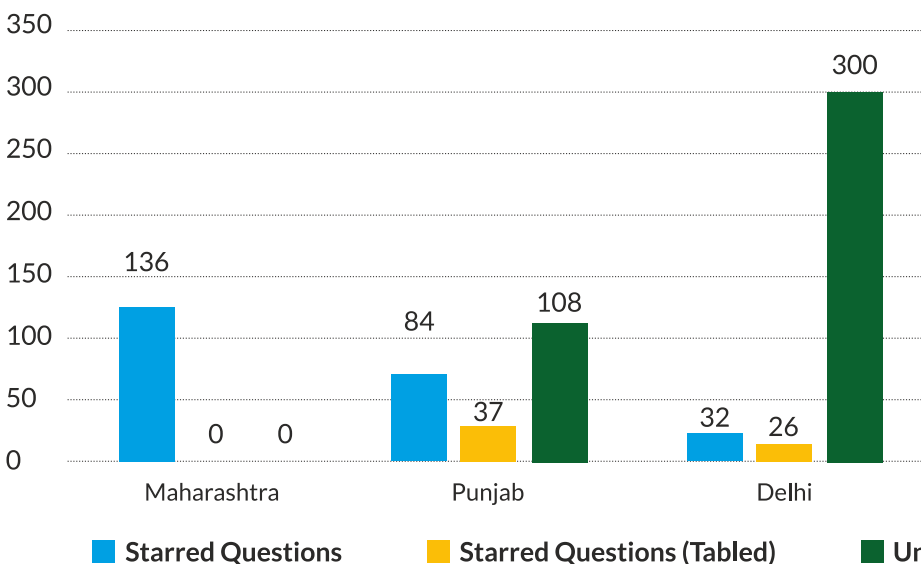
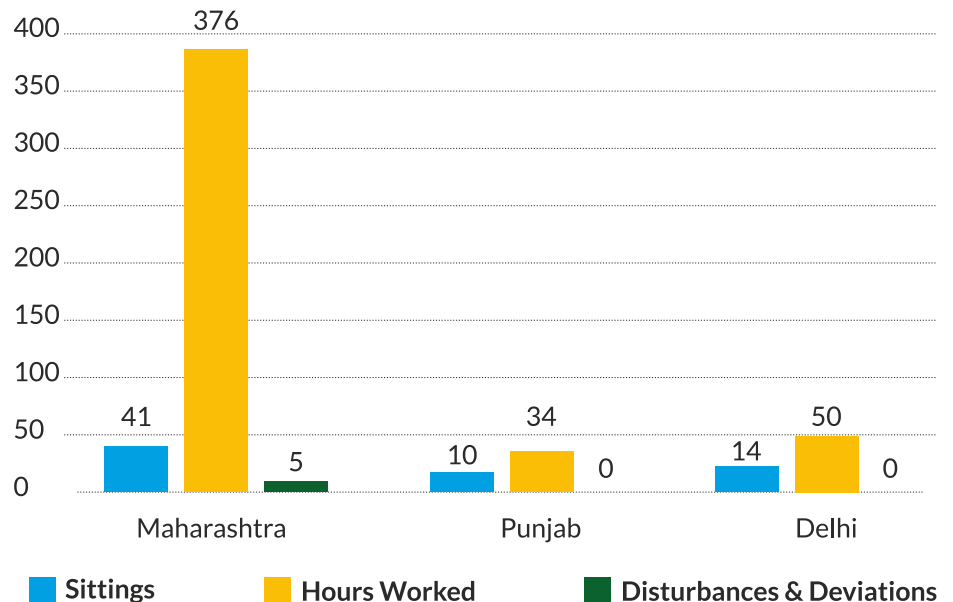
How the State Legislatures fared in 2023-24?

At NLC Bharat, we conducted a comparative analysis of the performance of three State Legislatures - Maharashtra, Punjab, and Delhi. The observations have been documented in the following graphics.

