"Governance is an art that requires a plethora of skills. One needs to have the right observation, right perception and right expression to be an able administrator. It requires the right balance of sensibility and sensitivity. One needs a sound analytical mind to make judgments and also the ability to connect with people of all backgrounds. Understanding public policy also calls for an all-round exposure to different facets of life and society. There is a dire need for systems of efficient governance today. This Faculty at our university is the first of its kind in the country and has been envisioned to address this need. I am sure that it will go a long way in building a better India."

Poojya Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji
Guest Faculty

**Satyajit Mohanty**

Public Policy is best learned from people who make them.

Shri Satyajit Mohanty, IPS, 1988 Batch, is currently posted as ADGP, Headquarters, Odisha.

Students of Good Governance and Public Policy had the privilege of studying the entire paper of “Public Policy and Processes” from Satyajit Sir. An extremely dynamic personality, Sir has the unique quality of teaching tough concepts of theory with ease and fun. His practical experiences made the theory subject even more enlightening.

**B. K. Patnaik**

If you are looking for good governance, be good citizens. Do your duty first. Come on time to work, do your job meticulously, don't take bribes for your services, do your best to be efficient and to see that your institution works properly. Institutions have to be made perfect."

- Shri B. K. Patnaik, Member, Odisha Human Rights Commission and Former Chief Secretary, Odisha.

Shri B. K. Patnaik addressed a series of lectures on critical governance issues such as “development v/s displacement”, “democracy a precedent to good governance?” and “politics of appeasement”. Students could realise the difference in learning which takes place when we read books on governance and hearing it live from a veteran administrator like Sir.

Champion Faculty

**Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty**

It is a great privilege to champion the faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy at Sri Sri University. I am grateful to Poojya Gurudev for having such a wonderful opportunity to serve a great cause of building a unique program which aims to create ethical and committed political and social leaders who promise a divine society through right thought, speech and action. As Sri Sri says, there is a need to spiritualize politics, secularize religion and socialize business to make this world a better place to live. This faculty also aims to cater to the academic and public policy needs of the society with a judicious blend of theory and laboratories for practical exposure. This is the second newsletter and I am extremely delighted to see the hard work and dedication of the students who wish to be the change that the society want to see.
Creating Leaders For Tomorrow

Classes for the charter batch of the Master of Arts Program in Good Governance offered by the Faculty of Good Governance at Sri Sri University, one of the few such programs being offered in the country, is now in full swing.

The program has already featured guest speakers viz., Mr Binoy Kumar Behera, IPS, DGP, Odisha; Mr Satyajit Mohanty, IPS, ADGP, Govt of Odisha; Mr Niten Chandra, IAS, Commissioner, Commercial Tax; Mr B.K. Patnaik Ex-Chief Secy, Govt of Odisha and Mr. B. B. Mishra (retd IPS) Honorary President, IIPA and former DG, Odisha Police and Dr. Pratip Kumar Mishra, Honorary Secretary, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Odisha (IIPA), Mr Bhakta Charan Das, Ex Minister, Government of India, Mr Sandeep Sabharwal, AVP, Reliance Foundation; Col. C.S.T. Swamy; Mr Saroj Samal, MLA (Dhenkanal); Mr Pratap Sarangi, Ex MLA; Mr Prasad Harichandan, PCC President; Mr Shiba Prasad Patnaik, Research Officer, Odisha Legislative Assembly etc. The program aims to create ethical and effective leaders in politics, administration, society and business.

The MA program also equips students to work as CSR managers in the corporate sector, participate in elections as political leaders or managers, promote or manage civil societies or NGOs, become civil servants, work in public relations or join the policy think tank in governments, nationally and internationally.

Apart from a rigorous curriculum, the program includes a policy action/research lab which will open up space for debates, interaction and engagement through experimentation with scholars, citizens, policy makers and activists on policymaking and its practical implications. The curriculum also includes a choice-based elective system and a dissertation project that will offer students the opportunity for in-depth study in governance and develop practical skills in governance.

