

Annual Activity Report - 2015

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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 peoplecentered 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.

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Organised a Discussion on 3rd Feb 2015 at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Changing Paradigm Under the New Regime: Tracking the Performance of the Government in the Last 8 Months

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 6 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.





Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 3rd March 2015

"Clean Rivers, Clean India, Smart Cities"

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.





Organised a Public Discussion on 22nd May 2015 at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

Redefining Governance & Foreign Policy: Discussing 1 Year of the Modi Government

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.







& 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)







Organised a Public Discussion on 25th June 2015

25 June 1975: Black Day for Democracy

Chief Guest:

Shri Amit Shah

President Bharatiya Janata Party





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.



Participation in Governance Study Project Conference 9th July 2015

"Governance and Policy for Ganga Rejuvenation" Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University, Singapore

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.







Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 1st Sept 2015

"Education: Achievements & Challenges"

Speaker:

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani

(Union Minister of Human Resource Development, Government of India)



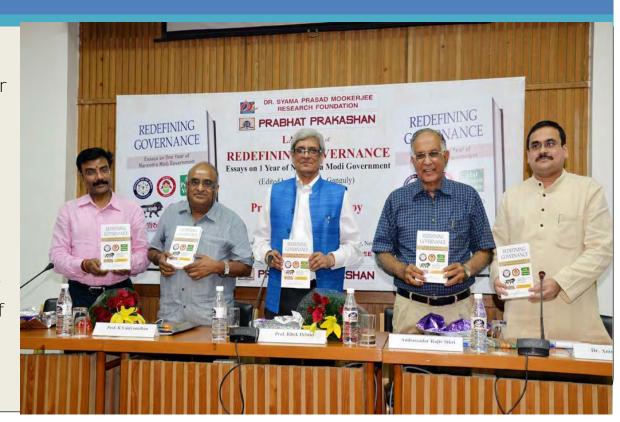


Organised Book Launch & Discussion on 3rd Sept 2015

Book Launch

Redefining Governance: Essays on 1 Year of Narendra Modi Government

"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.







Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 14th Sept 2015

The Takeaways from Prime Minister Modi's UAE visit & a Curtain Raiser on his upcoming US Visit

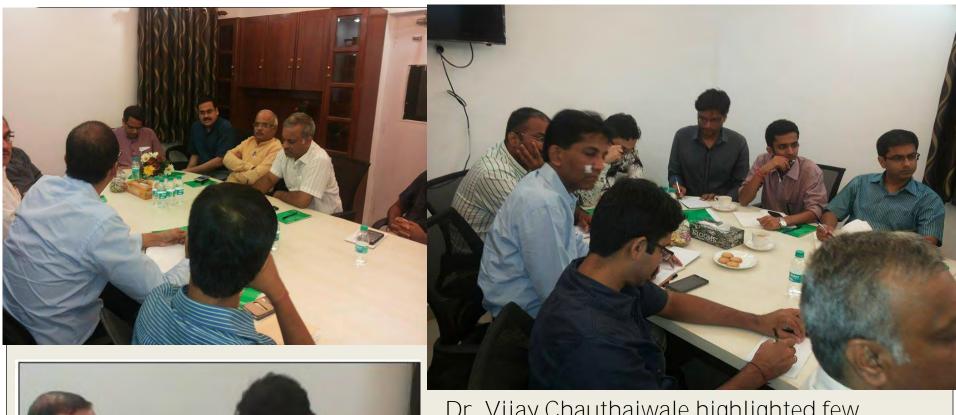
Speaker:

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 counterterrorism etc. Shri V.Satish Jt Gen-Secretary Organisation BJP, presided over the discussion.



Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 5th October 2015

"Why Mudra Matters: Entrepreneurship and Civilisational Transformation in India"

Speaker:

Hindol Sengupta

Editor-at-large for Fortune India &

Author of Recasting India







Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 19th October 2015

" India-Africa Forum Summit-2015"

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







Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 24th October 2015

"New Education Policy: School & Higher Education"



Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation organized a Round Table discussion on "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.





Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 3rd Nov 2015

"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







& 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.





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.





