Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) has emerged as a forum that facilitates the convergence of ideas, positions and visions, while aspiring to strengthen the nation, preserve her unity and integrity, and contribute towards her progress and integral development. Committed to the nationalist ideological vision and thoughts of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee and Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay, SPMRF strives to strengthen and to uphold issues and positions in tune with India’s national interest. It aims to identify the multifarious challenges before the nation and its people and attempts to bring about a greater awareness of these among a wider cross-section. It aims to do this through analysing, examining and studying, not only the present context of the challenges, but also their historical and civilisational backdrop.

The Foundation strives to create an intellectual ambience where nationalist thought can find free expression. Through research, publications, advocacy, debates, discussions and round-tables, it aims to highlight issues that are crucial in the national interest. A wide number of experts have, over a period, lent their support, expertise and insight to such an effort. National resurgence, cultural rejuvenation, national integration and national self-reliance are ideals for which SPMRF strives to work.

SPMRF provides a platform for experts, practitioners, academics and other opinion makers to come together and exchange ideas, evolve positions on a wide range of issues facing the nation, with the objective of educating a wider public opinion. In this effort, throughout 2015, as it has done in previous years, SPMRF has organized a series of programmes and roundtable discussions, outreach to experts, intellectuals, opinion makers, civil society leaders and organisations and the academia. It has come out with position papers, policy recommendation notes and occasional papers in areas as wide as education, political analysis, environment-climate change and river cleaning, urban challenges, good governance, foreign affairs and governance projects as well produced books on our founding leaders and on the changing paradigm of governance since May 2014.

The year 2015 also saw SPMRF successfully launch and steer its e-journal The Nationalist – a vehicle for policy discussion and ideological and political education. An array of experts have come forward and contributed, on a regular basis, special articles for the journal. These articles, among other things, also seek to educate and disseminate the achievements of the Narendra Modi led Government and discuss and analyse the various people-centered initiatives that it has undertaken.

In 2016, SPMRF seeks to redouble its activities as its reiteration for the need of a new and refreshing narrative of India. It is to realise the vision of national cohesion, national unity and oneness that SPMRF invites and supports any positive effort that aims at leading India to greater pinnacles of glory and strength in order to achieve the vision of a united India and a great.

Dr. Anirban Ganguly
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Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) in association with India First, JNU, organized a discussion on “Changing Paradigm Under the new Regime: Tracking the Performance of the Government in the Last 8 Months” on 3rd February, 2015 at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The discussion focused mainly on the deliverance of the Modi Government in the last 8 months of its functioning and the way it is taking its various policies forward.
The panelists were Dr. J. K. Bajaj, Director, Centre for Policy Studies, Mr. Shakti Sinha, Retd. IAS, Former Power and Finance Secretary, Govt. of Delhi, Mr. Sushant Sareen, Senior Strategic Expert, and Mr. Hindol Sengupta, Editor-at-Large, Fortune Magazine. The session was moderated by Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation. A large number of students and faculties attended the discussion.
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation, New Delhi organized a Round Table discussion on ‘Clean Rivers, Clean India & Smart Cities’ on March 3rd, 2015 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The Round Table saw the participation of eminent panelists which included industry leaders, domain experts, eminent urban planners, fellows from leading think tanks, retired senior bureaucrats, etc. There was also a presentation by a team of visiting experts from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology, United Kingdom, who were members of the team responsible for the cleanup of the river Thames.
A team from the UK based Centre for Ecology & Hydrology (CEH) gave a detailed presentation on cleaning of the river Thames. The team comprised of Dr. Gwyn Rees, Director CEH, Dr. Martin Griffiths, former Head of Water Quality for the UK Environment Agency & Deputy Director of Regulation, Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Mr. Ben Piper hydrologist and water resource planner.
On 22nd May 2015, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) organized a public discussion in Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi, on the occasion of the completion of one year of the Narendra Modi Government. The title of the discussion was: “Redefining Governance & Foreign Policy: Discussing One Year of the Narendra Modi Government.” SPMRF partnered with the students and scholars’ forum of JNU “India First”, in organizing the discussion.
The programme saw the participation of a large number of students, scholars and a select group of faculty members. The panelists were, K.G. Suresh, senior journalist and senior consulting editor DD News, Jayadeva Ranade, foreign affairs expert, China specialist and former Additional Secretary Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India and Nitin Gokhale, defence and security analyst and senior journalist.
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation & BJP Foreign Affairs Department Organised a Discussion on 26th May 2015

