



Vision India
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POLICY BOOTCAMP 2017

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About Us

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Vision India Foundation is a non-profit initiative in domain of public policy and governance. It was founded by faculty and alumni of various IITs in 2014. Our mission is to bring systemic reforms in India which align with the nation's aspirations and ethos. For this, we groom bright and passionate young minds for future leadership of the nation. Since our establishment, we have worked with various government and non-government partners on a wide range of projects.



POLICY BOOTCAMP

Policy BootCamp is a 21-day residential program focused on public policy, social leadership and nation-building. 150 delegates from around the country and the world come together and stay in one campus. The program is graced by 50+ speakers including union ministers, bureaucrats, parliamentarians, grassroots reformers, social leaders, academicians, impact investors and young achievers.

Structure of PBC

ANNUAL PROGRAM BY VIF

The Policy BootCamp has been carefully designed to deliver holistic learning, exposure and mentorship to each of the 150 delegates. Spanning over 3 weeks, the program is driven through the following components:

KEYNOTE LECTURES:

These are attended by all 150 delegates in an auditorium setting. Average duration is 2.5 hours, including 45 minutes for Q/A. The session is delivered by subject experts and is planned with the curriculum coordinator at VIF keeping the flow of the bootcamp and delegation profile in mind.

CASE STUDIES:

Towards the end of the second week of the bootcamp, the delegates are divided into smaller groups of 10 members each, to work on case studies. This gives an opportunity to apply the learning in real life scenarios and to develop problem solving skills.

VIDEO MAKING:

The delegates are divided into groups of 10 members each and are asked to prepare a short video on a particular topic within 72 hrs. This activity takes place in the first week of the bootcamp. It brings a good mix of creativity and rigorous team work, and hence has been observed to be an effective ice-breaker. The videos are then screened in front of all 150 delegates, who vote for the best video based on various parameters.

FIELD VISITS:

The delegates are taken through some models of local governance and public systems in the second week of the bootcamp. This element brings in an immersive experience and hence provides room for empathetic community interaction.



PEER-TO-PEER SESSIONS:

When 150 delegates from diverse backgrounds come together, there is immense knowledge to be shared. Various peer-to-peer sessions are scheduled during the course of the bootcamp. The topics can range across the spectrum. Slotting is based on relevance of the topic to the cohort, expertise of the delegate on the subject, structure of the session. They are reviewed by the curriculum coordinator at VIF.



YOGA/MEDITATION:

The day at Policy BootCamp begins with a short yoga and meditation session. This aligns the body and mind to enhance learning experience, reflect with mindfulness, and make optimum use of their time at the Policy BootCamp. In the first week of the bootcamp, a self-awareness workshop is organized to teach some meditation techniques.

DEBRIEFING IN CLASSROOMS:

The entire cohort of 150 delegates is divided into 4 classrooms keeping a balanced representation of gender, educational backgrounds and interest areas. Each classroom is assigned a moderator from VIF. The classrooms meet once a day to reflect on the various sessions, to discuss different viewpoints, and to incorporate learnings into personal journeys.



IDEA HAAT:

In the final week of the Policy BootCamp, the delegates are asked to brainstorm on ideas towards which they would want to commit themselves. They have to capture the 'Why, What, How and When' of these ideas. The ideas can once again range across the spectrum - right from entrepreneurial ideas to academic projects, from grassroots intervention to policy changes at the macro level. The essence is for the delegates to be able to articulate their ideas, align career trajectories with life goals, as well as identify the different stakeholders.





EVENING GAMES:

A range of group evening games are organized to stimulate the energy levels of the delegates. These games are organized to facilitate physical activity, to inculcate team spirit and to develop a level of belongingness among delegates from different backgrounds, gender and age. Lesser known games from Indian grassroots have been very successful in the previous editions.

ELECTIVES:

Apart from the core content that is delivered at the Policy BootCamp, several electives are also offered. Each elective spans itself over four sessions of 1-hour each. The delegates can pick up to three electives. The topics of electives keep evolving in every edition depending upon the flow of curriculum.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES.

