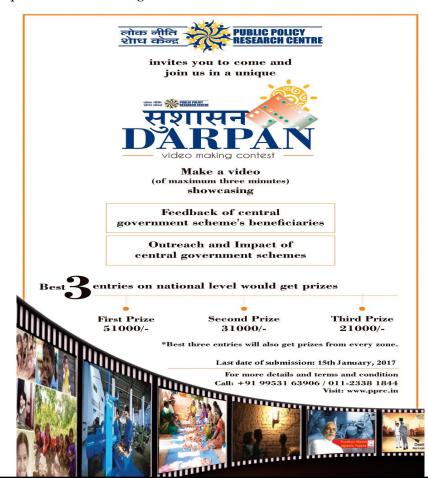
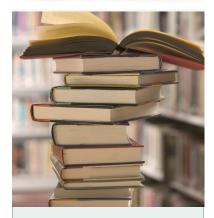
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Public Policy Research Centre is organizing a "Su-shasan Darpan" Video Making Contest. The main objective behind this contest is to increase the awareness about Central Government Schemes like Ujjawala Yojana, Mudra Yojana, Make in India, Swacch Bharat Abhiyaan, Jan-Dhan Yojana etc. The beneficiaries and others can share their feedback and impact stories with us in the form of maximum 3-miniute video clip. Anyone can participate in this contest and send us video on positive impact of these schemes.

The participants are required to create video clipping of maximum 3minutes and upload it to our website (www.pprc.in). The best video clip of "Su-Shasan" will get an award from PPRC







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November 11, 2016

PPRC organized a study circle on recent project Socio-Economic Development & Security Scenario: A Case Study of Rajasthan Border at Conference Hall- Kamal Sandesh.

December 8, 2016

PPRC organized a Facebook Live Chat session on Demonetisation with Dr. Narendra Jadhav. December 2016 Volume 2, Issue 4

'The Constitution (122nd amendment) GST Bill, 2014

Legislative Brief

Focus on Impact and International Experiences

The GST (Goods and Services) Bill is easily one of the most important bills to be tabled for discussion in Parliament in the monsoon session. It is asserted that the Constitution (122nd amendment) GST Bill, 2014 (GST Bill hereafter), is a game-changing reform in the prevailing multi-layered tax system in India. Historically being excessively dependant on indirect taxes, India has transversed a long way in reforming its complex tax system over the years and the GST Bill will be a culmination of these reforms.

The GST is expected to expand the tax base and reduce distortions by eliminating input taxes further. The peculiarity of an indirect tax like GST is that it has a very strong impact on the economy. The primary motive of the Act is to bring uniformity between states by dismantling fiscal inconsistencies and subsuming excise duty, value-added tax, entertainment tax, purchase-tax on goods and services, and luxury-tax among others.

The matter is particularly contentious, as some argue that the structure does not fit well with the federal character of the constitution and the prevailing center-state relations. So far, 18 states have endorsed the Constitutional Amendment bill on GST. Finance Minister's unflinching resolve in introducing GST for economic integration seems to be bearing fruit. However, the proposed bill still has to cross a few hurdles in the upcoming monsoon session of the Parliament.

STRENGTHENING THE DEMOCRACY

PPRC extends research services, viz., Parliamentary Business Insight (PBI) and Parliamentary Committee Insight (PCI) to Parliamentarians. The INSIGHT program has been launched on the first anniversary of the NDA-II government - 26th May 2015.

The idea for developing such a program was given by Shri Narendra Sawaikar (MP-South Goa, convener of the program. The Steering Committee is led by Advocate Nalin S. Kohli.

Services under PBI are given in general to all MPs, while those under PCI are extended on demand and/or expressed research need. All communication is paperless.

Since its launch, several MPs have taken research assistance under the INSIGHT program.

INSIGHT: RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM TO PARLIAMENTARIANS

PPRC's INSIGHT program launched on 26th May 2015 has been appreciated by several Parliamentarians. The services have catered to the research needs of several Parliamentarians in such a short period. Few Parliamentarians have expressed specific research demands which has been duly provided.

Research briefs on Maritime Security, Make in India, Tobacco Industry Regulations and New Foreign Trade Policy 2015 were provided to Sh Narendra Sawaikar and Transgender laws and Waqf board legislation to Kunwar B.Singh (MP-Bijnore), on their demand.

Briefs on the popularly called Black Money legislation passed by Parliament and on Judicial Appointments in India was sent to all Parliamentarians for general understanding.

During the Monsoon and Winter Sessions 2015, legislative briefs on the Land Acquisition Amendment Bill (popular name), National Waterways Bill, Benami Transactions Bill, Real Estate Bill, MSME Amendment Bill, SC/STs Amendment Bill



(popular name), Child Labour Amendment Bill (commonly called), Delhi HC Amendment Bill and Bureau of Indian Standards Bill, Electricity Amendment Bill and Commercial Courts/Divisions/Appellate in HC Bill was provided to the MPs. We also provided thematic briefs for discussion on the Constitution Day.

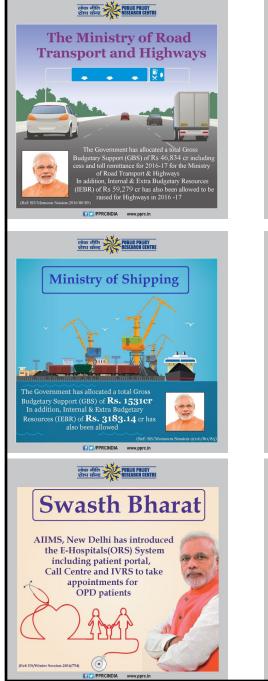
Some of these legislative briefs provided included specific demands from Prof CM Malviya (MP, Ujjain). We received testimonials from Smt Meenakshi Lekhi (MP-Delhi), Sh Meghraj Jain (MP-Indore) for the research assistance provided.

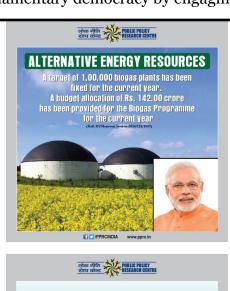
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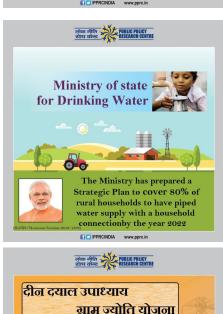
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Parliamentary discussions are rich source of evidences on contemporary policy issues and development trajectory of the country. Taking this at core, at PPRC questions exchanged in the Parliament during the Monsoon and Winter Session 2016 were scanned thoroughly to underline success stories.

As a result, several good initiatives taken across several Govt departments and Ministries were learnt and achievements were highlighted on social media platform by PPRC. Such exercises add to the democratic spirit of Parliamentary democracy by engaging the citizens.

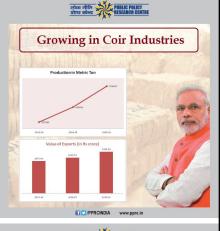


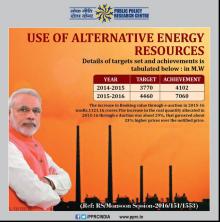












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