India-Canada Relations: post PM Modi’s Visit

Guest Speaker:

Mr. Stewart Beck
(Former Canadian High Commissioner to India & President, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada)
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation (SPMRF) in collaboration with the Foreign Affairs Department of BJP & OFBJP organized a talk by Mr. Stewart Beck, former High Commissioner of Canada to India and President & CEO, Asia-Pacific Foundation of Canada, on “India-Canada Relations: Post PM Modi’s Visit” at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 26th May 2015.
25 June 1975: Black Day for Democracy

Chief Guest: Shri Amit Shah
President Bharatiya Janata Party

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation
Organised a Public Discussion on 25th June 2015
SPMRF organised a public programme on the 40th anniversary of the Emergency, imposed by the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975. BJP president Shri Amit Shah presided over the function & addressed the gathering. Dr. A.Suryaprakash, Chairman Prasar Bharati & Shri Ramlal, General Secretary, Organisation BJP, senior Delhi BJP leader Vijay Kumar Malhotra were among those who spoke.
A batch of students at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore, prepared a detailed report on ‘Governance and Policy for Ganga Rejuvenation'. Consisting of 13 meticulously researched chapters, the attempt was to expose those who have undertaken the course, mainly from across Southeast Asia, including India, to understand the challenges, intricacies and innovativeness of the entire project of cleaning India’s sacred, sustaining and life-giving Ganga.
The report took a comprehensive and historic look at efforts to clean Ganga over the years. Sections, such as ‘Historical Evaluation of Ganga Action Plans: Lessons learnt’, ‘Managing Competing Demand for Water in the Ganga: Lessons from the Yellow River’, ‘Principles of Waterfront Development — lessons from Varanasi’, which also saw a discussion of how the Sabarmati River front was transformed, etc. Director, SPMRF, Dr. Anirban Ganguly & Mr. Anil Madhav Dave MP, Rajya Sabha, participated & made interventions explaining the various social initiatives of the Modi Government & how it was making a difference to the political and development narrative in India. They also discussed PM Modi’s water initiatives with leading Singapore intellectual & Dean LKY Kishore Mahbubani.
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation
Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 1\textsuperscript{st} Sept 2015

"Education: Achievements & Challenges"

Speaker:
\textbf{Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani}
(Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India)
“Redefining Governance; Essays on 1 Year of Narendra Modi Government” edited by Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director SPMRF, was released on 3rd September, 2015 at the India International Centre, New Delhi. The book is a compilation of 34 essays that discuss the various initiatives of the Modi government undertaken in 1 year & their impact on governance. Professor Bibek Debroy, Member, NITI Aayog, released the book in presence of Professor R. Vaidyanathan, Professor of Finance at IIM Bangalore & Ambassador Rajiv Sikri former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director SPMRF, introduced the book and delved on the governance philosophy of Antyodaya that inspires the Modi model of governance. The programme was attended by a cross section of academia, bureaucracy, former servicemen and diplomats, young scholars, intellectuals and others.
The Takeaways from Prime Minister Modi's UAE visit & a Curtain Raiser on his upcoming US Visit

Speaker:
Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale
(In-Charge BJP Foreign Affairs Department & Convener, Overseas Friends of BJP)
Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale highlighted few important outcomes of PM Modi’s visit to UAE like the large number of economic partnership in terms of MoUs, condition of labour in UAE, allotment of land by UAE government for the construction of a temple & visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque by PM Modi, Joint Statement on counter-terrorism etc. Shri V.Satish Jt Gen-Secretary Organisation BJP, presided over the discussion.
"Why Mudra Matters: Entrepreneurship and Civilisational Transformation in India"

