Vision India Foundation, a Delhi-based think-tank & action group identifies, trains and mentors aspiring leaders to participate in nation-building by bringing systematic reforms in policy making and implementation. VIF designs learning modules and training programmes in public policy and governance. It also provides avenues and institutional mechanisms to implement well thought out reforms. Through the various training programmes, VIF’s grooms motivated change-makers, equipped with a technology-driven and citizen-centric approach, to address gaps in public policy.

The World Governance Expedition (WGE) introduces international best practices in governance and public policy to a selected cohort of young leaders from India. A travel-based experiential programme, WGE aims to understand governance and policy models across the world and adapt them in the Indian context. Since its inception in 2014, Vision India Foundation has organized WGE in the US (2016) and the UK in (2017). This year, in partnership with the Embassy of Israel, Vision India Foundation organized the third edition of WGE in Israel.

Delegates from across India and professional spectrum visited projects pertaining to urban governance, education, political institutions and agrotech. They interacted with civil society leaders, journalists, political leaders and social entrepreneurs. The visit to Israel brought to the forefront the similarities between the two countries as ancient cultures; touched upon the impact of history in shaping collective memory and guiding current-day political and social relations; and introduced a necessity-driven approach to innovation.

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Land of Creation
TAGLIT STARTUP TOUR
Innovation Center

The delegation undertook the Taglit Start-up Tour, followed by a visit to the Center for Israeli Innovation in Tel Aviv. Hosted at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, Taglit is an interactive exhibition of over 100 Israeli start-ups, leading in science, healthcare, agrotech, security and communication. The tour familiarized the delegation with Israel's start-up culture and the impetus given to innovation, entrepreneurship and technology.

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The need:
Mobileye can be a diagnostic tool, which is shown by its role in creating all instruments that currently use a technology that could be used to detect and analyze complex driving scenarios.

The solution:
Mobileye's technology uses cameras, radars, and maps to analyze complex driving scenarios such as road signs, traffic lights, pedestrian crossing, and even the quality of the road. The camera analyses the road using a camera and a computer chip, which can be used to detect objects in the road to provide the driver with information about the road conditions.

The impact:
Mobileye's technology helps prevent accidents and improves the quality of life by providing information about the road conditions.

 IGUDAN VISITOR’S CENTER
Water and Waste Management

The Expedition began with the visit to Igudan Visitor Centre where the delegation was introduced to the water recycling and waste management processes in Israel. An acutely water deficient region, Israel has met its water crisis through processes of desalination and water purification. It recycles 90 percent of its water in three cycles for drinking, agricultural and industrial purposes. Catering to the needs of nearly two million households, Igudan has emerged a global leader in water management.

The collection, management and treatment of sewage and recycling of water, is done by a non-profit association - Igudan. As per the law, water management and recycling is mandatory in Israel. Igudan Visitors Centre is located in Shafdan, the largest of the 56 wastewater treatment plants in the country. Shafdan alone processes 340,000 cubic metres of waste-water and provides an output for 1-40,000 cubic meters of fresh-water.

Israel’s spirit of innovation also incorporates and accepts the possibility of failure and learn from the experience as a way of improving. In the Indian context, more emphasis is needed on innovation and innovation as well as the development of accelerators to create a more conducive environment for young entrepreneurs to innovate and excel.

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Government Institution

Mr. Namro Assouline of the South Asia division gave a tour of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, followed by an address on India-Israel relations. As one of the most important government institutions, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is responsible for formulating and executing Israel’s foreign policy. Headquarters in Jerusalem, MFA overlooks Israel’s diplomatic relations with 162 countries. Shedding light on India-Israel Relations, Mr. Assouline spoke extensively on how the India-Israel friendship is one of the most burgeoning friendships in modern times. He highlighted that Israeli innovation in agrotech has been at the forefront in reforming India’s agrarian sector. India and Israel continue to share strong defence and strategic relations as well as a deep cultural connection, the latter predating the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992.