MENTORSHIP SESSIONS:

During the second half of the Policy BootCamp, various slots are provided where the delegates can approach members of the VIF team on a one-to-one basis or as a group for mentorship sessions on career and life trajectories, as well as to explore possible support and collaboration. Members from the VIF team may also engage some delegates with relevant people, in its network. In addition, the VIF team also conducts a separate session on possible career trajectories in the nation building space. The mentorship sessions help the delegates gain clarity and exposure on the same.

RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

The Policy BootCamp provides opportunities to various public as well as private organizations working in relevant areas to recruit delegates from the bootcamp. VIF has also partnered with various state governments in the past to engage delegates on projects post the program. The recruitment sessions take place in the last week of the Policy BootCamp.





Dr. Shamika Ravi
Member, Prime Minister's Economic Council

Evolving Public Policy Landscape in India



Sh. Apurv Kumar Mishra
Editor-in-Chief, India Law Journal

Good Ideas to Good Legislations



Sh. Jayakumar Selvaraj
Political Consultant

Decoding the Union Budget



Sh. Avinash Tiku
International Faculty for Art of Living Leadership Programs

Self Discovery Workshop



Dr. Rajesh Chakrabarti
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Introduction to Public Policy



Dr. Kaushiki Sanyal
CEO, Co-Founder of Sunay Policy Advisory Pvt. Ltd.

Introduction to Public Policy



Sh. Anil Bokil
Founder of Arthakranti; Social Activist, Entrepreneur, Economic Theorist

Demonetization: Intent, Impact, and the Road Ahead



Sh. Krishnakant Shukla
Physicist, Musician, Poet, Ecologist, and Educator

An Idea of India from the Grassroots



Sh. Avinash Mohanty
DCP (Crime), Hyderabad; IPS Officer

Behind the Scenes with an IPS Officer



Sh. Sudhir Krishnaswamy
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Judicial Reforms



Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
Development Activist, Social Innovator, Writer, Leadership Trainer; Specialization in Public Administration from Harvard University

Development and Poverty



Shakti Sinha
Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library

Why Youth Should Engage in Public Policy



Sh. Tamal Bandyopadhyay
Indian Business Journalist; Columnist, The Mint

Story of Bandhan Banks



Sh. Vinay Sahasrabudde
Rajya Sabha MP

'Antyodaya' in the Development Paradigm





Sh. Anil Swarup

Secretary, Primary Education; Former Coal Secretary (IAS)

Transformations in Governance



Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan

Founder, Lok Satta Party; General Secretary, Foundation for Democratic Reforms

Empowering Local Self Governance



Dr. Madhu Kishwar

Founder, Manushi; Professor at Centre for Study of Developing Societies; Writer and Activist

Her Journey of Ushering-in Reforms



Dr. Sreeram Chaulia

Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs, Jindal Global University.

Modi's Foreign Policy Doctrine



Sh. Himanshu Patel

Winner, Rajiv Gandhi Bharat Ratna as India's Best Sarpanch (2011)

Development Story of Punsari



Sh. Mahesh Sharma

Development Leader Working on Tribal Projects in Jhabua

Community Mobilization for Local Self Governance (Jhabua Model)



Sh. Rama Divedi

Teacher (Economic Warfare & Geostrategy of India) ESSEC Executive Education, France

Economic Warfare



Lt. Gen. Syed Ata Hasnain

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The Kashmir Conundrum



Sh. Michel Danino

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Rethinking Education



Sh. Sultan Shahin

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Understanding Islamic Extremism & Deradicalization



Sh. Adinarayanan Venkatachalam

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The Self and the Nation



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Deconstructing Discourse



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Youth in Politics



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Youth in Politics



Sh. Devinder Sharma

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Agrarian Reforms



Sh. Nipun Mehra

Investor and Entrepreneur; Vice President at Sequoia Capital

Enterprise Building for Nation Building



Sh. Pramath Raj Sinha

Founding Dean, Indian School of Business; Founder and
Managing Director of 9.9 Mediaworkx Pvt. Ltd.