During the course of the program, students take the oath of ethics designed by the World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB). The oath inspires and binds them to be personally responsible for the consequences of their professional actions and decisions. The ethics and values espoused by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, humanitarian and spiritual leader and founder, the Art of Living Foundation are also inculcated into student life.

The Art of living course is an integral part of the curriculum, the course equips practitioners with the tools and techniques to effectively handle stressful situations, people, and environments to influence positive change.

The internal Faculty of the Sri Sri University include Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty, Dr. Jyotirmayee Acharya, Mr Sunil Kumar Dhal, Dr Pratima Sarangi, Mr Kamala Kanta Dash, Ms Vijaya Batth geared up to add value through the innovative teaching methods to the class. Champion Faculty Dr. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty says, Poojya Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar wished upcoming politicians to be educated in the field before joining politics. Doctors, Engineers and other professionals take adequate training to enter the profession. The same should be implemented in Politics as well. The informed and aware youths will be in a position to impart good governance when they enter the arena of politics. Moreover, more ethical leaders joining politics will bring a lot of hope to the largest democracy of the world.'

Admissions for the second batch (2015-17) for MA in Good Governance at Sri Sri University are now open.

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- Centre for Civil Society and NGOs

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1. The 2 years Masters in Good Governance & Public Policy program is designed to enable students to address contemporary political, economic & social issues in a coherent & comprehensive manner, with particular reference to Indian issues.
2. Students will be assessed on a continual basis, throughout four Semesters, and on their performance in a final examination and the Summer Policy Internship/ Engagement (SPI).
3. International Network & comprehensive training on academic skills development in reading, writing, speaking and publishing.
4. Two Policy Research Projects (PRPs)
5. Certificate/ Executive/ MDP Education Programs for political leaders, Civil servants, PSU & NGO leaders etc.

Dr. Pratima Sarangi,
Head of the Department

Mr. Kamala Kanta Dash,
Coordinator Student Affairs

Situation based decision making requires a connection between research and practice. It necessitates policy makers, managers, and leaders think critically about research and integrate appropriate evidence in implementation and formulation of policy and administrative practice. The Sri Sri University MA in Good Governance & Public Policy (MGP) program prepares students to become evidence-based policy makers, analysts, and managers. The MGP curriculum has been developed to train students in applied research and provide opportunities for real world applications with six Governance & Policy Labs. The faculty strives to support decision making through research and community outreach activities, as well as our teaching.

Sri Sri University is the first in Asia to combine Good Governance and Public Policy. The MA Programme is a brilliant blend of policy, economic, legal, political, & communication skills. As the national government, industry & the society at large focus on good governance there will be an increasing need for trained policy professionals who have high inclusive policy quotient (PQ), are effective analysts & ethical leaders. Faculty of Good Governance & Public Policy is a committed global school that trains the future leaders & it is worth investing two years for rigorous training in governance and public policy.
GROUP OUTREACH

Conference on Corporate Culture and Spirituality (CCS),
Art of Living Ashram, Bangalore

Students got the rare opportunity to attend the “Conference on Corporate Culture and Spirituality (CCS)” organised by the World Forum for Ethics in Business (WFEB) at the Art of Living International Ashram, Bangalore from 31st January to 1st February, 2015. The conference attracted delegates from across the globe with the top brass of India Inc. present to discuss the increasing role of spirituality and ethics in business. It was a great learning experience for our students to know success stories and get insights into the challenges and opportunities that entrepreneurs face. Students also interacted with inspiring business leaders, who have reached the highest echelons of success without making any compromises on ethics.

In the Conference Mr. Juan Carlos Losada, youngest Member of Parliament from Columbia, South America, addressed the students real-life experience, handy wisdom and the importance of Asanas, Pranayama, Dhyan, Sudarshan Kriya in the life of a political leader.

