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The second issue of the FSI quarterly newsletter 'Videsh Sewa' focuses on the intensive training programme of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer Trainees (OTs) 2018 batch. The many innovations this year included Protocol deployment at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (Varanasi) and Kumbh Mela (Prayagraj), Cyber security attachment with Gujarat Forensic Sciences University, stand-alone modules on Customs & Central Excise, S&T diplomacy, Space diplomacy, Crisis Management, Sports diplomacy, Culinary diplomacy, Art appreciation, etc. as integral to the programme. IFS OTs-2018 participated in the Raisina Dialogue. English and Hindi classes were organised on request. Other new elements were sessions with foreign Ambassadors (including P-5 countries), simulation exercise with young US diplomats, interaction with foreign diplomats, country-specific paper writing and book review. The focus was on essential knowledge and high-impact, skill-based, hands-on practical training. In brief, FSI training combined 'sage on stage' with 'guide on side' methodology. The training calendar was refined to ensure timely movement to the Missions for language training.

Further, Defence Attaches-designate to our Missions from all three services, Commercial Representatives from Africa and Americas, Directors/heads of Indian Cultural Centres abroad attended tailor-made programmes at FSI. All India-based personnel in the Missions attended promotion and posting-related training programmes including passport, visa, accounts, etc. modules.

On the training of foreign diplomats, FSI conducted the first thematic programme by way of Disarmament Fellowship extended to one diplomat each from 26 developing and developed countries. The huge success of the Programme led to its institutionalisation as an annual event in the FSI calendar. The first half of 2019 also saw enhanced participation of foreign diplomats by way of our flagship 67th Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD), new regional course for diplomats from five Central Asian countries, and country-specific special courses for Syria, Sudan, Morocco, Senegal, Angola, Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Sao Tome & Principe, Egypt and Maldives. The familiarisation programme for resident Heads of Missions from Africa, following the success of the programme for Grulac Ambassadors last year, was a notable achievement. In comparison to 2017, the foreign training courses doubled in 2018 and are on course to be tripled during 2019.

All in all, the first half of 2019 was noteworthy for the increasing number of courses, enlarged scope of coverage, revised methodology of training, introduction of new modules and infrastructure improvement at FSI.

New Delhi
July 2019


(J.S. Mukul)
Dean (FSI)

Highlights

TRAINING FOR IFS OFFICER TRAINEES/ INDIAN DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS

Thirty nine Officer Trainees (OTs) of 2018 batch and two Bhutanese diplomats, who began their training at Foreign Service Institute (FSI) on 10 December 2018, completed their training on 31 May 2019. The training programme of the OTs at FSI included modules on theories of international relations, foreign policy, bilateral relations with neighbouring countries and big powers, and multilateral organizations. It included modules on

finance, account, administration, establishment, consular work, passport and visa, international law, protocol, economic & commercial diplomacy, defence diplomacy, cyber security, domestic policy, hospitality and media management. Soft power and communication skills were also stressed upon.

Training delivered at FSI is through interactive lectures, group discussions, panel discussions, case studies, role

plays and simulation and presentations on topical issues to develop creative thinking.



OTs call on Hon'ble President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind



OTs call on Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Venkaiah Naidu



OTs call on Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi



OTs during valedictory function with former EAM, Smt. Sushma Swaraj

A valedictory function was organized on 16 May 2019, which was presided over by former External Affairs Minister, Smt. Sushma Swaraj. The following awards were given on the occasion to deserving OTs of the 2018 batch.



Mr. Navodit Verma

Ambassador Bimal Sanyal Memorial Medal for the Best Dissertation &

Trophy for Best Committee: Academic Committee



Ms. Risha Oberai

External Affairs Minister's Gold Medal for the Best Officer Trainee &

Ambassador Bimal Sanyal Memorial Prize to Best Officer Trainee



Ms. Sanjana Arya

Minister of State Silver Medal for the Best Officer Trainee



Mr. Preetham S.

Trophy for Best Sportsman



Ms. Madhuri Gaddam

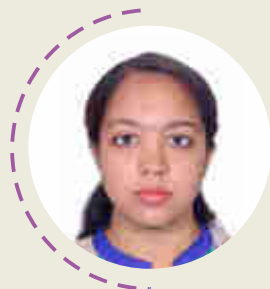
Trophy for Best Sportswoman



Mr. Himanshu Sagar



Mr. Shabeer K



Ms. Swetha M



Ms. Vallari M Gaikwad

Trophy for Best Committee: Academic Committee

Raisina Dialogue

OTs got exposure to India's Foreign Policy through the Raisina Dialogue in January 2019.



