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Sri Venkateswara College

(University of Delhi)

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SRI VENKATESWARA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

EVENT REPORT

NAME OF THE EVENT: Diamond Jubilee Lecture by Yamini Aiyar			
DATE	DEPARTMENT	COMMITTEE/SOCIETY	COORDINATORS' NAME
17 th of August, 2022	BA Programme Committee	BA Programme Students' Council	Dr. S Krishnakumar
TIME	VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	NATURE: Outdoor/Indoor; online/offline/hybrid
11:30 AM	Seminar Hall	120	Indoor/Offline
FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ ASSISTANCE (if any):	College Grants sanctioned to the BA Programme Committee		

BRIEF INFORMATION ABOUT THE ACTIVITY

TOPIC/SUBJECT OF THE ACTIVITY	Diamond Jubilee Lecture by Yamini Aiyar
OBJECTIVES	The purpose was to highlight the changing nature of the welfare state in India, which has evolved, how its retreat in the mid-nineties had a negative effect on the social sectors and was restored with the help of civil society. To highlight as to what are the challenges of the welfare state today.
METHODOLOGY	The event was organized by the BA Programme Committee. This was in the form of a lecture by Ms. Yamini Aiyar, President and Chief Executive of the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, a public policy research think tank. This was followed by a Q&A session.
INVITED SPEAKERS WITH AFFILIATION DETAILS (IF ANY)	Ms. Yamini Aiyar
OUTCOMES	

PROOFS & DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (Tick mark the proofs attached):

1 Notice & Letters	2 Number of Participants & Name of Participants	3 Video clip ✓	4 Photos ✓	5 Feedback Form & Analysis
6 A news clip with details	7 Sample Copy of the Certificate	8 Posters/ Invites ✓	9 Event report Attested by Event Coordinator & IQAC Coordinator ✓	10 Any other document

IQAC Document No: IQAC/SVC/2022-23/BAPC/02	Criterion No: II
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NAME OF TEACHER & SIGNATURE	NAME OF HEAD/ COMMITTEE IN CHARGE & SIGNATURE	IQAC COORDINATOR (SEAL & SIGNATURE)
Dr. S Krishnakumar	Dr. S Krishnakumar	

FOR REFERENCE

Criterion I	Curricular Aspects (planning & Implementation)	Criterion V	Student Support & Progression
Criterion II	Teaching Learning & Evaluation	Criterion VI	Governance
Criterion III	Research, Innovations & Extension	Criterion VII	Institutional Values & Best Practices
Criterion IV	Learning Resources and Infrastructure		

REPORT

Ms Yamini Aiyar, President of the Centre for Policy Research delivered the Diamond Jubilee Lecture organized under the auspices of the BA Programme Committee. Recollecting her days as a young undergraduate student at Delhi University in the mid-1990s, she recalled that she belonged to a generation that tasted the first fruits of economic liberalization. Freed from the shackles of the state, our lives and futures improved dramatically. We embraced the new consumer goods flooding the market with gusto—queuing up four hours, for instance, to taste a McDonald’s burger when the chain first opened in New Delhi. Our future prospects, visible in private sector recruitment drives on campus, looked lucrative and bright. The state had exited from our everyday lives, and we celebrated our newly found economic freedom.

Further, she observed that a few years later, her work took her through dusty rural roads. Here, she encountered a different India. Far from celebrating the exit of the state, this India was waiting and yearning for the state. Waiting for it to build schools, roads, and hospitals. This India was not naïve. The people knew, better that the state could be corrupt, apathetic, and inefficient. But they also looked to this mai-baap sarkar (as many described it) to give them the means to enjoy their economic freedoms. “Without the road, we cannot get to the market. Without schools, we cannot get jobs,” she quipped. This was—and arguably 30 years later remains—the constant refrain.

It is in the interstices of these two competing narratives of the Indian state—and what they mean to different Indians—that our seven-decade-long journey towards building an India that delivers social and economic freedoms to all citizens needs to be assessed.

The Indian state has produced the world’s best. It built the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs), the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and the All-India Institutes of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and gifted the world some of its finest doctors, nurses, and engineers. We have made progress on key socio-economic indicators. Literacy rates improved from 18% in 1950 to 77% in 2017, maternal mortality ratios declined from 1,000 deaths per 100,000 live births in 1950 to 103 in 2017-19.

Yet, when it comes to substantively ensuring these freedoms for all Indians, our performance has been singularly unimpressive. India ranks 116 out of 174 countries in the World Bank’s human capital index, 131 out of 189 countries on the UN’s Human Development Index and 101 out of 116 in the Global Hunger Index. The Indian welfare state has a long way to go. This was followed by a Q & A session.

Here is a link to the video related to the event:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xsz0ybum4No>

1. PICTURES OF THE EVENT





2. THE POSTER



BA PROGRAMME COMMITTEE
Sri Venkateswara College
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Invites you for the
Diamond Jubilee Lecture
The Indian Welfare State @ 75



Yamini Aiyar

President and Chief Executive

Centre For Policy Research
New Delhi

Venue:

Seminar Hall

Durgabai Deshmukh Block

17 August 2022

11:30 AM

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