A Message from His Holiness

Sri Sri Ravishankarji

“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 Shankar
Sri Sri University started this discovery driven faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy. The faculty strives to isolate elements of good governance to ease the process of learning and crystallizing into actionable frameworks. Good Governance operates in an ethical, accountable and appropriately regulated environment. It facilitates competition in the marketplace. Without this, there will be no driver for economic growth and sustainable development. A dynamic private sector, operating in a properly functioning competitive market system, creates jobs and income, generates wealth and helps ensure that resources are used efficiently. Good governance steps out of its political confines and pervades all realm of human action. Students are free to expand the realm to harness their full potential but consolidate to take away the learnings to enter into the sphere of governance here and now. Morning shows the day. Faculty of Good Governance of Guruji Sri Sri Ravi Shankar’s vision has really arrived as you see in pages of this bulletin.

KC Mishra
Visiting 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.”- 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.

Dr Vijayalakshmi Mohanty

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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 Satyajit Mohanty, IPS, ADGP, Govt of Odisha; B.K. Patnaik, Ex-Chief Secy, Govt of Odisha and B.B. Mishra, (retd IPS), Honorary President, IIPA and former DG, Odisha Police and Pratip Kumar Mishra, Honorary Secretary, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Odisha (IIPA), Bhakta Charan Das, Ex Minister, Government of India, Mr Sandeep Sabharwal, Assist Vice President, Reliance Foundation 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 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.

To apply, visit www.srisriuniversity.edu.in.
An Insight into the program’s aims and offerings

Vision
To train leaders & public managers and to provide thought leadership, to address some of the most pressing public policy challenges of our times.

Goal
To be recognized as one of the finest schools of public affairs & governance globally.

Programs
Two (2) years MA in Good Governance and Public Policy
Certificate/ Executive/MDP Education Programs for political leaders, Civil servants, PSU & NGO leaders etc.
Centres at the School/ Focus Areas
• Centre for Political Governance
• Centre for Administrative Governance
• Centre for Corporate Governance
• Centre for Local Self and Rural Governance
• Centre for Civil Society and NGOs

Structure
1. The 2 years Masters in Good Governance & Public Policy program will enable students to address contemporary political, economic and social issues in a coherent and 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 Engagement (SPI).
3. International Network and comprehensive training on academic skills development in reading, writing, speaking and publishing.

Coordinator, FGGPP
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M.A. (Political Science and World Affairs) Ravenshaw University

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, and communication skills. As the national government, industry and 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 and ethical leaders. Faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy is a committed global school that trains the future leaders and it is worth investing two years for rigorous training in governance and public policy.

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.
Ms Aarti Devi on Local Self-Governance

Students of Good Governance & Public Policy interacted with Aarti Devi, the youngest Sarpanch of India. She left a lucrative corporate career to become Sarpanch of Dhunkapada village. She solely represented India in International Invited Leadership Program. Her insights on local self governance and how she made a defunct Panchayat an all-inclusive, participatory one were of immense practical value to the students.

BB Mishra (Retd IPS) Honorary President, IIPA(Odisha) and former DG, Odisha Police on "Challenges to Internal Security" and Dr. Pratip Kumar Mishra, Treasurer, IIPA(Odisha) on "Challenges to Governance".

BB Mishra interacted with students on the issue of challenges to internal security and how can they be tackled by the present government. Pratip Kumar Mishra gave an overall view on governance and policy making. The views of both the veteran leaders and bureaucrats gave a deep insight to students on today’s challenges to governance.

Dr. Anuradha Panigrahi, Assistant Project Director, Access Livelihoods Consulting India Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad.

Dr. Anuradha addressed the students of Good Governance & Public Policy about the Livelihood approaches happening in Andhra Pradesh. She shared her innovative ways to market intervention for the empowerment of farmers and protection of indigenous modes of production.

Bhakta Charan Das, MP Rajya Sabha

Popularly known as “Dada”, the first politician to address the pilot batch of good governance and public policy students, gave an insight into how politics of the land plays a role in the policy making. Addressing the students as a part of the orientation process, his contributions to civil society movements and his role as a politician were helpful in giving students a broad perspective of realpolitik situations.

Sanjay Gulabani, Senior Faculty, Art of Living.