Mission Attachment

As part of the training programme, OTs went on Mission Attachment in different groups to Indian Missions in Bangladesh, China, Nepal and Sri Lanka from 18 to 22 February 2019.



Bharat Darshan

OTs did Bharat Darshan tour from 21 to 30 March 2019.



Cyber Security Attachment

Gujarat Forensic Sciences University attachment from 07 to 09 April 2019.



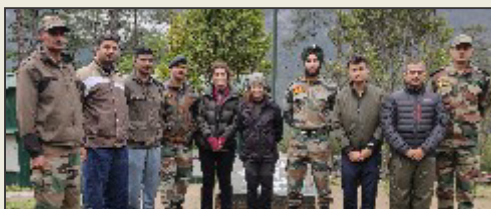
State Attachment

OTs were on State Attachment from 11 to 13 April 2019.



Army Attachment

OTs were sent on Army Attachment from 01 to 05 May 2019.



Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conference and 'Kumbh Mela' at Prayagraj

OTs were deployed for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference and 'Kumbh Mela' at Prayagraj in January 2019.



BPST Training

An exposure to the proceedings in Indian Parliament was given to the OTs through training at BPST on 30 April 2019 and 1 May 2019.



XP Attachment

An understanding of handling the media was done during attachment with External Publicity (XP) Division.



Visit to Passport Sewa Kendra



Bollywood Celebrity at FSI



Visit to Baoli

REPRESENTATIONAL GRADE TRAINING

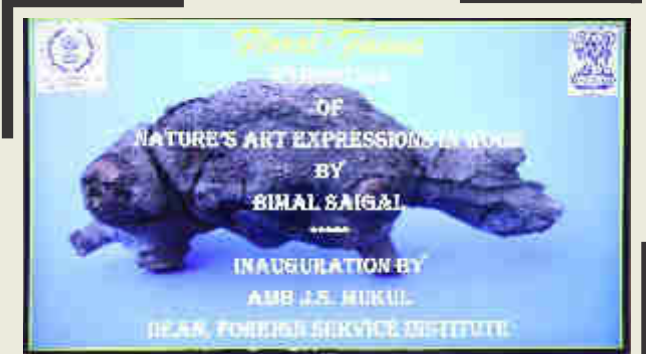
- ▶ A specialized training programme for Commercial Representatives (CRs) from Africa (excluding WANA region) and Americas (including LAC region) was conducted from 08 to 12 April 2019. Twenty six CRs from the above mentioned region participated in the programme at FSI.
- ▶ A one week pre-deployment training programme for the Defence Attachés was organised by FSI, from 10 to 14 June 2019. Fifteen army officials in the rank of Colonel and Brigadier equivalent from the three services of the Indian military (Army, Air force and Navy) participated

in the programme. Amb. J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI), delivered the welcome address in the presence of other officials from FSI. The purpose of conducting such a programme is to brief the Defence Attachés- designate about international relations in general and India's foreign policy in particular.

- ▶ A specialized training programme for Officers of National Security Council Secretariat was conducted on 22 February 2019. Twelve officers participated in this programme at FSI.
- ▶ FSI organized a training programme for Directors of Indian Council for Cultural Relations abroad from 1 May 2019 to 2 May 2019. Thirty four officers joined and attended this programme.



Art Appreciation



Session on Art Appreciation by Bimal Saigal, Consultant MEA

Training for Foreign Diplomats

► The 1st Annual Disarmament & International Security Affairs Fellowship Programme was organized at FSI from 14 January 2019 to 01 February 2019. The Fellowship Programme was organized in collaboration with the Disarmament & International Security Affairs (D&ISA) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs. Twenty six participants from twenty six different countries, including the P-5 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, France, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, UK, Venezuela and Vietnam) participated in the Programme. Mr. Vijay Gokhale, Foreign Secretary of India and Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary General were the keynote speakers at the inaugural-cum- welcome session. Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI), Amb Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary (D&ISA) and Ms. Renata Dawn, Director (UNIDIR) also addressed the Fellows during the inauguration.



► The 2nd Special Course for diplomats from Syria was organized by FSI from 04 to 16 February 2019. Forty young diplomats from Syria participated in the Course. The delegation was led by Amb Ghassan Nseir, Dean of the Syrian Diplomatic Institute. Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) hosted a



welcome reception for the Syrian diplomats which was also attended by H.E. Dr. Riad Kamel Abbas, Ambassador of Syria to India. By way of background, the 1st Special Course for 26 Syrian diplomats was successfully held at the FSI in January 2018. To date, 76 Syrian diplomats have participated in FSI training programmes for foreign diplomats.

