

## **Regional Conference**

### **‘Mapping Governance Innovations in South Asia’**

The Department of Political Science , Kalindi College, University of Delhi in collaboration with South Asian Network for Governance Studies, Chittagong, Bangladesh and Department of Political Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka organized a two day regional online conference on ‘Mapping Governance Innovation in South Asia’ on 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Subhash Kashyap, Former Secretary General ,Lok Sabha ,India and President of South Asian Network for Governance Studies. Prof. Najma Akhtar, Honorable Vice Chancellor of Jamia Milia Islamia was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session and shared her views and perspectives on governance and administration in South Asia and Prof. Rumki Basu, Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia gave the Keynote address deliberating on the different dimensions of the conference theme.

Senior Prof. Lasantha Manawadu, Honorable Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo and Prof. Naina Hasija, Principal of Kalindi College, University of Delhi were invited as the Special Guests of the conference. The introductory remarks were delivered by Prof. Nizam Ahmed, Secretary of South Asian Network for Governance Studies and former Professor of Public Administration, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh.

The inaugural session was hosted by Prof. Amir. M. Nasrullah, Dept. of Public Administration, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh and member of conference organizing committee. The Welcome Address was by delivered by Dr. Sangita Dhal, Associate Professor of Political Science, Kalindi College, University of Delhi and Member-Secretary of Conference Organizing Committee who welcomed the esteemed guests, scholars and participants who had joined online across different parts of the world on Microsoft Team for the regional conference.



## REGIONAL CONFERENCE

# MAPPING GOVERNANCE INNOVATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

### ESTEEMED GUESTS

#### CHAIRPERSON

**PROF. SUBHASH KASHYAP**

FORMER SECY-GENERAL, LOK SABHA, INDIA &  
PRESIDENT, SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR GOVERNANCE STUDIES

#### INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

**PROF. NIZAM AHMED**

SECRETARY, SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR  
GOVERNANCE STUDIES

#### CHIEF GUEST

**PROF. NAJMA AKHTAR**

HON. VICE CHANCELLOR, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

#### KEY NOTE ADDRESS

**PROF. RUMKI BASU**

DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA

#### SPECIAL GUEST

**SENIOR PROF. LASANTHA MANAWADU**

HON. DEAN, FACULTY OF ARTS  
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

#### SPECIAL GUEST

**PROF. NAINA HASIJA**

HON. PRINCIPAL, KALINDI COLLEGE,  
UNIVERSITY OF DELHI

#### WORKING SESSIONS

- INNOVATIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH ASIA
- E-GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY IN SOUTH ASIA
- GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AND INNOVATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

DATE: 9-10 APRIL, 2021

PLATFORM: MICROSOFT TEAMS

#### REGISTRATION LINK:-

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**\*E-CERTIFICATES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ONLY\***

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# MAPPING GOVERNANCE INNOVATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

APRIL 9-10, 2021

South Asia is the largest and the most diverse democratic region of the world. Due to many reasons that are common to the region as well as unique to each member state, the implementation of governance encounters numerous challenges as well as opportunities. For example, ethnocentricity in politics, regional disparities, gap between the rich and poor and urban division among the people pose serious challenges to the governance of South Asian societies. Despite their more than half a century long self-rule, countries in our region are far behind in the areas of power-sharing, decentralization, citizen participation, independent public service, autonomous institutions, public-private partnership that are vital for efficient, fair and just democratic governance.

However, South Asia is also a region for achievements, experiments and innovations of democratic governance. Despite its largely diverse population, there have been a numerous innovation programmes to address the unique problems of various communities in the subcontinent. Therefore, learning not only the innovative solutions that our region has to offer but also understanding the complex problems that each society experiences - than following the models of the developed countries - will be massively beneficial to strengthen the quality of governance in South Asia. It is in this context, the 'Mapping of Innovations in Governance: Challenges and Opportunities for Transformative Changes in South Asia' aims to create a forum for academicians and practitioners in the region to share knowledge on the challenges and innovative solutions available in the region to strengthen the South Asian democratic governance.

### CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**Prof. Nizam Ahmed**

Convener

Former Prof. of Public Administration  
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## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9 APRIL, 2021 (FRIDAY)

**INAUGURAL SESSION**  
**09:30 AM - 10:45 AM**  
**[INDIAN STANDARD TIME]**

**09:30 AM**

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY **PROFESSOR NIZAM AHMED**, SECRETARY, SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR GOVERNANCE STUDIES & CONVENER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**09:40 AM**

WELCOME ADDRESS BY **DR. SANGITA DHAL**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, KALINDI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI & MEMBER-SECRETARY, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**09:45 AM**

ADDRESS BY **DR. PRADEEP PEIRIS**, SENIOR LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA & MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**09:50 AM**

ADDRESS BY SPECIAL GUEST **PROFESSOR NAINA HASIJA**, HON. PRINCIPAL, KALINDI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, INDIA

**09:55 AM**

ADDRESS BY SPECIAL GUEST **SENIOR PROFESSOR LASANTHA MANAWADU**, HON. DEAN, FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

**10:00 AM**

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST **PROFESSOR NAJMA AKHTAR**, HON. VICE CHANCELLOR, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

**10:10 AM**

KEY NOTE ADDRESS BY **PROFESSOR RUMKI BASU**, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, JAMIA MILLIA ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI, INDIA

**10:30 AM**

ADDRESS BY CHAIR **PROFESSOR SUBHASH KASHYAP**, FORMER SECRETARY-GENERAL, THE LOK SABHA, INDIA, AND PRESIDENT, SOUTH ASIAN NETWORK FOR GOVERNANCE STUDIES

**10:40 AM**

VOTE OF THANKS BY **DR. MANILA NARZARY**, TEACHER-IN-CHARGE, DEPT. OF POLITICAL SCIENCE, KALINDI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, INDIA

**SESSION HOST:**

**PROFESOR AMIR MOHAMMAD NASRULLAH**, UNIVERSITY OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH AND MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**TEA BREAK**  
**10:45 AM- 10:50AM [IST]**



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

9 APRIL, 2021 (FRIDAY)

**WORKING SESSION I**  
**10:50 AM - 12:30 PM**  
**[INDIAN STANDARD TIME]**

### INNOVATIONS IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN SOUTH ASIA

**MODERATOR: PROFESSOR SALAHUDDIN M. AMINUZZAMAN**  
UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH

**DISCUSSANT: DR. PRADEEP PEIRIS**  
UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

#### 10:50 AM - 11:35 AM

##### PAPERS

- CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND POLITICS IN POST-WAR SRI LANKA - **DR. SHAMINI CHANDRAN**, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA.
- NGOs' EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT GOOD GOVERNANCE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL: A COMPARISON OF TWO PARTNERSHIP MODEL - **DR. MOHAMMAD JAHANGIR HUSSAIN MOJUMDER**, CHOWMUHANI GOVERNMENT SA COLLEGE, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, BANGLADESH.
- BUILDING SYNERGY BETWEEN LOCAL AGENCIES AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL: A STUDY OF PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN INDIA - **DR. NACHIKETA SINGH**, SGTB KHALSA COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, INDIA.

#### 11:35 - 11:45 AM

DELIBERATION BY DESIGNATED DISCUSSANT

#### 11:45 - 12:00 PM

OPEN DISCUSSION

#### 12:00 - 12:15 PM

RESPONSE FROM AUTHORS

#### 12:15 - 12:25 PM

MODERATOR'S CONCLUSION

#### 12:25 - 12:30 PM

VOTE OF THANKS BY

**DR. SADIK HASAN**, UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH, AND MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

#### SESSION HOST:

**PROF. DR AMIR MOHAMMAD NASRULLAH**, UNIVERSITY OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH AND MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE





## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### 10 APRIL, 2021 (SATURDAY)

**WORKING SESSION II**  
**9:30 AM - 11:45 AM**  
**[INDIAN STANDARD TIME]**

### E-GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY IN SOUTH ASIA

**MODERATOR:** PROFESSOR AMITA SINGH, JNU, INDIA & PRESIDENT NAPSIPAG  
(NETWORK OF ASIA PACIFIC SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE)

