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Addressed participants doing 'Politics of Development' course on how we can disrupt the Political Marketplace @Gurugram, NCR Delhi



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan addressed the participants doing the 'Politics of Development' residential course, organized by Centre for Civil Society, at Gurugram, Delhi NCR on 3rd February. Dr. JP emphasized that the functions of politics lie principally in collective resource allocation, reconciling conflicting

interests and innovating long term solutions. Similarly, political parties have to be given the mandate to attract the best human resources and offer space to clearer alternatives. In the end, success and failures in delivery mechanisms, asymmetry of power, rule of law, local governance and electoral reforms were elaborated.

Addressed Senior Academics on 'Leadership: Role and Responsibilities' @University of Hyderabad

On 11th February, Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan addressed senior academicians from the University of Hyderabad as part of the LEAP (Leadership program for Academicians) program in a

conference titled “Leadership in Universities: Role and Responsibilities”. Dr. JP spoke about the appalling outcomes of higher education in India and cited global comparisons in this regard. He stressed on the need for autonomy, increased budgetary allocations and accountability.

Addressed students of Sri Amogha Junior College as a Chief Guest on their annual day



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan addressed students of Sri Amogha junior college Hyderabad for their Annual Day event on 2nd February. He spoke about the importance of language, conceptual clarity in subjects like Mathematics, and a

logical approach to things. He also advocated for a change in the examination pattern, from a rote-learning and marks based system towards innovative application of knowledge in our society.

Addressed the India Conference as a Keynote Speaker @Harvard University, USA



Dr. JP addressed participants gathered for the India Conference, held at Harvard University in Massachusetts, the USA on 17th February. He felt that India is at an inflection point from the viewpoint of reforms. He pointed out how, among 49 major economies with GDP > \$200 billion, India ranked consistently at the bottom along with Pakistan, Bangladesh and

Nigeria across education, healthcare, female labor force participation rate (LFPR), per capita power consumption, etc. According to him, our federal structure doesn't reflect the true democratic spirit. He made a comparison with China where the local self-government institutions are significantly empowered compared to the same institutions in India. He underscored that India still has a long way to go as a federal democracy.

He also participated in a panel discussion on 'Growth vs Nationalism - Voter priorities and what that means for Elections in 2019'. The panel consisted of eminent personalities such as Pinky Anand, Pratap Bhanu Mehta and Abhishek Mishra.

Addressed CEO Club's GoBeyond Retreat 2019 @Hyderabad



Dr. JP addressed members of the CEO club in Hyderabad on 22nd February as part of the Hyderabad chapter of GoBeyond Retreat 2019. He spoke about intergenerational equity in terms of governance, environment and society in general. He identified key aspects that impose burden on future generations, especially current practices which adversely impact the productivity and quality of soil, land and water.

He also talked about how the resource scarcity has not been as big a threat as predicted, and suggested ways forward, such as overcoming wastage using 3D printing, taking care of the elderly and engaging people in productive employment.

Released People's Manifesto, Vijayawada



Dr. JP released the People's Manifesto in Vijayawada.

He spoke about how India is lagging far behind other nations in all aspects of development, whether it is education, healthcare, sanitation, or electricity, and is consistently ranking low. He opined on the real purpose of the government, which all parties have been neglecting, while they are caught up in the distribution of freebies and populist schemes. He spoke about how the manifesto details the direction that needs to

be taken to improve the country's well-being, while being well within our budget.

Regional Level Consultations on Urban Governance, New Delhi



The FDR Research Team visited New Delhi to participate in the regional-level consultations on urban governance held by Praja - a non-partisan organisation working towards enabling accountable governance since 1999. It was agreed that empowered cities are the key to leveraging economic growth of our country and towards this end, decentralisation held the key. •