As stated by the two Prime Ministers and also by Mr. Namro in our interactions, the bilateral ties are at a peak currently and needs to continue its onward momentum to scale greater heights. India has elevated the ties to a “strategic partnership” – a rare feat considering India has accorded this status to only a handful of countries. India-Israel ties have the potential to be a defining partnership in Asia in the 21st century. It is in this regard that the people to people interactions and stronger cultural ties help, and the World Governance Expedition is one such initiative.

OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM
Cultural Region

The visit to Old Jerusalem was perhaps the highpoint of the entire trip and rivaled only with the Holocaust Memorial in its centrality to Jewish history and the Israeli identity. Old Jerusalem is split into the Jewish quarter, the Christian quarter and the Muslim quarter with prominent symbols and remnants of its Ottoman past. This truly reflected the nature of Israel to be a Jewish state yet uphold values of democracy and pluralism. The holiest place for Jews with a history of over 2000 years is still revered and kept alive, despite the ever-continuing tensions on the Israeli and Palestinian side. The visit to Jewish quarters, Mount of Olives and the Western Wall, or the Wailing Wall explained tenets of Jewish faith and history as well as gave insights to Jewish lifestyle and traditions.

India has a lot to learn from Israel in packaging and projecting its places of religious and historical importance in a manner which reinforces the undying Indian roots and heritage of India.

- J. Sai Deepak
KIBBUTZ MAGAL
Social Institution

To understand one of the oldest forms of social institution, the delegation visited Kibbutz Magal, situated in Northern Israel and was founded in 1953. "Kibbutz", literally meaning gathering, refers to a collective agriculture-based community and is unique to Israel. Kibbutz were inspired by the ideas of socialism and Zionism. A primarily agrarian settlement, the kibbutz cultivate olives, almonds and pomegranates and the wine industry. The delegation saw community living and ownership of common resources and services, including a common mess, vehicles as well as the community-run schools.

- Sanghitha

Kibbutz system is very unique and one of the most effective methods to develop the community as an institution of individuals. Farmers usually in India are not united and due to which they face many problems especially in Markets to get the good rates to their products. In this case, we have to learn many things from kibbutz model because they have not only contributed greatly to the growing Jewish culture movement but also dream of Kibbutz culture ‘making the desert bloom’ became part of the Israeli dream as well.

NETAFIM
Agricultural Innovation

Netafim started with a simple observation, which ultimately led to the revolution in agriculture and irrigation methods. Co-owned by Kibbutz Magal, Netafim was started by ninety families from the agricultural settlement to simplify agricultural practices. Netafim through its precision-driven approach addresses the three challenges - demand for food, need for arable land and water shortage. To ensure maximum results, Netafim has formulated a ‘quality policy’ which enables consistency and monitoring of work across the world.

- Lalithini Narashihva

This expedition gave us the chance to experience the insights of Netafim company by interacting with the officials. How it has started to solve their irrigation need and became the revolution in agriculture irrigation methods. In drip irrigation we can save 90% water and also production yield will increase by 30%. Drip irrigation is transforming the lives of millions of farmers across the world, enabling higher yields to be produced from any land, while saving water. It was a pleasure to visit the land where exactly this cropping is insisted.
The delegation visited MATI Haifa, a business development centre and association of entrepreneurs, working towards supporting start-ups in Israel. The Start-in-Haifa initiative provides the required support to start-ups, from business materials and networking to co-working spaces and funds raising. It also provides investor decks and “innovation visas,” the latter being especially for international entrepreneurs entering the Israeli market. The visit to MATI Haifa, acquainted the delegation with Israel’s innovation policy, which enables maximisation of human resources, financial and research infrastructures to promote sustainable economic growth.