Good Governance Conclave
at Sri Sri University

Department of Good Governance and Public Policy organised the first ever Good Governance Conclave of Sri Sri University in collaboration with Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on 21st March 2015. It saw eminent speakers such as Mr. Bipin Bihari Mishra, Retired IPS Officer, Former DG of Police, Odisha; and Syed Maqbool Ali, Vice-Chairman, IIPA addressing the students on dynamic subjects such as "E-Governance : Challenges and Opportunities", and "Good Governance : Accountability, Responsiveness, Transparency".

Visit to Odisha Legislative Assembly

As part of the 360 Degree Lab students visited the Odisha Legislative Assembly, Bhubaneswar. They interacted with the MLAs, ministers and with the Hon’ble Speaker. The meeting with the Speaker was very useful as they learnt several aspects of legislative business, rules and procedures.
Women Empowerment Workshop

Women Empowerment Workshop was arranged in Sri Sri University in Collaboration with Odisha State Commission for Women. Around 250 women from nearby 15 Villages attended one day workshop. Commission members enlightened them on the issues of financial literacy, Violence Against women Act etc.

Interactive Session on Parliamentary Procedures and Functions

The Faculty invited Mr Shibba Pattanaik, Reasearch Officer, Odisha Legislative Assembly for an interactive session on “Parliamentary Procedures & Functions”. He highlighted the need of understanding the Parliament for students of Good Governance. He invited students to do research in parliamentary studies and offered to connect all state legislatures and their research departments. Students learnt several aspects in legislative documents and research. This has opened up possibilities faculty and student exchange and also for new research at our university.

Mr. BK Pattanaik (IAS retd.)
Ex-Chief Secretary as Guest lecture

Mr. Pattaniak has earned high reputation as an effective administrator. Our faculty members led by Prof Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty had approached him for a series of lectures on governance challenges in India. He through six special lectures focused on the issues of federalism, democratic decentralization, corruption and public service delivery etc.
International Conference on India and the Indian Ocean

Students of Good Governance and Public Policy attended the International Conference on 'India and the Indian Ocean: Renewing the Maritime Trade and Civilization Linkages' held in Bhubaneshwar from 20-22 March 2015. It celebrated the Maritime Heritage of Odisha. Odisha, once known as the Kalinga, led the process of economic diplomacy and cultural linkages from the Eastern shore of India, and a vibrant blue economy developed and thrived. The conference hosted an excellent range of policy researchers, historians, diplomats, politicians and Ministers such as Smt. Sushma Swaraj, the Minister of External Affairs; Manohar Parrikar, Minister of Defence; Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan, the Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and saw enthusiastic participation of students, policy analysts, and media pundits.

Zero Waste Campaign on Campus to Stop Food Wastage

The new batch students took a brilliant initiative to stop waste in Kaivalya, the university canteen. The students popularized the concept of Zero Waste by creating awareness on food wastage. The campaign used quotes and facts to appeal to everyone to be part of the Zero Waste Movement. Zero Waste Campaign has touched everyone on Campus. The students of the university demonstrated that Good Governance Starts with Self Governance.

The Campaign is slowly becoming a movement where students from other departments have volunteered to join and promote the initiative. The noble campaign was initiated by the 2nd Batch students, Ria Tayal, Bhavish Mahipal, Mahesh Patil, Poonam Sanyal, Saranya Dhingra, Sunit Dibragede, Sharmistha Sarkar and Rajan Dawar. The students also pledged to strengthen our commitment for an eco-friendly campus. The Faculty of Good Governance received a number of congratulatory messages appreciating the effort from one and all.
**Summer Engagement and Internships**

**Abhishek Jagini**
As a Research Intern at Pramanya Strategy, I got insight into political research & evidence based strategy making. Pramanya is first of its kind in Indian political arena that bridges the gap between political art and science of electioneering. Pramanya, helped me learn evidence based politicking by bringing the best of political research and consulting expertise from world over.

**Jasneet Kaur Jodhka**
For my internship, I worked with PRS Legislative Research where I got an opportunity to study the changes in Administrative structure under the UPA and NDA governments. It was a very enriching experience where my analytical abilities and research skills got improved. I also got to know the Public Policy and importance of having full-fledged evidence based research. These comprehensive analyses are very useful for the Parliamentarians to debate effectively on the floor of the house.

