

Report on Award Ceremony for Policy Making Skills

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Organized by: Department of Public Policy

Event Title: Award Ceremony for Policy Making Skills

Guest of Honour: Shri.S. Saravanakumaran IRS

Venue: Seminar Hall, Convention Center, BSACIST

Host: Department of Public Policy

Introduction

On July 12, 2024, the Department of Public Policy conducted an award ceremony to recognize and appreciate the exemplary policy drafts created by the final-year students of Public Policy. The event aimed to honor the students' efforts in developing innovative and practical policy solutions. Shri. S.Saravanakumaran, a distinguished IRS officer, was invited as the Guest of Honour for the ceremony.

Opening Address

The ceremony began with a warm welcome address by Dr. R. Radhai, Head, Department of Public Policy. Dr. Radhai welcomed the attendees and highlighted the significance of policy-making skills in shaping effective governance and societal progress. She underscored the importance of the event in recognizing the students' hard work and creativity in policy development.

Address by the Program Director

Following Dr. Radhai's address, Mr. K.M. Ilanchezhian, the Programming Director, spoke on the critical aspects of policy-making skills. His speech focused on:

Effective Governance: The role of strategic planning and adaptability in achieving long-term goals.

Policy-Making as Problem-Solving: How policy-making involves identifying issues, generating solutions, and selecting the most effective approaches.

Strategic Planning and Innovation: The importance of aligning policies with future objectives and incorporating innovative solutions.

Mr. Ilanchezhian emphasized that effective policy-making skills are essential for developing strategies that address complex issues and drive positive change.

Welcome Address by Dean

Dr. Ayubkhan Dawood, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities welcomed dignitaries and students of final year public policy along with his motivating speech and his vision for future which ignited spark in many students who are aspiring to become a civil servant.

Address by Shri.S. Saravanakumaran IRS

The Chief Guest, Shri.S. Saravanakumaran IRS, delivered a compelling address on the importance of policy-making skills. His speech covered several key points:

Significance of Policy-Making Skills: The crucial role that informed and thoughtful policy decisions play in societal progress and effective governance.

Critical Thinking and Analysis: The need for analytical skills in evaluating policy options and making informed decisions.

Strategic Planning and Ethical Consideration: The importance of ethical considerations in policy-making and the need for strategic planning to achieve desired outcomes.

Real-World Examples: Shri. Saravanakumaran provided examples of successful policies and the impact of effective policy-making in real-world scenarios.

Encouragement for Future Leaders: He motivated the students to develop a mindset and skill set that would enable them to excel in policy-making roles and contribute meaningfully to public service.

His address aimed to equip students with the necessary tools and perspective to become effective policy-makers and leaders.

Policy Drafting and Awards

The final-year Public Policy students were divided into groups, each consisting of eight members. Each group was tasked with drafting a policy based on current issues. The students conducted fieldwork, research, and interviews to develop their policies.

After a thorough review, the Department of Public Policy selected one policy as the best. This policy, which addressed issues related to urban aesthetics, public space management, or environmental impact, was recognized for its effective approach to reducing visual clutter and improving public space quality. The winning group received: Cash Prize: ₹5,000

The policy's practical solution and relevance to current urban challenges were key factors in its recognition.

Conclusion and Acknowledgments

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. R. Radhai. She expressed her gratitude to Shri. S.Saravanakumaran IRS for his presence and inspiring address. Dr. Radhai also thanked all the attendees, including students, faculty, and guests, for their participation and contribution to the success of the event.



Feedback and Recommendations

Participant Feedback:

The event was well-received, with students and attendees appreciating the recognition of their hard work and the insights shared by Shri. S.Saravanakumaran.

The practical focus of the policies and the engaging speeches added significant value to the ceremony.

Recommendations:

Future events could benefit from including a panel discussion or interactive sessions to further engage students and provide additional perspectives.

Providing feedback on the policy drafts submitted by students could offer valuable learning opportunities for future improvements.

The award ceremony successfully celebrated the students' achievements in policy-making and provided valuable insights from experienced professionals. The event highlighted the importance of effective policy development and motivated students to pursue excellence in their future careers.

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