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India Think Tank Launches Trump Study Circle to Boost Global Civic Awareness New Delhi, June 12, 2025

On a day that marks both U.S. Flag Day and the birthday of U.S. President Donald J. Trump, a New Delhi-based think tank announced the launch of a new international civic initiative aimed at strengthening public understanding of American politics and global affairs.

The Imagindia Institute, a foreign policy and leadership think tank, unveiled the **Trump Study Circle (TSC)** on Wednesday, describing it as a non-partisan, educational platform designed to enhance what it calls the "**Global Quotient**"—a measure of civic literacy, global awareness, and strategic thinking among citizens, particularly the youth.

"There is widespread curiosity—and also significant misunderstanding—about Donald Trump, the United States, and their influence on world affairs," said Robinder Sachdev, founder chairman of the TSC and a well-known commentator on geopolitics and U.S. politics. "We are tapping into that interest to spark meaningful civic dialogue and global learning."

Mr. Sachdev characterized the initiative as a globally distributed, new-age center of American presidential studies. While the initiative begins with a focus on Mr. Trump's presidency, its broader goal is to explore themes of power, diplomacy, and international leadership through public dialogue and civic engagement. "Trump toh bahana hai — humko toh GQ badana hai," Mr. Sachdev added, using a Hindi phrase that loosely translates to "Trump is just the pretext—our real aim is to raise the Global Quotient."

Civic Dialogues Across India

The TSC's flagship initiative—the **2025 Global Dialogue & Survey**—will take place between June 14 and July 4, coinciding with U.S. Flag Day and Independence Day, respectively. Over 250 civic dialogues are planned across Indian cities, towns, and villages.

These events will take a variety of forms, from college roundtables and virtual town halls to café gatherings, diplomatic circles, home salons, and even golf-brunch discussions. Topics will range from U.S. foreign policy and global trade to artificial intelligence, cryptocurrency, and higher education in America. Many events will employ immersive formats such as mock summits, crisis simulations, and design-thinking workshops to encourage experiential learning.

Each session will conclude with a standardized five-question survey, with results from across all participating locations to be aggregated and analyzed. A "GQ Barometer," measuring trends in civic awareness and sentiment, is expected to be released in mid-July.

"This is not about Trump alone," Mr. Sachdev said. "It's about using his presidency as an academic lens to study America's role in a rapidly shifting world order."

International Aspirations and Expansion Plans

Although the program is debuting in India, organizers say the initiative has global ambitions.

"We had hoped to launch the TSC from the UAE this year," said Dr. Mohamed Kamil Al Muaini, Chairman of the International Institute of Cultural Diplomacy (IICD) in Abu Dhabi and a member of TSC's advisory board. "But as this is the inaugural edition and led by our India partner, it made strategic sense to begin there. We've proposed that the 2026 edition be hosted across all seven emirates of the UAE."

Interest is also emerging from South Korea. Advisory board member Robert Yoo said efforts are underway to organize events across all nine Korean provinces later this year. "In South Korea, there is deep concern and worry about the trajectory of U.S. foreign policy and its implications for our national interests," Mr. Yoo said. "We believe it's critical to raise the Global Quotient of Korea's youth and leadership, especially in relation to American affairs."

Long-Term Mission

The Trump Study Circle is conceived as a long-term platform. Between **2025 and 2029**, the initiative will focus on analyzing the policies and global impact of the 47th U.S. President, Mr. Trump. In **2029**, the group plans to shift focus to the 48th U.S. President, maintaining its mission of civic education and international understanding.

"This is a continuous effort to create a global classroom for strategic civic learning and leadership," Mr. Sachdev said. "By engaging communities in local to national and international dialogues, we aim to build capacity for informed citizenship in an interconnected world."

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