Rethinking Models of Higher Education



Sh. Prakash Javadekar

Union Minister of Ministry of Human Resource Develop-
ment (MHRD), Government of India

Building the Human Resource Capital of India



Dr. Ashok Jhunjhunwala

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IIT Madras

India's Energy Landscape



Sh. Milind Kamble

Padma Shri Awardee; Founder, DICCI

Alternate Dalit Narrative - From Entitlement to
Empowerment



Dr. Srinath Reddy

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Public Health Challenges in India



Sh. Subrat Sahoo

Principal Secretary, Public Health and Family Welfare
and Medical Education, Government of Chhattisgarh

Interventions in Public Health Delivery | Chhattisgarh



Smt. Rashmi Bansal

Author, Stay Hungry Stay Foolish;
Indian Non-Fiction Writer

Change Makers in India



Sh. Srikant Sinha

CEO, NASSCOM Foundation

From Ideas to Execution



Sh. Jayesh Ranjan

Secretary, IT, Government of Telangana

Building a Resurgent State



SPEAKERS



Sh. Rakesh Gupta
Addl. Principal Secretary - CM's Office,
Government of Haryana

Good Governance in Practice



Dr. Jyoti Kiran
Economist & Academician; Former Chairperson, Fifth
Rajasthan State Finance Commission

Involving Youth in Governance



Smt. Nidhi Kamdar
OSD, Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Branding of State, and Opportunities in the
Government



Dr. Sankrant Sanu
Entrepreneur, Writer, Researcher

The English Medium Myth - Dismantling
Barriers to India's Growth



Sh. Ankit Shah
Sarpanch, Pavijetpur, Gujarat

Development Story of Punsari



Sh. Devendra Pai
Course Director, Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership

Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership



Sh. Gaurav Shah
Founder - Indian School of Development Management

Careers in Development Management



DELEGATES



Kangkana Haloi
M.A. Public Policy and Governance, Amity
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"Policy BootCamp is the perfect way to enhance your learning. Whether dawn or dusk, you're always left wanting for more. Kudos to the optimism that runs in the corridors of the BootCamp. I truly am grateful for this experience. inspired each one of us to take a step toward nation building."

Ketan Dand

Public Policy Enthusiast; Independent Corporate Law consultant; Insolvency professional; Organic Food entrepreneur

"I don't think there is anything similar to this, in India, at the moment. If you're planning to sign up, do not hesitate irrespective of whether you're coming from the public policy space or not. It really is a 'BootCamp' in all of its 21 days."



Nishtha Joshi

M.A. Political Science, Delhi University; Founder, Walkathon Tours

"These 21 days have been amazing with intense intellectual stimulation and holistic learning experiences. Definitely going to stay in touch with each one of the individuals I've met at the PBC."





Pranav Bharadwaj

Apprentice, WS Atkins; PGD Renewable Energy TERI University (Pursuing); Alumnus of SRM University

“One of the many things I have learnt in this camp is to be a sponge - take everything in and then YOU yourself decide what to leave out. All publications and content in print media cannot be taken at face value. Learning to read between the lines and validating content, are just as important.”

Shail Shah

Alumnus, Gujarat Technological University

“Agar aap desh ke liye kuch karna chahte ho, kuch dena chahte ho toh apko ye ikkis [21] din VIF ko dene chahiye”



Ravi Kapoor

Founder, Sankofa Jewels; Graduate, Diamonds, Gemological Institute of America; BBS, SSCBS, Delhi University

“We demarcate a comfort zone for ourselves and stay put. All one needs is a push to break out of that cocoon and drive toward the ‘magic’, which is seemingly faraway. And this push is exactly what the BootCamp gave to me. It’s a perfect launchpad, an eyeopener. The kind of exposure one gets at the PBC is unlike any other.”



Rama Tentu

Management Trainee, Research and Development, Hindustan Unilever Limited

“Little did I know that these 21 days would make me come face to face with a number of realisations, one of them being that it is ‘I’ who needs to change first. It is commendable how VIF has brought together change makers from across the country and inspired each one of us to take a step toward nation building.”

Krishna Gandhi

B.Sc. Economics and Finance, University of London International Programmes; Language Enthusiast (fluent in 5 languages)

“I have had the opportunity to meet so many people from diverse backgrounds with everyone having their own story to share. This has impacted and influenced me in so many different ways. I have learnt to celebrate individuality - both mine as well as another’s. The PBC was a lot of learning and self actualisation.”



Siddharth Nalluri

Strategy Head, OTS Advertising; Alumnus, Penn State University

“I come from advertising and this is a completely new space for me. I was actually very overwhelmed when I came here - saw a lot of kids younger than me who are doing so much more with their free time and for the nation. I am really going to cherish this experience and make the most of it.”



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