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Vision India Foundation (VIF) is a non-profit initiative that aims at creating avenues for the youth to participate in nation-building activities in the domain of public policy and governance

We believe that the use of talent and technology are imperative to reform and transform India. To achieve this goal, young minds across the nation are engaged through a wide spectrum of training programs and execution/evaluation of various policy initiatives. We have worked with the Union government and state governments on projects related to e-governance, rural development, education, local governance and more.

VIF was launched on 6th November 2014 at IIT Delhi by Mr. Suresh Prabhu (current Minister for Railways, Government of India), Dr R Balasubramaniam (noted policy advocate and academic), and Dr Nomesha Bolia (Faculty member at IIT Delhi).

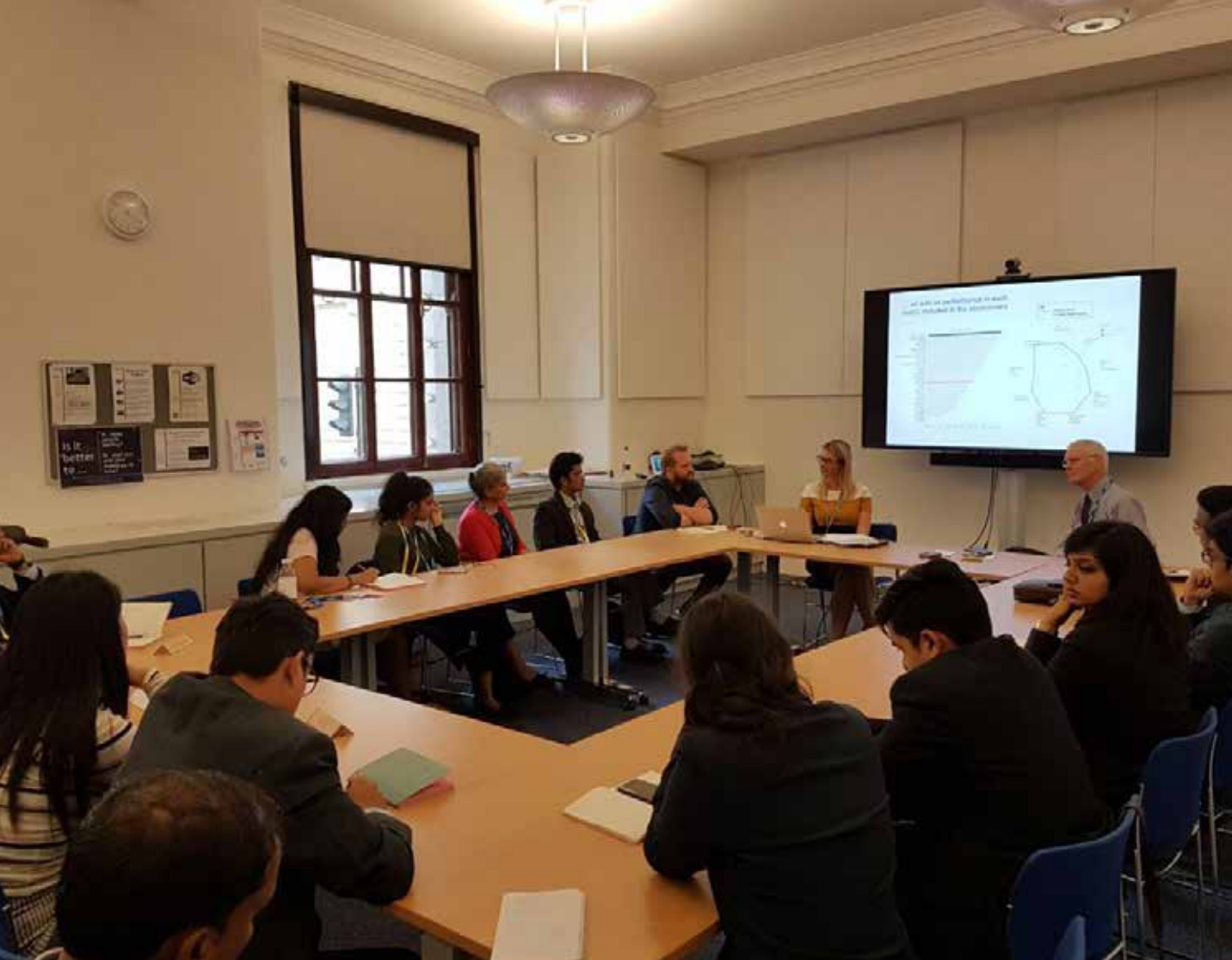
World Governance Expedition is a 10-day experiential learning program in public policy and governance. It invites promising and future leaders to study the best practices in good governance in different countries of the world. The delegation meets various stakeholders of policy formulation, delivery and evaluation to understand how the country deals with policy and governance.