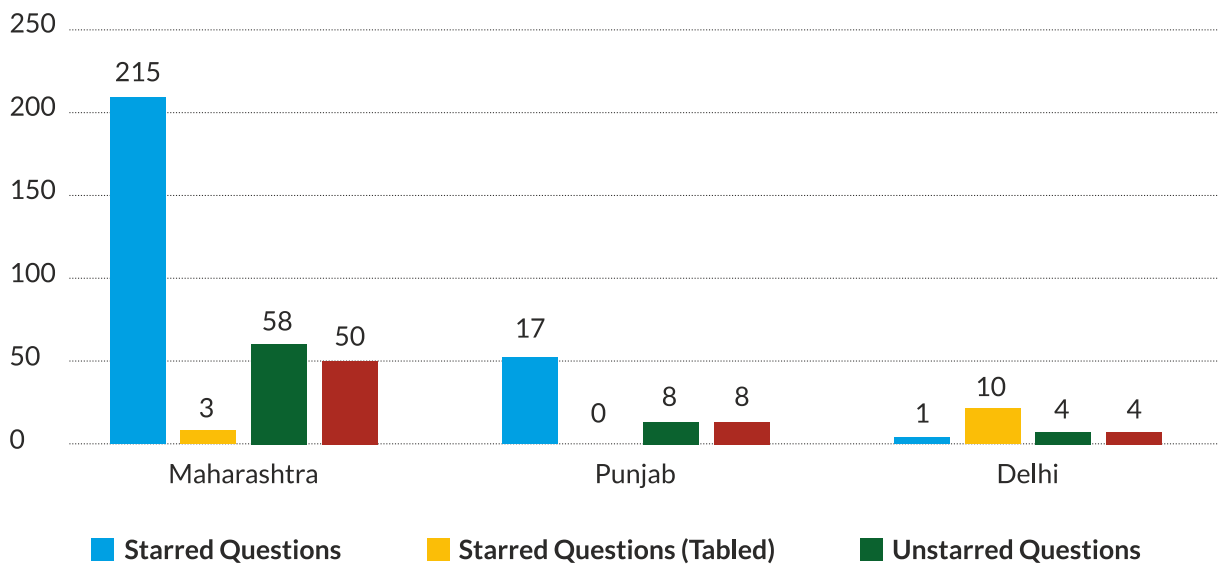


The Maharashtra Legislature held 3 sessions in 2023-24 - Budget Session, Monsoon Session, and Winter Session surpassing the 2 sessions (Budget Session and Winter Session) conducted by Punjab and the single session conducted by Delhi. However, it is noteworthy that the Fourth Session of the Delhi Assembly was divided into 4 parts.

Only Maharashtra convened for more days compared to the preceding year. The Maharashtra Legislature met for 41 days, as opposed to 33 days the year before. Conversely, both the Punjab and Delhi Assemblies convened for fewer days. Last year, the Punjab Assembly met for 14 days, while the Delhi Assembly sat for 15 days. Consequently, a decline in sittings is evident. This decrease is reflected in the reduction of hours worked. Punjab and Delhi Assemblies logged only 34 and 50 hours respectively (figures rounded off).



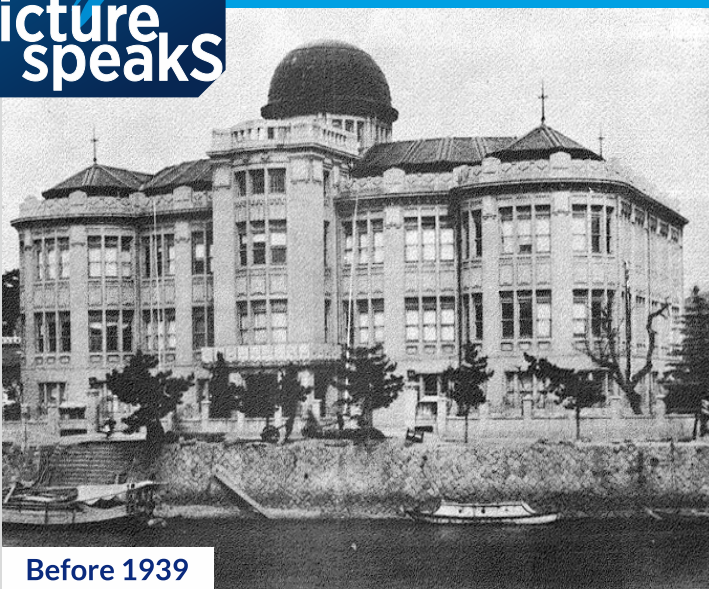
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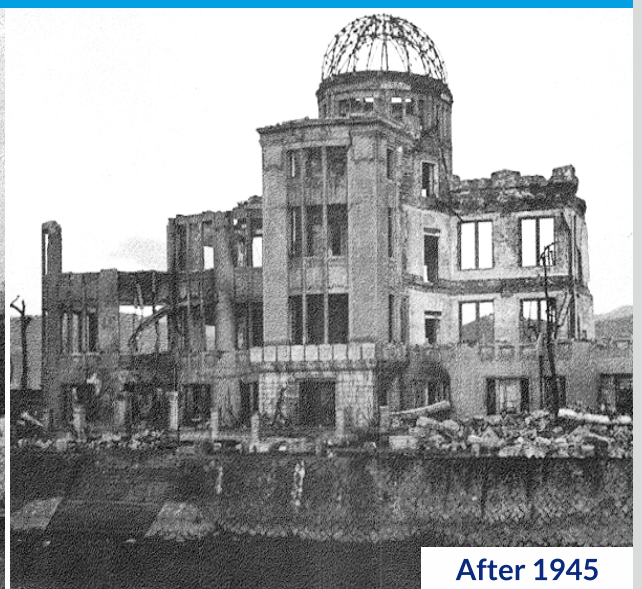
Only Maharashtra has engaged in substantial legislative activities, with 50 out of 58 bills introduced in the Assembly being passed. Delhi, on the other hand, led in the number of short-duration discussions, with 10 discussions. Meanwhile, Maharashtra witnessed 215 Calling Attention Motions being raised and addressed in the Assembly.