In this Indian context, a business development network at the state/city level, focusing on tier 2 & tier 3 cities, to encourage innovation and bring-in funds and membership at the local level should be established. Ensuring that the government captures the innovation agenda in policies and provide the right resources for scaling local innovation and invention was an important take-away.

- Aditi

HAIFA WAR CEMETERY
Cultural Region

The visit to Haifa War Cemetery reinvoked national pride as the delegates paid their tributes to the Indian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Haifa in 1918 at the Haifa War Cemetery. The delegation learnt about the valour of Indian soldiers, from the Hyderabad, Jodhpur and Mysore regiments, who helped in the liberation of Haifa from the Ottoman rule during World War I. The visit reflected the deep historical ties, which predates the more recent establishment of diplomatic relations in 1992.

It was a moment of pride to visit Haifa, where we remembered the war heroes and also gained inspiration to build more memorials in India, as a means of sharing India’s valiant history to the world.

- @haradwaj
HAVAYEDA SCIENCE CENTER
Innovation Center

With the idea of making education fun and accessible to all, the Perach Education Institute - the Davidson Institute for Science Education established interactive and experiential science centres across the country. The Havayeda Science Centre serves as a fun learning centre, supporting school curriculum in science and technology. Havayeda Science Centre displays interactive exhibits, board games and tools thus simplifying the phenomena of physics, maths and chemistry in an activity-oriented manner. Perach’s emphasis on volunteerism coupled with academic incentives encourages students to become tutor-volunteers and provide one-on-one mentorship to the students.

INTERACTION WITH NOA MUZZAFI OF PEAR PROGRAM
Innovation Center

The delegation interacted with Ms. Noa Muzzafi, Asia Program Director at Pears Program for Global Innovation. The discussion ranged from knowing about the innovation culture and mindset as well as the involvement of different stakeholders at various levels in Israel. She also spoke of the significance of Indian markets in adapting Israeli innovation and development models.

The Pears Program for Global Innovation is a not-for-Profit organization based out of Israel. Backed by the Pears Foundation in the UK, the program looks at increasing Israel’s contribution to international development. The organization captures the power of Israeli innovation to solve the challenges faced by the developing economies, such as ensuring water, food, energy, education & healthcare for all.

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“... Israeli bureaucracy understands that time is equal to money in a startup ecosystem. A startup that is not supported in time could result in failure of the startup itself. As a result, decisions are swift. We must recognize this factor as an essential ingredient in building Startup India.”

- Anirudh
SUPREME COURT OF ISRAEL
Government Institution

The delegation visited the Supreme Court of Israel in Jerusalem, which is the highest judicial institution in the country. In the absence of a written constitution, the judiciary is guided by the Basic Laws which define the character of Israel and the importance of Jerusalem. It also spells out the position of Israel on issues, central to its identity including the role of the Knesset, the Judiciary, the Executive, the Army, and civil liberty. The Declaration of Independence serves as a guiding document as well in examining the constitutionality of a statute and providing a framework for the adherence of rule of law. The imprint of Jewish roots of Israel was visible in the architecture of the Supreme Court which was yet another testament to the Israeli state’s commitment to the preservation of its Jewish heritage and its application to contemporary institutions.

ISRAEL DEMOCRACY INSTITUTE
Think Tank

Dr. Ofer Kering from the Israel Democracy Institute (IDI) interacted with the delegation providing insights into Israel’s democratic structure as well as role of think tanks in policy-making. A think do tank, IDI was established in 1981 and since then has been at the forefront of policy research and advocacy. Some of the research centres at IDI are the Centre for Democratic Values and Institutions, Centre for Religion, Nation, and State and the Guttman Center for Public Opinion and Research. Dr. Kering briefed the delegation about the political context of Israel and the role of government, as a relevant stakeholder in policy-making and execution. IDI also aims to bridge the gap between policy-makers and the people through its works and policy recommendations like the Israel Democracy Index.

It was heartening to note that the Supreme Court enjoys the respect and confidence of the people and has the reputation for preserving its independence and for keeping the other two organs of the State in check.