September 10th-20th 2017, United Kingdom

The Parliament of the United Kingdom

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mr. Alok Sharma, organized a tour of the UK Parliament followed by a round of discussions with important stakeholders. The Parliament is situated in the Palace of Westminster in London and is headed by HM Queen Elizabeth II. In the absence of a single constitutional document, the statutory laws passed by the legislature, serve as one of the four most crucial aspects of UK's functioning. UK has a bicameral legislative system with the House of Commons as the Lower House and House of Lords as the upper house. It was interesting to see the cultural undertone in its architecture and notice the similarities of its functioning with the Indian Parliament.





International Civil Services Effectiveness (InCiSE) Index

Representatives from the cabinet office organized a session for the delegation to discuss the International Civil Service Effectiveness (InCiSE) Index. It is an initiative of the Institute for Government in collaboration with the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. A comprehensive study determines the effectiveness of the civil services in terms of their functions and their delivery. The discussion led to identification of certain models that can aid the administrative system in India.

The British Museum

It was heartening and inspiring to see the way museums and libraries are managed in the UK. The delegation visited the British Museum. It was opened for the public in 1759 and has remained so ever since, except during the two World Wars. There are ten curatorial and research departments including Asia, Greece and Rome, Africa, Oceania and the Americas, Coins and Medals and Paintings and Drawings. A few learning courses are organized by the Museum for all age groups. A course run by the Museum's digital centre enables children to learn about world's history and culture and create models through technology. The British Museum is not just a tourist visiting centre but a repository of knowledge.



Institute for Government

The delegation was hosted by the Institute for Government (IfG). IfG is a premier think-tank in the United Kingdom working primarily in sectors of governance, policy-making and public administration. IfG conducts rigorous analytical research on various challenges facing governance and convenes deliberations involving both national and international expertise. The emphasis laid on having a citizen-friendly approach, leads to bridging of the gap between decision-making and delivery of public services. It was a learning experience for the delegation and we identified various practices that are relevant for the governance ecosystem in India.



Government Operational Research Service

The delegation was briefed by Mr. Adrian Jonas from the UK Cabinet Office. He discussed the role that operations research plays in government projects. The Government Operational Research Service (GORS) is an organization of analysts and experts, working closely with various departments of Government in the United Kingdom. It was established to promote Operational Research (OR) as a discipline in government practices and ensure uniform standards of research inputs to the government. The team from GORS presented interesting case studies from their work.

Care England

The public healthcare systems in UK have been seen as successful models of healthcare delivery and coverage by policy professionals. The group interacted with Mr. Jonathan Gardam, Senior Policy Officer at Care England, to understand the various challenges that healthcare models in the UK are facing. As a representative of various care providers, Care England has ensured its position in the national policy agenda of the key government and regulatory policy departments. The delegation discussed sustainability of healthcare coverage models and growing importance of preventive models in healthcare.

Blavatnik School of Government, Oxford University

Blavatnik School of Government at the Oxford University welcomed the delegation. Aimed at steering a positive impact of public policy, the School imparts education and leadership skills to its students. Its institutional approach rests heavily on collaborative and multidisciplinary means of bringing together governmental and non-governmental actors as well as private sector organizations. At the core of the School's excellence is an outstanding faculty. Mr. Calum Miller, the COO and Associate Dean of Administration, primarily looks after the administrative system, teaching support and engagement in research and policy activities. He engaged in an informative session with the delegation. He shared examples from his 13 years of experience in the UK Civil Services. The group took back various learnings in administrative reforms and educational models from this session.



Government Outcomes Lab

Ms. Mara Airoidi and Ms. Andreea Anastasiu interacted with the delegation and shared the work of Government Outcomes Lab (GO Lab). It is an independent centre for academic research launched in 2016 by the Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. The primary focus of GO Lab is to provide an understanding of the outcomes-based commissioning in the public sector. GO Lab is committed towards expanding upon the existing research as well as evaluating the effectiveness of outcomes-based commissioning. With regards to this, the Government's Centre for Social Impact Bonds partners with GO Lab, providing guidance on development of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs) and promoting the growth of social investment sector. GO Lab constructively enhance the capacities of commissioners, mitigate technical complexities and foster peer learning through innovation and best practices.



