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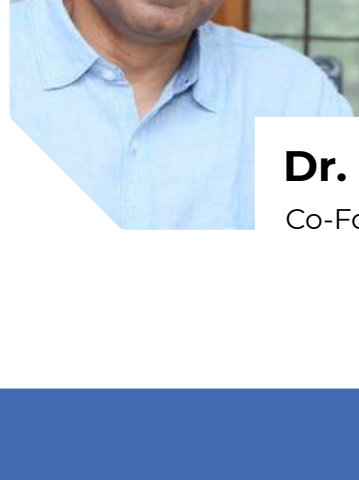
QUARTERLY LEADERSHIP INSIGHTS

For us, this is a moment of quiet renewal - and a return to a space we've missed. As ISPP continues to grow, so does our commitment to thoughtful, purposeful communication. This refreshed edition of our newsletter marks the beginning of a new rhythm - arriving each quarter with sharper focus and stories that matter.

While you may have seen our energy and the evolution of our journey on our social media channels, we want to use this space to share some distilled reflections and hold space with our mission of creating the next generation of policy leaders. This year has been and will, surely, be studded with milestones: the sixth cohort of our the Public Policy, Design & Management (PDM) programme will graduate in July. Through our Executive Education offerings — including LokNeeti and Understanding Government — we've equipped 1,300+ professionals and reached over 28,500 students through our Online Education initiatives via iGOT and L&T EduTech.

These strides would not be possible without the vision and belief of our co-founders - Luis Miranda, Ashish Parthasarathy, Govind Iyer, Jerry Rao, Nadir Godrej, Nandan Nilekani, Shekhar Shah, Shubhashis Gangopadhyay, Vallabh Bhansali, Vidya Shah, and Vijay Kelkar - whose unwavering commitment to inclusive, future-forward policy education has been foundational for ISPP, and continues to shape our path.

As we look ahead, we're reimagining how we share our work, with clear intention and depth. Each edition of this newsletter will now spotlight a theme that reflects our evolving purpose and community. We begin with Women in Public Policy - a conversation long overdue, and one we're proud to lead.



Dr. Parth Shah
Co-Founder & Dean, ISPP

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Women in Public Policy: A New Era

Leadership is evolving, and women are leading the charge.

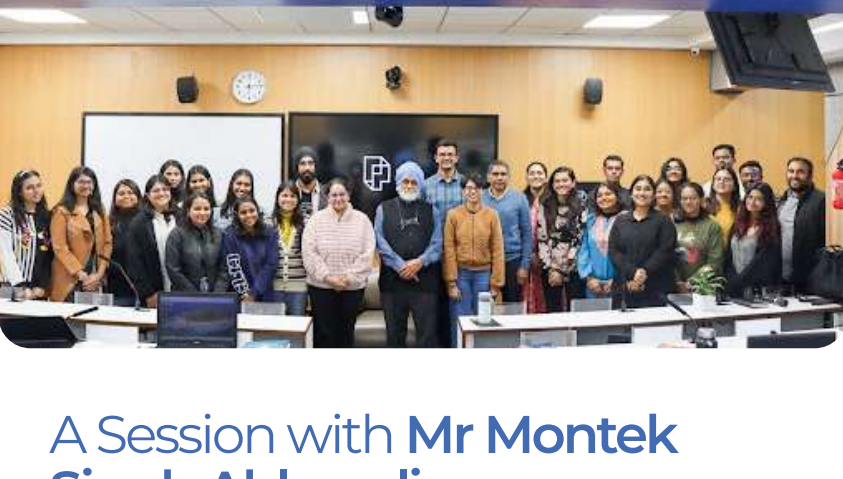
From record-breaking IAS representation to grassroots governance, we explore the rise, the gaps, and the path ahead. Featuring voices, data, and a bold new scholarship, it's a rallying cry for inclusive, ethical, and impactful policy leadership.



At ISPP, we're proud to be shaping and supporting this shift —through education, action, and a growing network of women changemakers.

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ISPP Spotlights



A Session with Mr Montek Singh Ahluwalia

Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India, engaged ISPP Scholars, and drew on his distinguished career to share insights on navigating India's policy landscape, highlighting adaptability, critical thinking, and ethics as leadership essentials.

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Scholarships for Change

Through our Franklin Templeton Public Policy Leadership Scholarships, we support women from underrepresented communities. **Mr Avinash Satwalekar, President, Franklin Templeton India**, reflects on the partnership.

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Sansad 2025: Bold Ideas, Grounded Realities

Sansad 2025 transformed from a simulation to a bustling policy lab - where ISPP Scholars, experts, and gig workers reimagined India's labour future with empathy, insight, and bold, solution-driven debate.

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Celebrating Visionary Leadership:

We're proud to share that **Dr Parth Shah**, Co-Founder and Dean of ISPP, has been honoured with the **2024 Sir Antony Fisher Achievement Award** - a global recognition of his 25-year journey championing economic freedom in India. Dr Shah's work continues to shape and power ISPP's mission.

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Collaborations & Practise in Action

We're proud to also share milestones for ISPP with the launch of two pioneering centres: the Case Study and Research Centre (CSRC) and the Centre for Universal Health Assurance (CUHA). Together, they signal our deepening commitment to grounded research, transformative learning, and policy leadership that addresses India's most urgent governance and health challenges.

ISPP Case Study Centre

We launched the ISPP Case Study and Research Centre to bring real-world policy closer to the classroom. By capturing governance dilemmas, lived experiences, and institutional breakthroughs, the Centre is building a uniquely Indian library of cases and insights.