► FSI organized the 2nd Familiarization Programme for Resident Heads of Mission (HoMs) from 18 to 22 February 2019. Resident HoMs from East, South, Central and West Africa participated in the Programme. Amb T.S. Tirumurti, Secretary (ER) of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and other senior officers from MEA and Government of India addressed



the Resident HoMs during the programme. The 1st Familiarization Programme for Resident HoMs was successfully conducted at FSI on 20-24 August 2018. HoMs from Latin and Caribbean countries had participated in the 1st Programme.

► The 2nd Special Course for Sudanese diplomats was organized by FSI from 25 February 2019 to 09 March 2019. Forty-six young diplomats from Sudan participated in the Course. Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) hosted a welcome reception for the Sudanese diplomats.



- ▶ The 67th Professional Course for Foreign Diplomats (PCFD) was organized by FSI from 13 March 2019 to 12 April 2019. Forty eight diplomats from forty two countries participated in the Course. The Course included training modules



on various topics including India's foreign policy, key international issues, multilateral diplomacy and diplomatic skills. The participants got an exposure to modern India's economic and technological developments. The diplomats also undertook study tours to Agra and Jaipur to experience the rich cultural heritage of India. The 1st PCFD was started in the year 1992 and is the flagship Course of FSI for foreign diplomats. It affirms the commitment of India to its friendly countries in sharing the knowledge and expertise in the field of diplomats' training.

- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Morocco was organized by FSI from 15 to 27 April 2019. Fourteen young diplomats from Morocco participated.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Senegal was organized by FSI from 15 to 27 April 2019. Ten young diplomats from Senegal participated in the Course. Prior to the Course, seven diplomats from Senegal had participated in various FSI training programmes.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Angola was organized by FSI from 06 to 18 May 2019. Six young diplomats from Angola participated.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Botswana was organized by FSI from 06 to 18 May 2019. Eighteen young diplomats from Botswana participated.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Equatorial Guinea was organized by FSI from 06 to 18 May 2019. Four young diplomats from Equatorial Guinea participated.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Liberia was organized by FSI from 06 to 18 May 2019. Twenty young diplomats from Liberia participated in the course. The Liberian diplomats were primarily protocol officers, thus, the course content was framed accordingly to incorporate more sessions on protocol issues.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Sao Tome and Principe was organized by FSI from 06 to 18 May 2019. Four young diplomats from Sao Tome and Principe participated.



- ▶ The 1st Special Course for diplomats from Egypt was held at FSI on 10-22 June 2019. Thirteen young diplomats from Egypt participated in the Course.



Familiarization Programme



Visit of Journalists/Editors from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to Foreign Service Institute on 24 April 2019



Visit of Journalists/Editors from Afghanistan on 21 June 2019

A Glimpse of Cultural Extravaganza at the Foreign Service Institute



1. Lighting of Lamp during the Valedictory Session of the 67th PCFD on 12 April 2019 by Amb J.S Mukul, Dean (FSI) and various Heads of Missions present as Guests of Honour for the function.

2. Yoga session for participants of 67th PCFD on 28 March 2019.

3. The participants of 67th PCFD singing the Africa Unity song during the Valedictory Session on 12 April 2019

4 Cultural Programme organized by OTs of 2018 batch

Field Visits



▶ Participants of the 1st Annual D&ISA Fellowship Programme visit Indian Space Research Organisation, Bengaluru on 21 January 2019



Visit to Akshardham Temple by Syrian diplomats on 08 February 2019 ◀



▶ Visit to Election Commission of India by Syrian diplomats on 11 February 2019



▶ Visit by participants of 67th PCFD to Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on 05 April 2019



▶ Sudanese diplomats visit Qutub Minar on 04 March 2019



Sudanese Diplomats visit a media house on 5 March 2019



Diplomats from Sudan visit Buland Darwaza, Fatehpur Sikri on 02 March 2019



Participants of 67th PCFD paid a field visit to a leading medical institution on 09 April 2019



Participants of the 67th PCFD visit Taj Mahal on 07 April 2019



Moroccan and Senegalese diplomats visit Humayun Tomb on 27 April 2019



Participants of 1st Annual D&ISA Fellowship Programme visit Narora Atomic Power Station, Uttar Pradesh on 25 January 2019