The Genbaku Dome of the Hiroshima Commercial Museum bore witness to the devastation wrought by the Atomic Bomb.



Before 1939



After 1945

In REMEMBRANCE



Jain Saint Acharya 108 Vidyasagar Ji Mahamuni Raj

Renowned Jain Saint Acharya 108 Vidyasagar Ji Mahamuni Raj's passing leaves a void in spirituality, rural development, and social equality. Pioneering rural revitalization, he promoted traditional crafts, empowering artisans. He advocated for mother languages in education, fostering cultural identity and inclusivity. A staunch gender equality advocate, he empowered women through education and rights advocacy. He championed environmental conservation and sustainable practices. His ethical leadership and spiritual enlightenment inspired many. His mantra, "Bharat, Not India," urged reclaiming indigenous values. Let's honor Acharya Vidyasagar Ji's legacy by continuing his work for a flourishing rural Bharat, gender equality, environmental stewardship, and ethical leadership. Let us strive to uphold his vision of a Bharat where rural communities flourish, women and men stand as equals, the environment is cherished, and ethical leadership guides our collective journey toward salvation and enlightenment.



Manohar Joshi : A Tribute to Maharashtra's Visionary Leader

The Greatest attributes of ever-captivating Mr. Manohar Joshi would be exemplary successes & profoundly responsible achievements in the democratic system. First the municipal councilor, then Mayor of Mumbai, opposition party leader, Chief Minister, Union Minister, and the President of the Lok Sabha, he discharged every responsibilities with utmost diligence and dedication. His extensive experience was invaluable for the MIT School of Government. Since the past year, he was part of the guiding committee of the National Legislator's Conference. His invaluable assistance was instrumental in making this conference successful. Despite his high standings, he always felt very approachable. There was never any doubt about his special bond with MIT. His contributions to the political landscape of Maharashtra need to be duly noted in history. His special affection for educational institutions stemmed from his background as a professor, and Principal Manohar Joshi was his original identity. Even today, I remember his calm demeanor and adherence to schedule distinctly. His guidance and inspiration, both in the past and the future, will be beneficial not only to me but also to the 70,000 students of the MIT School of Government. I extend humble greetings to his memory and pray for eternal peace for his soul.



Congratulations

To all Dignitaries Conferred with

Aadarsh Yuva Vidhayak Samman
(Ideal Youth MLA Award) during

13th Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad

for **Best Outstanding Performance** in
Development Work and Promotion of Parliamentary
Democracy



Shri. Satyajeet Sudhir Tambe
Hon'ble MLC - Nashik Graduates, Maharashtra



Smt. Purnima Singh
Hon'ble MLA - Jharia, Jharkhand



Shri. Suresh Gariya
Hon'ble MLA - Kapakot, Uttarakhand



Dr. Surabhi
Hon'ble MLA - Kaimganj, Uttar Pradesh



Shri. Chetan Anand
Hon'ble MLA - Sheohar, Bihar



Shri. Bhavya Bishnoi
Hon'ble MLA - Adampur, Haryana



Shri. Sudhanshu Shekhar
Hon'ble MLA - Harlakh, Bihar

A GLANCE TOWARDS THE FUTURE



“Impact of Technology & Innovation on Society”

National Technology Day, observed on May 11, commemorates Bharat's historic nuclear test conducted on May 11, 1998, in Pokhran. This event marked a significant milestone in Bharat's strides in innovation & technological advancements. Team NLC takes a look at impact of new age innovations which will have range of implications on society and governance, in the upcoming issue of our eNewsletter.

As Bharat continues to witness the progress in the field of innovation & technology, we encourage you to share your thoughts on Bharat's advancements in the technology sector and its impact on society, with us at nlc.secretariat@nlcbarat.org. Your contributions will enrich our reservoir of ideas and contribute to the development of a Vikasit Bharat.

Best Regards,

Team NLC Newsletter