- J. Sai Deepak

The visit to Israel Democracy Institute was really helpful to understand the country’s electoral process and its political values, and how it ensures to uphold democracy while being a Jewish state. IDI’s headquarters in Jerusalem further reflect this democratic nature through its architecture and natural landscape.

- Jigar
Social Export Israel

Civil Society

Social Export Israel is a conglomerate body with aiming to strengthen Israel’s public and social diplomacy by creating avenues for exporting models and ideas of the Israeli civil society. The delegation’s interaction with Mr. Ophir Peleg, founder and CEO of Social Export Israel, gave insights into the active role of civil society in ensuring the last mile delivery of social services, including health and education. Mr. Peleg highlighted the important role civil society plays by contributing 5.8 percent to GDP and employing 14 percent of the population in Israel, thus being integral to the government’s functioning and successful implementation of social schemes.

“Social Export Israel is an interesting model to understand how the government encourages competition amongst NGOs for government contracts while being professional in outlook and working.” - Kassam Sulhman

PARK ARIEL SHARON

Government Initiative

Park Ariel Sharon is an example of holistic policy making instead of different arms of government working in silos, thus reducing the overall efficiency of the system. The waste management project, initiated in 1999, aims to convert 60 meters high Hiriya landfill into an environmental park. The process includes heap stabilization and capping by laying a bioplastic layer on the top of the landfill and developing a biodiversity hotspot. The delegation also saw the Waste Transfer Plant where waste is segregated for further processing and the recovered methane gas is used to run the plant, free of cost.

“The Park Ariel Project is a successful model that can be directly replicated to the Indian context, especially in megacities of Delhi and Mumbai. The project has advanced swiftly even after keeping all stakeholders into consideration. The agile consensus building process of a megaproject is also something that should be replicated in India. This is best reflected in the process of aggregating waste from the entire city and sending the rejected garbage to Niger. In contrast to sending different trucks from many small agencies plying to the Niger, this practice is more environmental and economically feasible.” - Arvind

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KNESSET
Government Institution

The Knesset, or the Parliament of Israel situated in Jerusalem, strongly represents the country’s political values, in its functioning as well as the physical manifestation. The Parliamentary tour began with an explanation of the Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel and its importance as a guiding document, in absence of a written constitution. Jewish history and symbolism were reflected through artworks and even the seating arrangement of the Knesset in form of the Menorah. As a parliamentary democracy, Israel has the executive-legislative model, and committee on specific topics for Parliament.

INTERACTION WITH YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS
Political Network

To understand Israelis democratic functioning, the delegation interacted with young political leaders of Israel, representing four political parties that have shaped the dynamics of Israel’s political landscape. The ruling party, Likud was represented by Mr. Eli Hasan. Mr. Gal Reich, of the Israeli Labor Party, Mr. Lhi Zaki of the Meretz Party and Mr. Yorai Lahav Harzano of the Yesh Atid Party represented the other side of political spectrum. The interaction reflected on the importance of foreign policy in driving Israeli politics and elections. As in the case of India, Israeli politics looked just as vigorous and vibrant in terms of diversity of opinions. Further, it highlighted Israeli pride and the role of culture & history in shaping the parties’ political experience.

It was an enriching session with the young political leaders. Despite their different political ideas and associations, all of them shared a deep passion and the commitment to serve their country.

- Jigar Inamdar

in an effort to increase Parliamentary accountability, the Knesset has adopted innovative means of informing the citizens about the works and duties of their elected representatives and the legislative proceedings. The use of digital means has facilitated this process efficiently and can be a model for every country to adopt in their context.