Visitors to FSI



1. Mr Eduardo Salgado Retana, Charge d' Affaires & Deputy Chief of Mission, Costa Rica visited FSI and discussed training related issues with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) on 06 January 2019



2. Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu, UN Under-Secretary-General and High Representation for Disarmament visited FSI during 1st Annual D&ISA Fellowship Programme. She also addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats at FSI on 14-15 January 2019



3. Ms. Renata Dawn, Director UNIDIR visited FSI during 1st Annual D&ISA Fellowship Programme on 14 January 2019 and interacted with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI)



4. Amb Ghassan Nseir, Dean of the Diplomatic Institute of Syria met Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) and had detailed discussions on training matters following the signing of MoU between the two institutes on 25 Jan 2018



5. H.E. Amb Tomasz Kozlowski, EU Ambassador to India, addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats on 05 February 2019



6. H.E. Mr Ahmed Yousif Mohamed Elsiddig, Amb of Sudan to India, interacted with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) on matters of diplomatic training and mutual cooperation on 17 February 2019



7. H.E. Mr. Kenji Hiramatsu, Ambassador of Japan to India, addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats at FSI on 20 February 2018



8. Canadian delegation headed by Mr David Hartman, DG South Asia desk, Global Affairs Canada,



visited FSI and discussed training related issues with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) and his team on 20 February 2019



- 9. Dr. Jasper Wieck, Chargé d'affaires, German Embassy, India, addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats at FSI on 25 February 2019
- 10. The Right Hon'ble Mark Field, MP, Minister of State for Asia and the Pacific, UK addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats at FSI on 28 February 2019



- 11. H.E. Mr. Nikolay R. Kudashev, Ambassador of Russia to India, addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese diplomats at FSI on 04 March 2019
- 12. H.E. Dr. Heba Elmarassi, Amb of Egypt to India, visited FSI and discussed training related issues with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) on 06 March 2019



- 13. H.E. Mr. Alexandre Ziegler, Ambassador of France to India, addressed and interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats at FSI on 07 March 2019
- 14. Honourable Dr. Mamadou Tangara, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Gambia led a delegation to FSI. He had fruitful discussions on training & mutual cooperation with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) on 8 March 2019



- 15. Ms. Michel Myrna Chantal, Executive Head (DG Level) of Public Diplomacy Division of the Government of Seychelles visited FSI on 11 March 2019 and had a detailed discussion with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI)



- 16. "Honored to meet with the 2018 batch of the Indian Foreign Service today (12 March 2019). Great discussion on international affairs and U.S.-India ties. Pleased that my team could collaborate with their Indian counterparts during a



UN simulation.” These are the words spoken by H.E. Ken Juster, Ambassador of USA to India

17. A 6 member delegation led by Dr. Vincent Hungwe, Chairman, Public Service Commission of Zimbabwe accompanied by H.E. Mr. M. Ranga, Ambassador of Zimbabwe to India, Mr. Mutamba, Deputy Commissioner General Service, Mr. D. Zisengwe, General Manager Conditions of Services Uniformed Forces, Mr. K. Dhliwayo General Manager Conditions of Services Public Service Commission and Mr. Lovemore Ncube, Counsellor/Head of Chancery visited FSI on 12 March 2019 to discuss matters of mutual cooperation



18. H.E. Mr. El Hadji Ibou Boye, Ambassador of Senegal to India, called on Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to express his thanks for the 1st Special Course for Senegalese diplomats held from 14-27 April 2019 at FSI



19. H.E. Mr. Gonchig Ganbold, Ambassador of Mongolia to India met with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to discuss issues of mutual cooperation and training related matters on 15 April 2019



20. H.E. Mrs. Aashna Wandani Radha Kanhai, Ambassador of Suriname to India discussed issues of mutual cooperation and training related matters with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) and his team on 24 April 2019



21. H.E. Mr. Shin Bongkil, Ambassador of Republic of Korea to India, addressed & interacted with IFS OTs (2018 Batch) and Bhutanese Diplomats on 25 April 2019



22. H.E. Mrs. Alyaa A. I. Ghannam, Ambassador, League of Arab States called on Amb. J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to discuss issues of mutual cooperation & training related matters on 03 May 2019