Former Editor-in-Chief of the Guardian

The delegation interacted with Mr. Alan Rusbridger to understand the role of media in the changing world. Mr. Rusbridger, a celebrated journalist, was the former editor-in-chief of Guardian News and Media from 1995-2015. He described how media has evolved from early days. He stressed upon the various challenges that journalism, research and reporting must overcome from within and from without, if it wants the world to repose faith in it.



Rushey Mead Primary School

The delegation visited a primary school in Leicester and interacted with the management team as well as the academic team. Rushey Mead Primary School is the community school of Leicester, UK with over 600 children enrolled as students. The school's accommodative environment is reflected in the vibrant and culturally diverse cohort of students, thus complementing the diversity of Leicester's local community.



Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

The delegation interacted with Mr. Shaunaka Rishi Das, Director of the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies (OCHS). OCHS is an independent centre of the University of Oxford in the UK. It promotes the understanding of Hindu cultures, societies, religions, languages and philosophies through a comprehensive educational course, research and publications. OCHS is committed towards preserving India's cultural heritage and studies its development over a vast time span across the world. Mr. Shaunaka is an Irishman who got inspired by the Hindu culture and initiated this centre.



Leicester City Council

The delegation visited the Leicester Town Hall, where matters of local governance for Leicester city are convened. The city's governance is entrusted upon 54 locally elected councilors, serving a term of four years. They represent 21 wards or geographically distinct areas across the city. Senior councilors interacted with the delegates. They discussed how matters pertaining to local governance are taken up and addressed. The Leicester City Council has made concerted policies in the realm of public safety, health, transportation and environment, amongst other sectors. The Council has also partnered with various national and local service organizations to successfully implement its policies.



Alok Sharma, Hon'ble Member of Parliament

Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mr. Alok Sharma, engaged in a candid discussion with the delegation. Mr. Sharma is currently serving as the Minister of State for Housing and Planning under the Department for Communities and Local Government in the UK. He oversees various functions including housing supply policy, home ownership policy, planning policy and building regulations. He shared valuable insights into how elected representatives engage with the constituency members in the UK. The delegation was inspired by his personal journey into public life and by his commitment to serve the people

High Commission of India

The High Commission of India in London hosted an interactive session for the delegation. It also invited young leaders of Indian origin to this session. The High Commissioner, Mr. Yash Sinha, addressed the delegation and briefed them about the various initiatives it is involved in. This was followed by an interaction where delegates discussed issues related to diplomacy and diaspora engagement. It was interesting to learn about the important role that diaspora groups play in diplomacy.



Chatham House

The delegation was received by Mr. Gareth Price at Chatham House. Mr. Price is Senior Research Fellow, Asia Programme at Chatham House. Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, is a London-based policy institute established in 1920. It works in the realm of international affairs through rigorous research, independent analysis and private as well as public events. Issues of research pertain to global, regional and country-specific challenges and opportunities. The delegation discussed issues relating to geo-politics and the role of non-state actors in the era of multi-alignment.



Vision India Foundation - World Governance Expedition



A young delegation of Indian leaders is in London for the World Governance Expedition. It is being organised by Vision India Foundation - an initiative headquartered in India.

The 20 member delegation of political, academic and entrepreneurial leaders is here to understand the public policy and governance landscape in the United Kingdom. They were received by the Indian High Commission at India House on September 11th.

World Governance Expedition is an annual program to understand the best practices and policies to deliver effective governance. The

expedition is hosted in a different country every year. Last year the expedition was hosted in USA and this year it is being hosted in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Alok Sharma - Hon'ble Minister for Housing, welcomed the group of young leaders in London. The delegation has had meetings with

representatives from the cabinet office, the govt operational research services, leading think tanks, academic institutes, med groups, barrister community and city councilors. Vision India Foundation will come out with a report at the end of this expedition that encapsulates the best practices in governance and policy making.



Institute of Directors

The Institute of Directors (IoD) organized an evening session for the delegation for knowledge sharing and networking. Institute of Directors (IoD) is a business organization which represents, supports and set standards for business leaders across the United Kingdom. In 1906, soon after its inception in 1903, the Institute of Directors was awarded a Royal Charter which till date remains at the forefront of the organization's functions. Royal Charters are entitled for bodies working in the field of public interest while demonstrating the credentials of stability, permanence and pre-eminence.



DELEGATION AT WORLD GOVERNANCE YATRA 2018:



Ameet Singh is an 'Entrepreneur-In- Residence' fellow of Government of India at IIM Ahmedabad, under the aegis of Department of Science and Technology (DST). He is a regular columnist for 'The Indian Economist', writing about the issues ranging across economics, energy, business and international relations.