**DISCUSSANT:** PROFESSOR REENA PATEL,  
NLSIU, BANGALORE, INDIA & FORMER FACULTY MEMBER,  
DEPT. OF LAW AND DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK, U.K

**09:30 AM - 10:45 AM**

#### PAPERS

- DIGITAL INDIA: TOWARDS TRANSFORMING GOVERNANCE - **SHRI VINAY THAKUR**, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, NATIONAL E-GOVERNANCE DIVISION, AND ADDL. DIRECTOR GENERAL IN BISAG-N, MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NEW DELHI, INDIA
- IMPLEMENTATING NATIONAL ICT POLICY IN BANGLADESH: CHALLENGES AND LESSONS - **DR. SADIK HASAN**, UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH
- E-GOVERNANCE AND (NON) CITIZEN IN SRI LANKA - **DR. ANJALI KORALE**, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
- UNDERSTANDING UNION DIGITAL CENTER (UDC) AND ITS IMPACT ON SERVICE DELIVERY AT LOCAL LEVEL: CASE OF A SUCCESS E-GOVERNANCE MODEL IN BANGLADESH- **DR. HARLOD BARIOI**, UNIVERSITY OF RAJSHAHI, AND **PROFESSOR PRANAB KUMAR PANDAY**, UNIVERSITY OF RAJSHAHI, BANGLADESH
- DOES TECHNOLOGY MATTER? EVALUATING COMMON SERVICE CENTER AND DELIVERY OF E-SERVICES IN RURAL INDIA - **DR. SANGITA DHAL**, KALINDI COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, INDIA

**10:45 - 11:00 AM**

DELIBERATION BY DESIGNATED DISCUSSANT

**11:00 - 11:10 AM**

OPEN DISCUSSION

**11:10 - 11:20 AM**

RESPONSE FROM AUTHORS

**11:20 - 11:30 AM**

MODERATOR'S CONCLUSION

#### VOTE OF THANKS:

**DR. PRADEEP PEIRIS**, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA & MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

#### SESSION HOST:

**PROF. AMIR MOHAMMAD NASRULLAH**, UNIVERSITY OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH AND MEMBER, CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

**MORNING TEA**  
**11:30 AM - 11:45 AM**



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### 10 APRIL, 2021 (SATURDAY)

**WORKING SESSION III**  
**11:45 AM - 2:00 PM**  
**[INDIAN STANDARD TIME]**

### GOVERNANCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION REFORMS AND INNOVATIONS IN SOUTH ASIA

**MODERATOR:** EMERITUS PROFESSOR IMIYA KAAMALA LIYANAGE  
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

**DISCUSSANT:** PROFESSOR FERDOUS ARFINA OSMAN  
UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA, BANGLADESH

#### 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM

##### PAPERS

- INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN BANGLADESH - **PROFESSOR AMIR M. NASRULLAH**, UNIVERSITY OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH
- INNOVATIONS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN INDIA - **DR. SACHIN CHOWDHRY**, INDIAN INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (IIPA), NEW DELHI, INDIA
- CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, INSTITUTIONAL TENSIONS (CRISIS) AND GOVERNANCE QUALITY IN SRI LANKA - **DR. RAMESH RAMASAMY**, UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA, SRI LANKA

#### 12:30 - 12:45 PM

DELIBERATION BY DESIGNATED DISCUSSANT

#### 12:45 - 1:00 PM

OPEN DISCUSSION

#### 1:00 - 1:15 PM

RESPONSE FROM AUTHORS

#### 1:15 - 1:30 PM

MODERATOR'S CONCLUSION

#### 1:30 - 1:40 PM

VOTE OF THANKS BY

**PROF. AMIR MOHAMMAD NASRULLAH**, UNIVERSITY OF CHITTAGONG, BANGLADESH AND MEMBER,  
CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

#### SESSION HOST:

**DR FARAHA NAWAZ**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DEPT. OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION,  
UNIVERSITY OF RAJSHAHI, BANGLADESH



# Snapshots of the Conference





