

The first session of the ISB National Conclave-2015, hosted by the Bharti Institute of Public Policy, delved into 'Capacity Building in Policy implementation'. The Panel was moderated by Dr. Prajapati Trivedi, Senior Fellow, Bharti Institute and former secretary to the Government of India. The panelists included Dr. Naushad Forbes, Ashish Khetan, Vikram Singh Mehta, Sudhanshu Mittal and Dr. Bhaskar Chakravorti.

In his keynote address, Dr. Naushad Forbes, Director Forbes Marshall and President Designate, CII stressed on need for capacity building in implementation of policies. He contended that autonomy in institutions, and competition in education will ensure quality of higher education and research. He also highlighted government's crucial role in primary education and assessment mechanisms.

Ashish Khetan, Vice chairman of Delhi Dialogue Commission and Spokesperson for Aam Aadmi Party, advocated for empowerment in governance, technology and bureaucracy. He emphasized on linking performance with privileges and making government delivery-oriented.

Vikram Singh Mehta, Chairman, Brookings India, emphasized on the need for balance in State and the market. He stressed on enabling a promising environment for identifying the factors that design, implement and also the factors that block the policies.

Sudhanshu Mittal, senior Bhartiya Janta Party leader, observed that there exists a negative mentality about money-making in the country which requires change. He cited the success of telecom sector as an example of good governance, and maintained that credible and consistent policies be implemented.

Dr. Bhaskar Chakravorti, Senior Associate Dean, Fletcher School, Tufts University highlighted the attractive and central role that India plays in business and policy spheres. He also urged policy analysts to inculcate key strategies from business thinking and innovation into public policy.

The Panel summarized the need to bring in more policy institutions and enhance the quality of research to address issues in implementation of public policy. The discussions concluded with a Q&A session with the audience.