Organised a Roundtable Discussion on 26th Dec 2015

"Dalit Entrepreneurship: Tracing the Empowerment Trajectory from Patronage to Partnership"

Speaker:

Mr. Milind Kamble

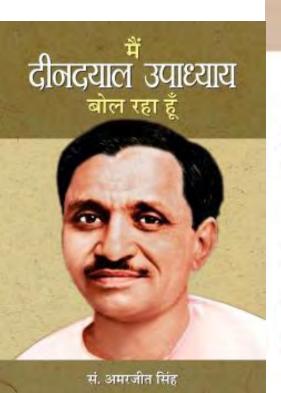
Founder Chairman,
Dalit Indian Chamber
of Commerce and
Industry (DICCI)





Publications (Books)

REDEFINING GOVERNANCE



Essays on One Year of Narendra Modi Government



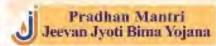




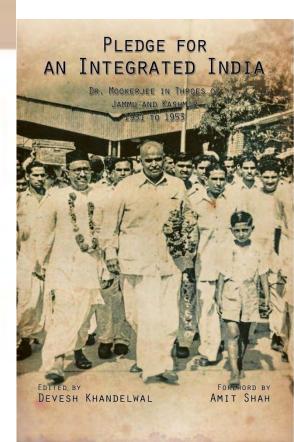








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Publications (Occasional Papers)





SPMRF PAPER

October 2015

BIHAR A Comparative Study On Socio - Economic Factors

> **Aseervatham Achary** Formerly Officer of Indian Railways



May 2015

India and Afghanistan: Abiding Ties



Former Professor, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU

Director, India-Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi



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SPMRF OCCASIONAL PAPER

April 2014

The Triangle China-Tibet-India New Faces - Old Issues

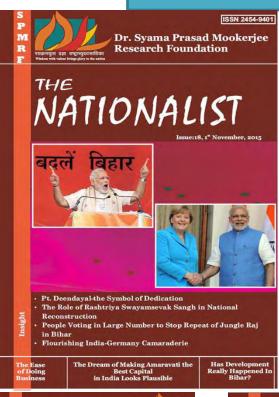
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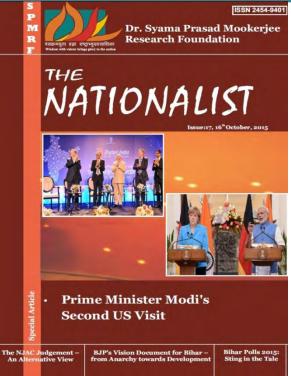


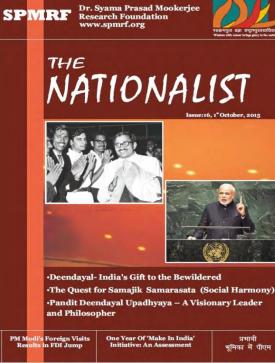
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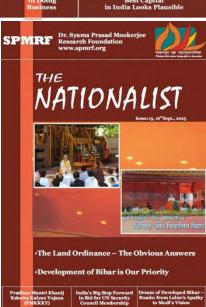
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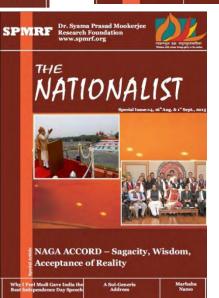
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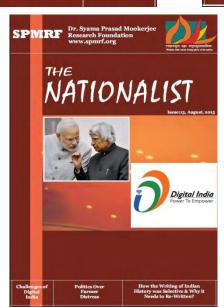