23. H.E. Mr. Milan Hovorka, Ambassador of Czech Republic to India, called on Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to discuss issues of mutual cooperation and training related matters on 14 May 2019
24. A delegation led by Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation, Botswana H.E. Ms. Tapiwa Mongwa alongwith High Commissioner of Botswana to India, H.E. Ms. Lesego Motsumi visited FSI on 19 May 2019
25. H.E. Mr. Adnan Mohammad Jaber Abualhayjaa, Ambassador of Palestine to India, called on Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to discuss issues of mutual cooperation and training related matters on 20 May 2019
26. H.E. Mr. Desire Koumba, Ambassador of the Republic of Gabon to India called on Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) to discuss issues of mutual cooperation & training related matters on 07 June 2019
27. H.E. Mr. Jasem Ibrahim Alnajem, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to India, interacted with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) on matters of diplomatic training and mutual cooperation on 11 June 2019
28. Forty eight students from Australia's Deakin University, Monash University, Murdoch University, University of Melbourne, University of New South Wales and OP Jindal Global University, visited the FSI and interacted with Amb J.S. Mukul, Dean (FSI) and his team. The students were accompanied by Professor Shaun Joseph Star and Professor Jeff Giddings.

FSI bid farewell to:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. N. Kumaresan Raja	Dy. Dean(Academic)
2	Ms. Manisha Swami	DS
3	Mr. Lekhraj Sharma	PA
4	Ms. Pallavi	PA
5	Mr. Inderjeet	MTS
6	Mr. P. Sasi Kumar	MTS

FSI welcomes:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. Virander K Paul	JS
2	Ms. Soumya Nair	DS
3	Mr. Vikram Singh	Asstt. Librarian
4	Mr. Sunil Ke	PA
5	Mr. Tejas Singh	Steno
6	Mr. Manpreet Singh	Office Assistant
7	Ms. Anamika Gangwal	Office Assistant
8	Mr. Aditya Aman	MTS
9	Mr. Mukesh Kumar	MTS
10	Mr. Ajit Kumar	MTS

Training of Officials and other Programmes at FSI in the 1st half of 2019

Sl No	Training	From	To
1.	Accounts Module	03 January	04 January
2.	72nd Integrated Mission Accounting System (IMAS)	07 January	25 January
3.	2nd 'Bharat Ko Janiye' Orientation Programme	11 January	(1-day)
4.	52nd Know India Programme	17 January	(1-day)
5.	72nd Integrated Mission Accounting System (IMAS) Retest	01 February	(1-day)
6.	53rd Know India Programme	08 February	(1-day)
7.	Immigration, Visa and Foreigners Registration and Tracking (IVFRT)	21 February	27 February
8.	Typing Test for Assistant Section Officers	13 March	(1-day)
9.	Promotion Related Training for Assistant Section Officers and Personal Assistants	25 March	29 March
10.	Master Training Session on Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	04 April	(1-day)
11.	Promotion Related Training for Junior Secretariat Assistants, Senior Secretariat Assistants and Stenographers	08 April	12 April
12.	Art exhibition titled "Floral-Fauna – Nature's art expressions in wood" by Shri Bimal Saigal, Consultant in Gulf Division of MEA	10 April	(1-day)
13.	Visit of Central Asian Journalists/Editors	24 April	(1-day)
14.	Promotion Related Training for Section Officers and Private Secretaries	27 May	10 June
15.	One-day Faculty Development Programme on Design, Develop and Deliver MOOC Courses through SWAYAM Platform	03 June	(1-day)
16.	One-day Workshop on Government e-Marketplace (GeM)	04 June	(1-day)
17.	Accounts Module	14 June	17 June
18.	Promotion Related Training for Multi - Tasking Staff and Staff Car Drivers	17 June	21 June
19.	73rd Integrated Mission Accounting System (IMAS)	18 June	15 July
20.	Visit of Journalists/Editors from Afghanistan	21 June	(1-day)

About Foreign Service Institute

The Foreign Service Institute (FSI) was established in 1986 by the Government of India primarily to cater to the professional training needs of the Indian Foreign Service and the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. FSI has diversified its activities to include Courses for foreign diplomats in its efforts to build bridges of friendship and cooperation with countries around the world and Courses of interest to staff and officers at all levels of the Ministry of External Affairs as well as other Civil Services. The Institute is located at Baba Gangnath Marg, Old JNU Campus, New Delhi.

FSI is headed by the Dean, a senior Foreign Service officer of the rank of Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. The current Dean is Amb J.S. Mukul. FSI, primarily has an extensive guest faculty drawn from experts in the field of academics and research, the media, public life, industry and trade, senior serving and retired diplomats and other government officials.

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