- Arunima
The delegation gain insights into the traditions and practices of the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in their interaction with Yael Yael Lebovich and Hina Zisman from Movilot. Movilot imparts skill development and leadership training to the women of Ultra-Orthodox Jewish community - the Haredi Community. Yael and Hina also shared their experience of mainstreaming the women in workspaces. Movilot also considers the prevalent social norms and practices of the Ultra-Orthodox Jewish communities, which play a major role in shaping the position of Haredi women. This insightful interaction also informed the delegates of the importance of protecting traditional social institutions, for a healthy and holistic growth of the community.

One important takeaway from the meeting was the approach that this organization took in mainstreaming Haredi community. As against expecting Haredi to give up their practices in the process, the organization works towards preserving their inherent nature and practices while sanitizing employers to accept them.

- Parvati

The delegation interacted with Mr. Jonnie Schnyder from the Israel-Africa Center (IAC). A not-for-profit organization, IAC provides platforms to young leaders from Israel and Asia to enhance their skills and contribute to development and innovation in various sectors. The demography, geography as well as common culture and mandated conscription service strongly shapes the approach and need for innovation. In terms of India-Israel relations, Mr. Schnyder noted that the most promising collaborations were occurring in the space of STEM & Military technology. This collaboration while organic, is naturally amplified by the analogous nature of geopolitics resulting in tense relationships between both India and Israel and their respective neighbours.

Upon discussion, it was understood that the IAC focused on markets of developing economies due to the relative proximity of larger emerging markets in Asia. A similar contact in terms of shared histories and cultures between Israel and Asian countries as against the large southern continents, further enables this. India being an agrarian economy, Mr. Schnyder believed that there is enormous potential for leaders to revolutionise agricultural economies and efficiency, with an aim to reduce water usage, soil damage and increase crop yield & productivity.

- Avishk
OUR CROWD
Crowdfunding Platform

OurCrowd, an equity crowdfunding platform allows Startups to gain access to VC investment opportunities as well as institutional co-investor. The delegation interacted with the OurCrowd team to understand the boost provided to Startups in Israel to bring innovation across the spectrum of research and businesses as well as lifestyle. OurCrowd requires its Israeli portfolio companies to donate a portion of their equity to charity as part of the closing of any funding round. Its platform OurNetwork connects global institutions, investors and entrepreneurs. OurCrowd has not just brought initial funding to companies in Israel, USA, India etc but also encourages Startups to build strategic partnerships post-investment.

Unlike crowdfunding platforms such as Kickstarter and Indiegogo which crowdfunding donations to projects typically in return for some type of reward or gift, OurCrowd uses equity crowdfunding as its mode. Although recent regulatory changes make crowdfunding available to all investors, at this point, OurCrowd is only available to accredited investors.

The visit to Sderot and discussion with Elisha strengthened the conviction with which Israeli people are willing to serve their nation. It also reflected the emphasis given to groom young leaders across the spectrum, be it in politics, military, businesses or civil society, to face the most challenging situations. Following the model of Israel Leadership Institute, any country can instill national pride and create a promising leadership dedicated to the service of motherland.

- Avinash
YAD VASHEM
World Holocaust Remembrance Center

The Expedition culminated with the visit to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. The memorial, built in 1957, in remembrance of the victims of Holocaust was one of the most important visits to understand the importance of history in shaping the Jewish identity and worldview. However, the need for the memorial with several personal accounts of Jews in Nazi Germany to tell the Jewish story was ideated during World War II itself. Yad Vashem is the very foundation of Israel’s “Never Again” motto, which is their promise to themselves that they shall never again submit to tyranny and oppression.

"Yad Vashem keeps the memory of persecution alive so that generations to come may learn the right lessons from it. It serves as a warning as well as a beacon of hope since it starts from the persecution of Jews by a coalition of the Catholic Church and the Nazis and ends with the creation of the State of Israel. This is precisely the role of history. India has seen several such Holocausets from 100 A.D. Perhaps, such memorials can also strengthen the bonds of unity and bring Indians closer when they realize that even the tyrants saw them as part of one culture, albeit diverse."

-J. Sal Dossok
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