Sanjay Gulabani, senior faculty with the Art of Living, addressed the students on “Ancient Gurukul System” in India. He discussed ways to reform the current education policy to make it more spiritual, value-based, and holistic.

Refreshing Winter Break with Director, Outreach Dinesh Ghodke!
Regional Conference on “Innovations on Public Service Delivery”

Students of Good Governance participated in a Regional Conference involved officers dealing with Administrative Reforms, Director Generals of State Training Institutes from twenty states and various union territories at Bhubaneswar, India organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances, Government of India, in association with the Government Of Odisha. The focus of this conference was “Innovations in Public Service Delivery”. This forum provided a good opportunity to showcase well recognized good governance initiatives.

Visit to State Secretariat

Students of Good Governance and Public Policy, along with Champion Faculty Ms. Vijaya Lakshmi Mohanty visited Orissa State Secretariat on November 5th 2014 as part of their field trip to experience the functioning of the state body. They met Smt. Usha Paddhe, IAS, cum secretary to Govt. School and Mass Education Department, Government of Odisha & Puspendra Singh Deo, Minister, Housing and Urban Development.

Village PRA

Governance at the highest echelon is not possible without the knowledge of the roots. Often what we study in the books is in sharp contrast to the on-ground reality. As part of Village Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), students visited the nearby Banki and Sandhaour villages to study consumption and income patterns, and learnt techniques like Social Mapping, Wealth Mapping, Timeline Analysis, Chapati Diagram and Resource mapping.

NGOs, Civil Society and Social Movements. It gives me immense pleasure to be a part of the Faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy through my teaching assignments on Civil Societies: Social Movements, NGOs and Voluntary Action and action research on PRA. I believe Sri Sri University enables a learning atmosphere that develops visionary thinking to lead socio-political change and towards professional competency and impact on policy and development to solve the challenges society faces. There is a newfound expectation that thought leaders can better serve various stakeholders to provide leadership for social reconstruction in the developing world in particular. As governance students one must engage in critical thinking and sustain dialogues around conceptual creativity, reasoned reflexivity and contextual awareness.

Dr Jyotirmoyee Acharya
Ph. D. NTNU, Norway; M.Phil, Utkal University; M.Sc. AIT, Bangkok
Lab Experiences

**Sathya** - 360° was an amazing experience to know how different people can have completely opposite opinions on a seemingly simple issue. Going beyond books and reaching out to people expands our perspective. Its an apt model of making studies and research interactive and holistic.

Political aspirant | Software engineer (7yrs exp), MCA | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

**Supriya** - The course offers a perfect balance between theory and practice since classes help us in gaining expert knowledge and labs help us in implementing them. The visits to State Secretariat and Conference on “Innovations in Public Service Delivery” were two such great opportunities we got during the first semester. B.E.(Information Technology) | Political aspirant | Recipient of RLM Memorial Scholarship

**Vishnu** - Job Shadowing was one of the most entertaining lab experiments where we had to act like a politician we admire. Shadowing leaders while adding our original touch was a great learning experience. Political aspirant | Senior software engineer (10yrs exp), BE IT | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

**Sipra** – Policy Action Labs and G-Choupal were really helpful in keeping us updated about changes in policies and analyzing them in detail which will greatly aid us in policy making in the future. Bachelor of Commerce (H) | CSR Aspirant

**Kushal** - My interest in economy & security of the country, which kautiya in his arthashastra stressed as primary factors, made me to take national security and economic philosophy as part of laboratory research. Got opportunity to interact with some policymakers, bureaucrats, journalist, army personal and educationalist. Bachelors in Commerce(H) | Political Aspirant | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

Course Experiences

**Kartikeya:** It was an enriching experience to study few courses related to public policy and government theories, models and best practices from India and across the globe. My next focus will be the study Odisha and its growth potential. Civil Aspirant, Bachelors in Social Work, TISS