Speaker:
Hindol Sengupta
Editor-at-large for Fortune India
&
Author of Recasting India
Mr. Hindol Sengupta said that “India may not be able to provide employment to all but schemes like MUDRA will provide resources to the weakest to enable them to be self-employed and self-dependent. The model of the present Government is not to give “Buksheesh” but to enable people to make them economically self-sufficient and live a life of dignity. MUDRA scheme will be a game changer over the next few years”.
SPMRF organised a roundtable discussion on India-Africa Forum Summit. The panelists were Mr. Jayadev Ranade former Addl Secy Cabinet Secretariat, Dr. Ruchita Beri IDSA, Dr. Uttam Sinha IDSA, Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale In-Charge BJP Foreign Affairs Department, Amb. Veena Sikri, Shri Shakti Sinha IAS (retd), Amb. R. Rajagopalan and Prof. Ajay Dubey of JNU etc. The session was moderated by Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director, SPMRF.
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation organized a Roundtable Discussion on 24th October 2015.

"New Education Policy: School & Higher Education"

The Round Table saw the participation of eminent panelists which included T.V. Mohandas Pai - Chairman, Manipal Global Education, Professor Avadhesh Singh, professor at IGNOU & former Chairperson Gujarat Knowledge Commission, former VC Ambedkar University, Mr. Anand Sudershan, Karnataka Knowledge Commission, Parth Shah, President Centre for Civil Society (CCS) etc.
"Cleaning Rivers in Germany/Bavaria: Experience, Achievements & Challenges"

Speaker:

**Professor Martin Grambow**
Head, Department of Water Management & Soil
Bavarian State Ministry of Environment & Consumer Protection, Germany

**Shri Anil Madhav Dave**
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)
Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources
Member, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environment & Forests, Science & Technology

Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation
Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 3rd Nov 2015
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation & BJP Foreign Affairs Department Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 23rd Dec 2015

“India-US Partnership in the Current Global Scenario”

Speaker:
Dr. Tanvi Madan
Fellow in the Foreign Policy Programme
&
Director, The India Project at the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C. U.S.A.
Foreign Affairs Department, BJP in collaboration with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation organized a Round Table discussion on the topic “India-US Partnership in the Current Global Scenario” on 23rd December 2015 in which Dr. Tanvi Madan was the Guest Speaker. Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale chaired the session. BJP Vice –President Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe and a number of young scholars & party functionaries were present.
Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation
Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 26th Dec 2015

“Dalit Entrepreneurship: Tracing the Empowerment Trajectory from Patronage to Partnership”

Speaker:
Mr. Milind Kamble
Founder Chairman,
Dalit Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DICCI)
The Roundtable discussion was attended by many eminent guests like, Shri Ravi Kumar Narra (President-DICCI South India and Padma Sri Awardee 2014), Shri Raja Nayak (President of DICCI-Karnataka), Shri Raj Liberhan, former Director India Habitat Centre, Dr. Vijay Chauthaiwale Prof. Santosh Mehrotra (JNU), Dr. J.K.Bajaj Director CPS, Shri Hindol Sengupta & a number of young scholars who are working on this issue on ground. Dr. Anirban Ganguly, Director SPMRF, said that the Foundation was dedicated to continuing such discussions on various dimensions of the initiative.
Publications (Books)

REDEFINING GOVERNANCE

Essays on One Year of Narendra Modi Government

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“The gigantic task of reconstruction, cultural, social, economic and political can be rendered possible through coordinated efforts of bands of trained and disciplined Indians. Armed with the knowledge of India's past glory and greatness, her strength and weakness, it is they who can place before their country a programme of work, which while loyal to the fundamental traditions of Indian civilisation will be adapted to the changing conditions of the modern world.”

- Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee