



Young Diplomats Conclave India Unbound

20th November, 2017

Agenda*

10:00 – 10:20 Registration and Tea

10:20 – 11:30 Inaugural Session

This session will ponder upon India's increasing position in the global world order. India's civilizational strengths and cultural heritage has made inroads into the international community. This session will provide the basis of understanding India's national and international landscape and set the grounds for further discussion.

- Welcome Address by Sahil Aggarwal, Director at Vision India Foundation
- Inaugural Remarks: India and its aspirations by Amb. Kanwal Sibal, former foreign secretary of India
- Case Study: International Day of Yoga by Amb. Asoke Mukherjee, former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations

11:30 – 13:00 **Understanding Indian Foreign Policy**

Indian foreign policy has changed various paths yet appeared to be successful and stable in an increasingly dynamic international **environment. This session will provide insights into India's foreign policy as rooted in principles of peace, rule of law and respect for sovereign rights.**

- A New Wave of Indian Foreign Policy by Prof. Sreeram Chaulia, Dean at Jindal School of International Affairs, Jindal Global University
- The Indian lenses to look at the World by Dhruva Jaishankar, Fellow at Brookings India

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

- 14:00 – 15:15 **Indian Government & Polity**
India, after seventy years of independence remains the largest democracy in this world. A bifurcated governmental structure at horizontal and vertical **levels has sought to represent the best of people's interest, but also led to** a complex governance mechanism. This session will provide an essential understanding of governmental functioning in India, highlighting the various important institutions and mechanisms that run the country.
- **Insights to India's Governmental Landscape** by **Abhishek Modak**, Research Associate at Vision India Foundation.
 - **The "what" and "why" of Indian Elections** by **Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe**, Member of Parliament
- 15:30 – 16:30 **Interface between societies and the government**
In a rapidly globalising and deeply interconnected world, policy formulation and its implications are a matter of concern to all sections of society. This has further accentuated the role of civil society organisations and non-state actors as an interface between societies and decision-making bodies. This session will provide an understanding of how the Indian media and civil society organisations serve as the fourth pillar of India.
- What the Indian media offers and how to interpret Indian journalism by Kushan Mitra, Managing Editor at The Pioneer
 - **Civil Society Organizations as Representatives of People's Interest** by Sudarshan Ramabadran, Deputy Director of India Foundation
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Conclusion and The Way Forward**
Having laid the core of India's institutional landscape, this session aims to address the various challenges and experiences of diplomats in India and their native countries. The idea of an open forum for discussion is to lay grounds for next series of Young Diplomats Conclave and dwell on country-specific studies as model examples.
- Open Floor Discussion and Q&A
- Concluding Remarks by Sh. Shakti Sinha, Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
 - Vote of Thanks by Shobhit Mathur, Executive Director, Vision India Foundation
- 17:15 High Tea
Onwards

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