

Report

International conference on

“Interplay of Economics, Politics and Society on Development of a Nation” - ICIEPS-2017

Foundation for Evidence-based Development in India (FEDI) contributed to organized this ambitious event in collaboration with Indian Economic Association and Niche Institute of Management and Technology, Thimphu (Bhutan) on 1st – 2nd July 2017. The conference was organized at The Royal Thimphu College, Bhutan. The event brought together some 200 multi-disciplinary researchers, faculty and key internationally important speakers.



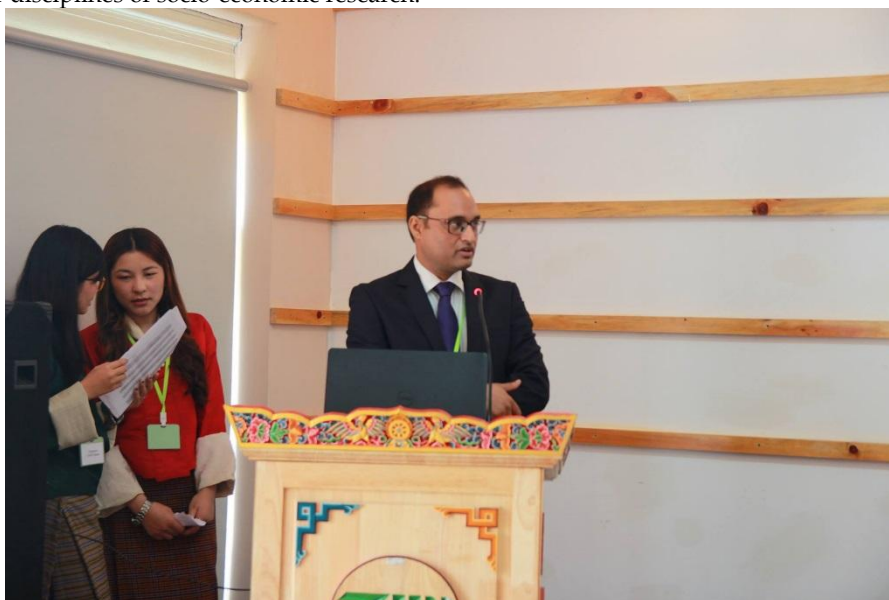
The arrangement of the inaugural dais

The conference aimed at broadening the scope of interlinking activities pertaining to multi-disciplinary theories and practices to the context of a developing Nationa and especially Bhutan. It was an effort to enrich the research themes and outreach by importing and imparting viable ideas from different disciplines.



Release of the book

Since FEDI has sound understanding of the advantage of research evidence in the development of policy and practices, it aims to bring a positive change to our developing society by strengthening policy implementation and to achieve accurate outcomes of interventions. In this conference, FEDI provided its experts as resource persons and further support to help achieve the objectives of this event. It was also expected that the event shall pave way to broadened considerations for the research problems in holistic development and other disciplines of socio-economic research.



Dr. D. S. Faruque speaking at the inaugural session



Prof. V. K. Malhotra speaking at the valedictory session

Amongst the key speakers were Mr. Thakur Singh Powdyel, Former Minister of Education, Government of Bhutan, Prof. V. K. Malhotra, Member Secretary, Indian Council for Social Science Research, Prof. P.K. Chaubey, President, Indian Economic Association, Dr. Bimla Roy, Director Niche Institute of Management and Technology, Mr. Troy Sadovsky from Australia, Dr. Szymon Zyliniski from Sweden, Prof. D. K. Madaan from University of Patiala, Dr. Amy Putman (expert of gender studies and media from Oxford and Research Fellow at FEDI), and Dr. D. S. Faruquie (Executive Director of OXEVIN and Secretary, FEDI).



Mr. Thakur Singh Powdyel speaking at the valedictory

The event was inaugurated by Prof. P.K. Chaubey, Dr. Bimla Roy and Dr. D. S. Faruquie. Dr. Faruquie, in his inaugural keynote, spoke about the viability and feasibility of

evidence-based methods in developing countries with a special reference to Bhutan's economy and culture. He also threw light on the utility of the method to frame new policies and to guide running public programs. A book edited by Prof. Kanwaljit Kaur Marwaha of Patiala university and Dr. Shad Ahmad Khan of Geddu College of Management Studies Bhutan, titled "Development of Nations: An interplay of Economics, Politics and Society" was also released during the inaugural session.



Ms. Amy Putman of OXEVIN & FEDI giving away the memento to a speaker



Dr. D. S. Faruquie of OXEVIN & FEDI giving away memento to Prof. Kanwaljit Kaur Marwaha

Mr. Thakur Singh Powdyel and Prof. V. K. Malhotra graced the valedictory session. Prof. Malhotra delivered his valedictory keynote speech that threw light on the viability of research in the areas of interplay of different disciplines to help build a nation. Mr. Thakur

Singh Powdyel was very articulated, eloquent and pleasant while speaking about the Gross National Happiness index of Bhutan, the educational policies of this country and socio-economic methods involved in the process of the growth of this country.



FEDI officials and volunteers with local volunteers.

The speakers were honored with awards and mementos during the inaugural session and the certificates were handed to every participants at the valedictory. The awards and mementos were arranged jointly by OXEVIN (Oxford, UK) and FEDI (India)



The conference photoshoot in the scenic campus of Royal Thimphu College

Finally, the success of the event was due in no small part to the engagement of the local organizing committee, which comprised Dr. Shad Ahmad Khan and his team of volunteers who were wearing colorful ethnic Bhutanese dress and represented the Geddu college of Management Studies. Jamyang Choden Dorjee successfully compeered the whole program along with her vibrant team.

The guests of the conference were treated with sumptuous Bhutanese ethnic food at the sunny lawns of the Royal Thimphu College.

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