**Sathyanarayana**
I did my internship at Vision India Foundation where I got a chance to work with their policy Boot Camp. This program has been organized in collaboration with Indian School of Business (ISB). While working with the organization I got insight into the process of making good policies and got opportunity to propose some policy changes which includes “Institutionalization of Yoga in the Ministry of AYUSH”.

**Sipra Ram**
It was really a wonderful opportunity to work for an internationally recognized company i.e. National Aluminium Company (NALCO). As an Intern under the guidance of Mr. R.S. Das, General Manager (TQM) I have made a report on my research based Topic, "Sustainable Development". The internship in NALCO helped me a lot to understand the corporate functions. It also polished my communication skills as well as ability to conduct research.

**Kushal Agarwal**
I did my internship in two organizations; firstly in the Public Administration Department of Jorhat District and secondly in the Farm2Food Foundation. I worked on project “Swachhata Doot” a solid liquid resource management project which also promotes organic farming. By working in these two organisations I honed several important skills that include project management and policy analysis. I also learnt how to identify gaps in the government projects and suggestion alternatives.

**Satish Saranam**
I interned with Centre for Good Governance (CGG), Hyderabad. Established with the support of DFID & World Bank it acts as a government think tank for improving governance. My project was on the health sector following which I wrote a paper on “Improving Maternal and Child Health Service Delivery in India - A Governance Approach”. Internship at CGG improved my analytical and research abilities.
**Ranjita Chatterjee**  
It had been immense pleasure to conduct a Public Service Audit of Services & Amenities facilitated by Vapi Nagarpalika, Valsad, Gujarat. It involved on-ground field study, interaction with different departmental heads and individuals (citizens of town). It also required research work related to neighbouring nagarpalika website viz, Surat, to get comparative understanding. 

The internship helped me to formulate questionnaires, writing precise audit report with statistical & qualitative data, sourcing information from officials at different position heads & public and understanding inter-dependence of different governmental institutes/authorities.

**Priti Deoram Bhujbal**  
I interned with Mr. Sanjay Gulabani, a senior Art of Living teacher in Maharashtra. Sanjay Gulabani is a full time Art of Living teacher since the past 12 years and teaches several programs for the rural youth. I got an exposure to various Art of Living activities and studied its relevance, role and impact on the society in the specific and broader contexts. My experience of interaction with people of two villages was an eye opener! This internship has helped me understand my strengths and weaknesses and was a catalyst in honing my leadership, communication and problems analysis skills.

**Sonali Ray**  
My internship was with National Aluminum Company Limited (NALCO). My mentors were Mr. Anil Bhatt & R.S Das. Mr. Bhatt is the Head of Corporate Communication & CSR Division and Mr. Das is the DGM PQM of Sustainable Development Department. I learnt how CSR activities are undertaken by NALCO and major challenges they face. I also got on the field exposure to the the CSR works already done by NALCO and how these have positively impacted the development of communities.

**Vishnu Maram**  
I interned with the Centre for Good Governance (CGG) Hyderabad. The experience has been amazing and I feel this was a great opportunity and doing an internship should be mandatory prior to searching for a job.

The classroom training by my teachers helped me a lot to apply the acquired knowledge and skills during the internship job. My project was on "Capacity building for National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)". The research on this paper helped me to learn several issues and aspects of policy research and analysis. During my internship of two months I got a fantastic opportunity to interact with stakeholders, decision makers and beneficiaries.

**Vishal Dewan**  
As a Research Assistant in PRS Legislative Research, I got to work on a variety of areas such as Land Acquisition Bill, Higher Education Sector and Internal Security. It not only enhanced my research and analysis capabilities, but also expanded my perspective regarding various dimensions of Indian Policy Making.