**Priti:** I never thought I would be able to study in a university that balances studies and practical learning in the precisely right manner. The entire student culture of morning Yoga, punctuality, commitment, the attitude to take everyone along and learning in group, is one of the most striking feature of SSU. We not only learn, but also lead so that tomorrow we can serve even more. Best of the faculties to the best of opportunities are provided and the collective zeal of the students to grow makes this journey much fulfilling. I am blessed to be in the pilot batch of Faculty of Good Governance and Public Policy! Bachelors in Electronics and Telecommunications | Political Aspirant.
Abhishek - Following my passion to work in public domain I have opted for the MGP program. Though I have past experience of Media and People’s movements, in my opinion the right change is possible only through political will and action. And this course offers one, all that is required to blossom as an informed people's person and change agent. It has been a great learning experience with practical exposure and classroom activity in right proportions. The classes help gain domain expertise and the labs help assimilate it and convert it to action. Political aspirant | PG Diploma in Journalism | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

Ramneet - It feels great to join the pilot batch of Good Governance and Public Policy. The dynamic combination of on-the-field learning and diverse theory papers makes the experience very enriching. And yes, our spiritual base is the cherry on the cake! Proud to be a part of the happiest campus of India! Political aspirant | Free lancer social media marketing | B.Tech | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

Jasneet - Coming to SSU was like a dream come true for me. I always wanted to be in such an university where learning is fun and service oriented. The faculty and VC are extremely supportive and critical at the same time. The food takes care that we don’t become homesick! I feel very lucky to be here for the kind of exposure we have got here at the beginning of the course itself is enviable and beyond my expectations. And the best part is discussing on what we can do for the country with my classmates who come from 8 different states of India. Civils Aspirant | Bachelors in Biotechnology

Ranita - SSU... It has been a thrilling journey of exposure from Chief Minister’s cabin till Conference meeting with the Secretariat of different states, & so forth. It’s not only a study through text books but also from practical experience & meeting different people from every section of the society. With studies pressure comes amazing gift of spiritual growth & practices. It’s the best place to have the blend of both worlds. I have been glad to be part of Sri Sri University. Civils aspirant | BA Accounting and Finance | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

Satish: I was in search of a platform where I get trained, educated and empowered for making my dream of ramrajya come true. Finally I’m doing such a course which makes me work towards shaping my country. Being proud to be first of its kind and proud to be part of first batch. M.Tech (Structural Engineering), Civils Aspirant | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

Sonali: Undertaking this course has brought a great opportunity to me. We 15 students belonging to 8 different states , with almost same objective and working as a team. We are provided exposure in various fields and getting a chance to interact with various personalities on current issues , thus building skills and capabilities within us. Bachelors in History | Political Aspirant.

Vishal: It was an amazing experience to know how different people can have completely opposite opinions on an issue. Going beyond books and reaching out to people expands our perspective. Its an apt model of making 360 was an seemingly simple ideas and research interactive and holistic Civils Aspirant, B.com(H), SRCC, DU | Recipient, OVBI Scholarship

I enjoyed teaching the paper on Quantitative Methods in Good Governance. This is an innovative course and I learnt a lot in the process. While designing the syllabus I received important feedback and support from our VC and the colleagues at FGGPP. Blending statistics, social science and public policy this paper is intended to provide insight into policy making process. This paper will be key for students who will be policy analysts and policy makers. I am very happy that students have shown keen interest in my paper.
MA IN GOOD GOVERNANCE

Sri Sri wants students to retain smile

Bhubaneswar: Sept 8: Education should serve the dual purposes of instilling confidence and an unflinching smile in students. People can face challenges in life with confidence and by carrying smiles on their faces and the purpose of education is to ensure this.

This was stated by Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who was addressing the first convocation of the Sri Sri University at a city-based hotel Wednesday.

The spiritual guru said students should keep themselves updated and always look for ways to get really need quality education.

Advising the students not to be in a hurry to make money, the guru said, “Money is not everything. One should also make nation-building a program in Good Governance. The course aims to train young leaders in political, corporate governance, NLO governance, political governance and administrative governance.

“This year, as many as 230 job opportunities have been provided to the students. Moreover, we have also launched three more Bachelor and Master degrees as well. Our Doctoral programme has taken shape to accommodate multi-disciplinary research in emerging academic areas,” said Mr Misra, vice-chancellor of the university.

The university will also offer courses in Master degree in Catering Technology, Certificate on Big Data Analysis and B Ed from next year.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik said, “Knowledge revolution has shared every corner of our life. We

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With Board Member, Mrs Rajita Kulkarni Bagga
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-His Holiness Sri Sri Ravishankarji

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