



Dear Colleagues:

I am happy to inform you that a function under the auspices of the RC 4 was held for launching the above RC 4 publication on 27th May 2005 at the Conference Hall of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi at 4.30 p.m.

The function was presided over by Dr. P. L. Sanjeeva Reddy, Director of the Institute, who while welcoming the Chief Guest, H.E. Hon. Shri T. N. Chaturvedi, Governor of State of Karnataka, and Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration and the Guest of Honor Dr. Michael Carter, Country Director (India) of World Bank, New Delhi and other guests present on the occasion spoke about the phenomenon of Globalization and the kind of interdependence and the need for a new type of governance for an integrative process of decision-making that it has created. The various contributions in the book, he observed, analyze the deeper implications of these pressures and suggest a package of measures that could be adopted for constructive reforms.

On behalf of the IPSA RC 4, Professor Jain also welcomed the honorable guests and distinguished participants at the function. After the presentation of bouquets to the honorable guests, Professor Jain spoke about the genesis of the book by recalling the establishment of the RC 4 after the IPSA Rio Congress in 1982 as a Study Group, which was later elevated to the status of a Research Committee in 1993 following the Buenos Aires Congress. Jain acquainted the distinguished guests present on the occasion (numbering around 90-100) about the aims and objectives of RC 4 and the contributions made by it in the past 20 years in promoting the study and research on public bureaucracies in developing societies, by organizing about 20 panels in the various Congresses of the IPSA at Paris, Washington DC, Buenos Aires, Berlin, Seoul, Quebec and Durban, and by organizing 10 mid-term Round Tables and Seminars (2 at Amsterdam, 1 at Abuja in Nigeria, 4 at New Delhi and 3 at Jaipur), and publishing the

outcome of these conferences in the form of 11 books (2 published by Free University Press, Amsterdam, 1 by Bookpoint in Abuja, and 6 by different publishers in New Delhi). The present book was the seventh to be published in Delhi, and was in the nature of a festschrift on behalf of the former Chair of the RC 4 to honor his friends and colleagues associated with the RC 4 since its inception.

Thereafter Dr. (Mrs.) Sharda Jain, Reader in Political Science at Kalindi College, University of Delhi presented a detailed analysis of the theme of the book and discussed its contents. In her presentation she observed, that the book that was being released, entitled: *Globalization and Good Governance: Pressures for Constructive Reforms* edited by Professor R. B. Jain is a compendium of eleven well-researched and well-documented Papers presented at IPSA'S 19th World Congress held at Durban, South Africa in June-July 2003. Each Paper reflects on the conceptual analysis of the main theme with a focus on a specific country selected for micro-analysis. The thematic cohesion is provided by a comprehensive introduction and conclusion by the learned editor, who, through his own reflections in these chapters, has raised some new concerns and challenges for good governance that have been posed by the forces of globalization.

Divided into three Parts, the book contains eleven Chapters in all. Part 1 comprising of three essays focuses on a conceptual framework within which the dynamics of globalization are operating and in the process have posed certain challenges for administration and governance at local, national, regional and international levels, whose impact is felt in all the countries across the globe, though more so in developing countries because of their unpreparedness to face/bear the consequences, both negative and positive, of the rising tide of globalization. By way of introduction in the first chapter, Professor Jain indulges in a sort of stocktaking and reflects upon the concerns for governance, rather good governance, in the aftermath of globalization, pertaining to the functioning of democracy, rule of law, implementation and promotion of human rights, particularly of those belonging to marginalized groups such as women, children and poor, protection of environment and so on – as all these elements, he thinks are fundamental and basic indicators, to measure the success or failure of globalization. This stocktaking is essential also for devising effective reform strategies and drawing up a road map for future action so that the purpose for which the entire exercise of privatization, liberalization and socio-economic reforms was undertaken almost two decades and a half back is well achieved.

The seven articles making Part II concentrate upon Select Country Studies in which the countries selected for the study are mostly the developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

In Part III, the Editor has provided a new perspective to the main theme by way of conclusion, in which he not only comments on the present world scenario in the post-globalization era, but also sums up some of the other emerging new concerns like the issues of "global democracy" and "global governance." The book reflects the editor's deep insight and concerns about the problems generated by the phenomenon of globalization, the kind of pressures it has brought on the national and sub-national governments to develop their capacities to meet the emerging challenges faced by the states in the aftermath of globalization, and in the ultimate analysis suggests for consideration a seven point strategy for constructive reforms towards good governance.