**Ramneet Kaur**  
I interned at Sri Sri Rural Development Program Trust at Bangalore. I worked on developing a document, "Steps to a Model Village" taking into account the governance aspects. Some questionnaires which would be used for the same were also worked on. It was a great learning experience as I got to know what real time challenge are faced by volunteers and agents of social change working in villages and how they could be overcome. I witnessed some great work being done in providing solar energy to villages and skills training being given to the villagers.
It was insightful to study the Maharashtra government’s policies on Women & Child at the Secretariat of the Maharashtra Legislature Assembly in Mumbai. I referred to various documents related to the state policy under the able guidance of Information & Research officer. I visited the office of the State Women Commission to know more about its structure and the functions. Meetings with politicians, bureaucrats, secretariat staff and social workers gave me valuable and broader understanding about the governance of my state.

Course Experiences

**Bhavish Mahipal**
I am aspiring to become a Civil Servant and had started preparation after completing B. Tech in Civil Engineering 2014. I relied on self study with support from online sources. Over the course of preparation I felt a strong need of guidance and practical exposure to the issues that concern India; which in my opinion cannot be gained through only books. The MA Program in Good Governance and Public Policy is designed to cater to young aspirants like me to train them to emerge as effective and ethical leaders in different fields of governance. I am here for holistic learning.

**Ria Tayal**
Sri Sri University aspires to offer an inspiring and challenging student experience that prepares students for the future through national opportunities for study, work and travel, a stimulating and effective learning community that focuses on the individual and excellent research-led training.

**Sunit Dibragede**
I come from the Northeastern part of India, from a remote village which has been neglected for years. I have always dreamt to contribute to my region and village. My experience in areas of social services exposed me to the harsh realities of life and I wanted to understand the nuances of governance and desire to contribute to the idea and practice of good governance. I decided to pursue a career in good governance. Hence I joined Sri Sri University. At SSU I am excited to see people from different regions and walks of life. The course offers a perfect balance between theory and practice since classes help us in gaining expert knowledge and labs help us in identifying gaps and how to design policies. We get holistic education at SSU. I strongly believe that this course will help me understand issues of governance in a better way and will prepare me to sharpen my skills to implement my vision. My vision is to serve my people in my state of Assam and different regions of Northeast India.
**Rajan Dawar**
Politics has always attracted me, notwithstanding the matter that it has been discredited and labeled as a platform for mainly corrupt people. I strongly feel that there is no way to change the system by being outside it. The only way left is to be inside and be the change agent. For this I have always been inclined towards working in political arena. This is to bring change in the society and to remove the wrong notion about politics from people’s mind. I needed to acquire some sort of knowledge and field training. After interacting with the faculty and seniors, I decided to join Sri Sri University and pursue Masters in Good Governance and Public Policy and realized that, this is the perfect course for me which would give me an insight into the real world and help me to move in right direction and achieve my goal.

**Sriharsha Dorbala**
I am a B.Com Honors graduate aspiring to be a Civil Servant. I believe just getting through UPSC examinations don’t suffice to be a good administrator. The MA program in Good Governance and Public Policy creates an elated atmosphere for a holistic learning. Faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy provides us a unique blend of education wherein I’ll not just be trained for attaining my aspirations, but get exposed to Policy making and its actual applicability with respect to ground realities.

**Lab Experiences**

**Poonam Sanyal**
Enacting Mamata Banerjee (Chief Minister of West Bengal) in the Job Shadowing Lab was something very unique and a fun way of learning about the political leaders by getting into their shoes. And somewhere this helped in building confidence for public speaking.

**Sharmishta Sarkar**
Job shadowing and G-Chaupal labs are really amazing. On one hand job shadowing is one of the most entertaining lab experiments where we have to enact like a politician we admire. And on the other hand G-Chaupalis really helpful in keeping us updated about changes in policies which will really help us in understanding public policy and hence help in the policy making in future.

**Mahesh Patil**
In Job Shadowing Lab we had to act like a politician. I studied about Atal Bihari Vajpayee very closely, about his public addressing style, his inspiring poems & also his dedicated work for four decade in Indian Politics. Overall it was a great learning experience to play the role of such a great personality.
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