Jigar Inamdar is the director of Institute of Leadership and Governance at MS University, Vadodara. He is a socio-political leader in Gujarat and represented Bharatiya Janata Party in 2007 assembly elections in the state. He is also the regional director of Indian Council of Cultural Research.



Madhava Reddy Pothi Reddy is a social activist working towards building an equitable political space for all with his movement towards 'zero-budget politics', in which he has hundreds of youth till now. With an active handling of social media, he has mobilized resources for the cause of blood-donation, water, digital literacy and environment.



Prasad Thakur is a Senior Manager at the War Room of Pune Municipal Corporation. As a Project Manager for 33 projects, he worked towards issuing the single-largest tranche of Municipal Bonds in India to finance a water-supply project. He is also an advisor to India Innovation Lab on Green Finance for creating 'Solar-Muni Bonds'.



Dhvani Sharma is a young politician who has served as the National General Secretary for Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (Youth wing of BJP) and also the in charge for Delhi state. She also co-founded Perfect10, a personality development initiative which has trained 5000+ youth till now.



Dr Vishwanath Kokkonda is a business strategist with over 15 years of market experience across business acceleration, analytics, social media, program management, project management and market research.



Lalringheti Sangsiana is a law-graduate from Cardiff University, UK. She has recently set-up her own consulting Crm in Mizoram, India and wants to bring about systemic changes in the government with youth engagement in political functioning.



Bharath Varma Sai Patchamatla is a Chartered Accountant with expertise in the design and execution of Corporate Social Responsibility programs for corporates. He has been active with multiple social projects on education and disaster relief.



Muneeb Ansari is an Associate Director at APCO Worldwide India operations. He has more than 13 years of experience in Government relationship management, Public Affairs, Policy, Advocacy, Strategic Negotiations, Crisis & Issue Management and Business Development.



Chandra Sekhar Sabbavarpu is the CEO and Founder of Valsatech Corp., which was recognized with Inc 5000 status of fastest growing US companies in 2015. He was awarded smart CEO award in TOP 10 emerging companies in Baltimore, USA in 2016.



Kashyap Jothish is a pre-final year student of mechanical engineering at Shiv Nadar University. He strongly believes in technology as an enabling tool for large-scale governance solutions. As an aspiring bureaucrat, he wants to develop a broad perspective on governance models and the nitty-gritties of policy implementation..



Aditya Samarth is a post-graduate in Water Policy and Governance from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. He is currently working towards policy evaluation for one of India's biggest government-led watershed development project: Jalyukt Shivar



Ruchi Sood has a rich experience of working with MNCs in areas of Finance, Public Relations and Media Management. She has keen interest in urban housing and government-catalysed entrepreneurial ecosystem to nurture innovations and start-ups in India.



Vidhi Patel is final year undergraduate student of economics at Christ University, Bengaluru. She takes a keen interest in political economy and has been actively working towards volunteering for education and environment.



Pooja Mehra is a MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad and has a long experience of activism for "Right to Education" in Udaipur, Rajasthan. She would be soon joining Rajasthan State as a bureaucrat in state services.



Kumar Subham is an Associate Director at Vision India Foundation. With a bachelors in technology from IIT Delhi, he has worked with multiple social groups working in the domain of leadership and holistic social development. He is also an avid traveller and has lived in cities and villages across 22 states of India.



Dr. Nomes Bolia is a faculty member at IIT Delhi and is a mentor to various social organizations. He holds a PhD in Operations Research from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA and has worked with diverse organizations. He is currently focusing on using optimization techniques to improve governance models in urban management. He has also served on the jury panel for Good Governance Awards by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India.



Aman Gupta is the Co-Founder and Program Director at Vision India Foundation. He has studied Industrial Engineering at IIT Delhi and Public Policy at Jindal Global University Haryana. Aman has previously worked with a management consulting firm and few social enterprises. His articles have been published on platforms like the Statesman and he has an active interest in geo-politics.

MORE AT VISION INDIA FOUNDATION:

VIF Fellowships: A 3-year nation building program for aspiring public leaders and thinkers to bring an impact in the various policy problems.

Policy BootCamp: 21-day residential program in public policy as a launchpad for future policy makers.

Good Governance Yatra: 9-day immersive travel program for aspiring change makers, to have first-hand exposure of good governance models in the country.

Change Agents Retreat: Brainstorming meet for 50 selected alumni and associates to have strategic discussions on nation-building.

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