Already, its impact is being felt — **three of the five India-based case studies highlighted by the Capacity Building Commission have been developed by ISPP.** It's early days—but the momentum is real. And the mission is clear: make public policy education more rooted, relevant, and ready for the challenges ahead.

ISPP X MAHE X Indegene | Advancing Universal Health Coverage



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ISPP, [Manipal Academy of Higher Education](#) (MAHE), and [Indegene](#) are collectively proud to launch the Centre for Universal Health Assurance (CUHA) — a pioneering initiative committed to strengthening India's healthcare systems.

Led by Dr. Srinath Reddy, member of ISPP faculty, renowned public health expert and a Founding President of PHFI, the Centre will serve as a hub for cutting-edge research, policy dialogue, and capacity building focused on Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

ISPP's Insights on Transforming Public Policy Training with Capacity Building Commission (CBC)

ISPP partnered with Stanford's Leadership Academy for Development and the [Capacity Building Commission](#) to roll out a landmark Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on case-based learning for civil servant institutes.



Backed by [ADB India](#), the initiative brought together 60 participants and created 30 real-world governance case studies - one-third proudly contributed by ISPP under #AmritGyanKosh. This effort is being led by Dr Imran Amin, ISPP Faculty Member.



Building the future of governance begins with reimagining how we teach it. Through this partnership with ISPP and Stanford, we've catalysed a powerful shift-embedding real-world, case-based learning into the heart of civil servant training.

Dr. R Balasubramaniam
Member HR, Capacity Building Commission, Government of India.

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Launch | Vision 2047: Administrative Reforms for a Viksit Bharat

ISPP launched its flagship report, Vision 2047: Administrative Reforms for a Viksit Bharat, outlining six priority reforms to help India achieve its \$30 trillion potential. Based on expert consultations, the report offers bold, actionable pathways to strengthen governance and steer India's growth toward a resilient, inclusive future.

The systems that helped India navigate its past must now be re-engineered to shape its future. Governance today requires integration, innovation, and leaders equipped to think beyond silos.

O.P. Agarwal
Professor of Practice at ISPP

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Alumni Corner & Impact

Alumni Spotlight: Praneta Kansal

For Praneta Kansal (PDM Class of 2023), public policy wasn't the plan - it was a calling she stumbled upon and couldn't ignore. An economics graduate, her first brush with policy lit a quiet, lasting fire.

At ISPP, she grew from a hesitant voice to a confident changemaker, founding the Music Club, diving into debates, and discovering herself along the way.

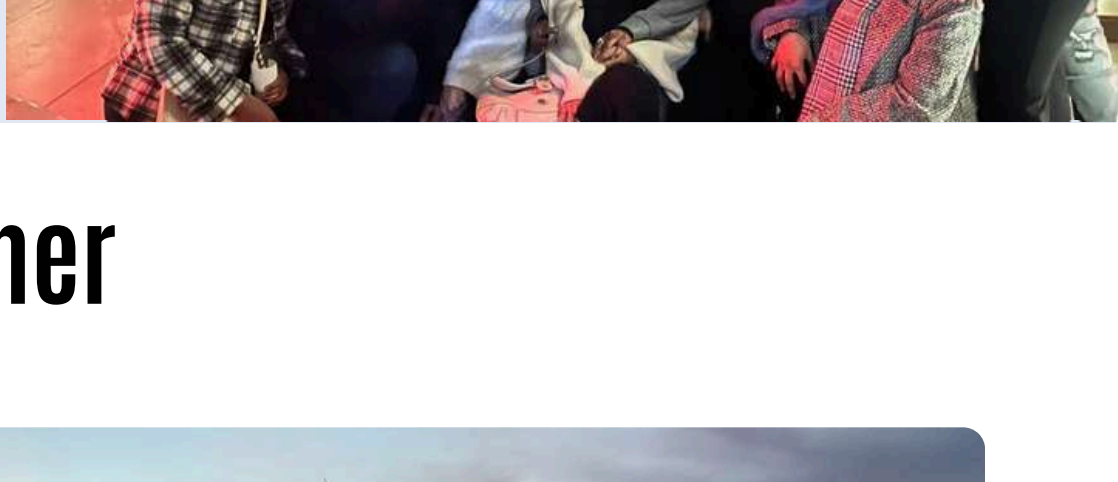
Today, at the Inspiring Seniors Foundation, as a Program Manager, she catalyses impact in advocacy, funding, social media and by driving strategic initiatives to empower senior citizens.



You don't have to start with certainty. You just have to start with curiosity.

Alumni Corner | Celebrating Connections

Back in December, we hosted our Annual Alumni Day! For the first time, eighty alumni came together for an evening of nostalgia, laughter, and shared purpose. It was time for reflections on the enduring spirit of the ISPP community, and we look forward to continuing this tradition every year.



ISPP Policy Brief Corner



THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF URBAN AREAS

In August 2024, ISPP and Dun & Bradstreet released a landmark policy brief, The Economic Significance of Urban Areas, highlighting how cities-home to 36% of Indians-drive 60% of GDP. A powerful dialogue between Dr. Arun Singh and Prof. O.P. Agarwal underscored the urgency of reimagining urban policy and governance.

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FINANCING INDIA'S URBAN TRANSFORMATION

Urban India needs ₹4-4.3 trillion annually for infrastructure, 3x more than what ULBs currently raise. The latest policy brief by Neeraj Sahai and Dr. Arun Singh, in collaboration with Dun & Bradstreet and ISPP, outlines urgent solutions—from boosting municipal bonds to deepening fiscal decentralisation.

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This is but a glimpse into the exciting world of ISPP. We encourage you to stay connected and learn more about our initiatives.

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