Speaking on the occasion, the Guest of Honor Dr. Michael Carter, Country Director (India) of the World Bank commented on the phenomenon of globalization, which he said was difficult to conceptualize, as there was no one agreed approach to look at it. While he commended the editor in his efforts to provide a specific perspective to look at the phenomenon of globalization, and the book in its approach to provide a reform strategy for good governance, he lamented that the two specific areas, viz. 'the growing intranational economic competition' and 'issues of social security,' which according to him are crucial concern of the post globalization era and have deeper implications for good governance do not find adequate analysis in the volume.

Releasing the book, the Chief Guest, H.E. Shri T. N. Chaturvedi, the Honorable Governor of Karnataka and the Chairman of the IIPA, dwelt at length on the emergence of the concept of Globalization, which he thought could be traced back even to the developments in the 19th Century. While lauding the efforts of the Editor to produce a very well documented and comprehensive reference book based on some original research papers presented at the IPISA Durban Congress, he asserted that the need for good governance could not be over emphasized, if the gains of the impact of globalization have to be consolidated for achieving the goals of development, human dignity and human security, especially for the down trodden and suppressed classes in most developing societies. It was, therefore, imperative for every developing country to evolve its own package of strategies towards good governance. The concluding chapter of Jain's book provides a very thoughtful and incisive prognosis towards that objective. Congratulating the untiring efforts of the editor and the accomplishments of RC 4, and the valuable contributions of his distinguished colleagues, he extended his felicitations also to Mr. G. S. Bhatia, the Managing Director of Deep & Deep Publications, who have brought out this volume in such an excellent shape. Concluding his remarks, he expressed the hope that despite his formally relinquishing his office as Chair of the RC 4, Dr. Jain will continue to enrich the discipline by his continued researches and writings for more times to come.

Before proposing a vote of thanks, the Editor, Professor Jain mentioned that the comments of Dr. Carter, the World Bank Representative on the book were well taken, but observed that due to the limitations of time and space at the Durban Congress panels, all such issues mentioned could by Dr. Carter could not be adequately discussed in the short compass of one volume. The editor was aware of this shortcoming but observed that many of these issues are likely to come for an in-depth analysis at the forthcoming RC 4 and RC 35 Joint Round Table on "Global Blues and Sustainable Development: The Emerging Challenges of Bureaucracy, Technology and Governance", being organized by the University of Tampa in September 2005.

Another important thing that he mentioned was that this book was planned by him at the time of relinquishing the office of the Chair of RC 4 after more than two decades to honor his friends and colleagues associated with RC4, not only for their academic achievements being distinguished scholars in the field of public administration, but also for their valuable contributions to further the activities and objectives of the RC 4, without which he would not have been able to carry on his responsibilities towards RC 4 all these years. He mentioned the names of colleagues that he especially sought to honor: Professor O P Dwivedi, of the University of Guelph, Professor Renu Khator, University of South Florida, Professor Lenneal Henderson, University of Baltimore, Professor Hartmut Elsenhans, University of Leipzig, Professor Michael Pinto-Dushinsky, University of Oxford, Professor Keshav Sharma, University of Botswana, Professor Dhirendra Vajpeyi of University of Iowa, Professor P. S. Bhatnagar of University of Rajasthan, and two other colleagues, Late Dr. H. K. Asmerom, Hon. Secretary of RC 4 (1985-95), and late Professor R. K. Wishwakarma of the IIPA.

Concluding his vote of thanks, he expressed his immense gratitude and thanks to the Chief Guest H.E. Shri Chaturvediji, Hon. Governor of Karnataka, who had been very kind to come all the way from Bangalore, despite his pressing official engagements to grace this occasion with his benign presence and further encourage the activities of RC 4 with his appreciative comments as he has been doing since its very inception. to the Guest of Honor Dr. Michael Carter of the World Bank for his scintillating address and comments on the book, to Dr. PL S Reddy, Director of the IIPA for organizing this function, to Dr. Sharda Jain for her incisive and analytical presentation about the book, to Mr. G S Bhatia, the publisher for publication of the volume in such an excellent shape, to Mr. S. N. Swaroop Hon. Secy of the IIPA Delhi Regional Branch, Dr. C. Giri, the Deputy Registrar, Dr. B. K. Suri, the Librarian, Mrs. Sunita Gulati, the Dy. Librarian, Dr. B. D. Singh, Mr. Gulshan Arora and other staff members of the IIPA for their help in providing the logistics for the function, to all the contributors of the volume for their excellent papers and last but not least to all the distinguished guests present on the occasion defying the scorching heat of Delhi weather to

participate in this function. He then extended an invitation to all the guests to join for tea in the foyer.

I hope with this I have been able to do some justice towards fulfilling my obligation borne out of the Durban Congress. With warm regards,

Sincerely,
R B Jain