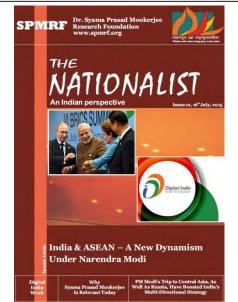


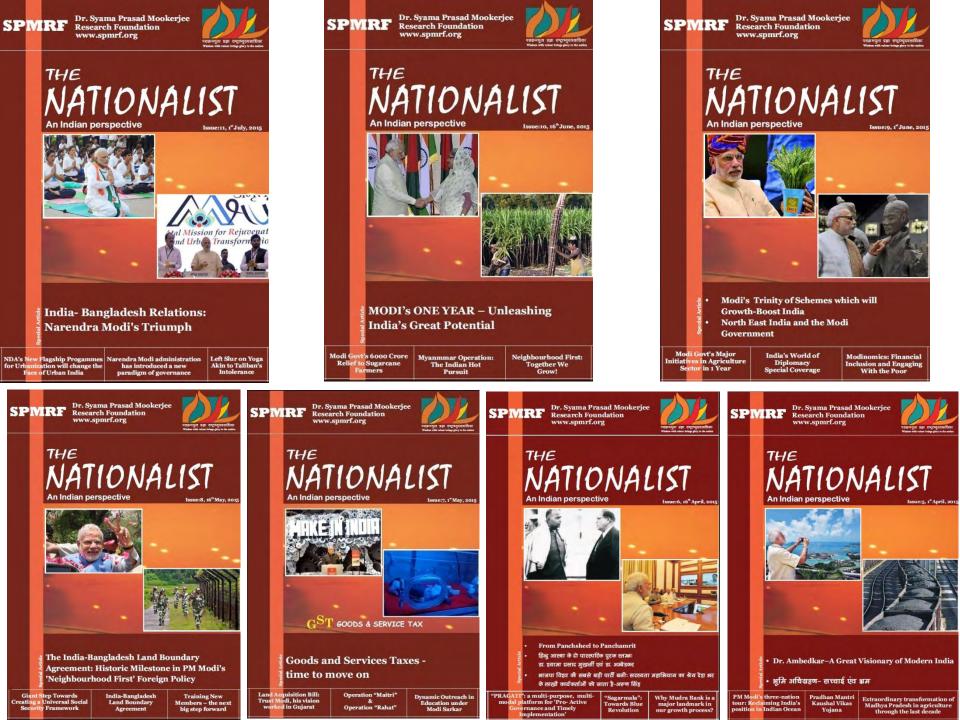


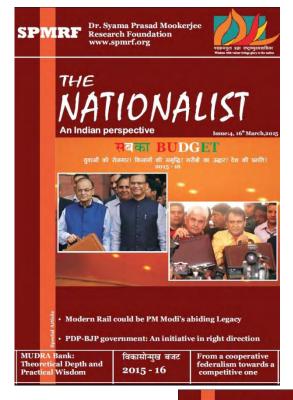


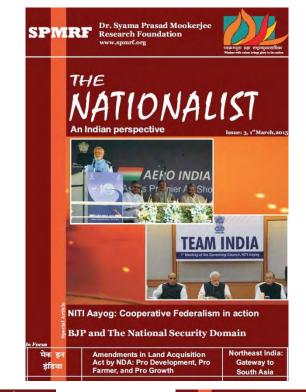


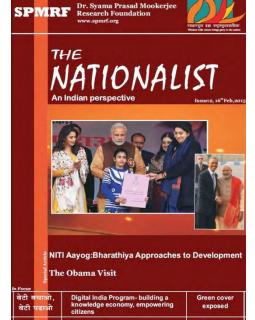


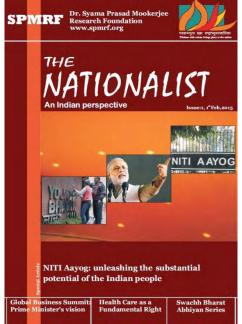












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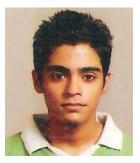
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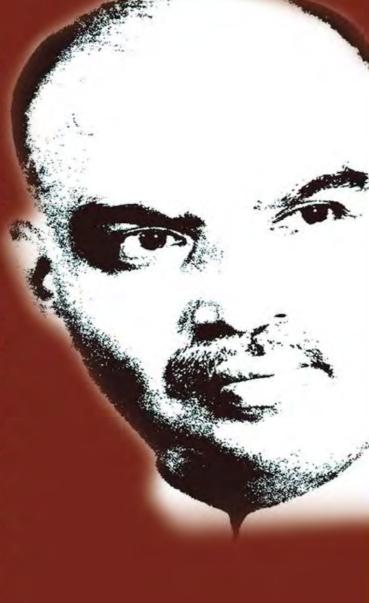


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"The gigantic task of reconstruction, cultural, social, economic and political can be rendered possible through coordinated efforts of bands of trained and disciplined Indians. Armed with the knowledge of India's past glory and greatness, her strength 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."



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