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National Seminar
on
Public Policy, Governance and Development in India: Issues and Challenges
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Policy studies or policy analysis emerged as a new and innovative discipline in India in recent times. As the country is progressing at rapid pace in socio-economic and political frameworks, the nature and scope of the discipline has been expanding. This is largely because of the emergence of new challenges, new issues and new actors playing significant role in nation's policy landscape with varied national and transnational implications.

Policy making, policy implementation and policy evaluation are considered as three important constituents of policy studies. Though interrelated, but each element has standalone significance in the larger context of policy making. The studies assume further significance due to its underlying inter-disciplinary character and its relevance in the understanding of the complexity of issues as regards to local and urban governance, climate change, social-welfare programmes, nexus between politics and business, higher education and so on and so forth have been in the agenda of policy making process.

However, problem begins when there is a protest movement or resentment from both within and outside of the government. That protest movement may be both political and non-political movement. The protest movement may be because of the failure of policy-making, policy-implementation or policy evaluation processes. It means who are the actors involved in the policy process, who are the beneficiary, what are its implication at the local, national and internal levels, what are the means used for achieving the objectives and what are the outcomes of the policy process. These are some of the growing areas of concern in the policy studies and it is analyzed by taking into account different areas such as political, economic, social, educational, administrative, legal and environmental dimensions.

Key objectives of the proposed National Seminar are the following:

- To find the changing perspective of public policy in India since 1991, the advent of economic liberalization in the country.
- To demystify the complexity of nexus between Government as an actor and business groups and interests groups as the other actors in the larger domain of democratic policy-making in India.

- To look critically into the new emerging areas in India's policy framework and its implication on policy-management and fiscal decision making.

Themes

The two day national seminar will deliberate on the following challenges and prospects of public policy on the following issues.

- Public Policy in India: Theory and Practice
- Policy Implementation and Evaluation: Policy Paradox and Policy Analysis
- Teaching Public Policy in Indian Universities
- Social Policy: Social Inclusion and Exclusion
- Economic Analysis of Public Policy: Special Economic Zone, Budget, Fiscal Policy
- Governance: Urban and Local Governance, Multi-level Governance, Decentralisation
- Law and Development and Politics of Development: Human Rights, Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Energy, Education Policy etc.

Abstracts are not only invited on the above themes, but also on the related themes/issues. Please send the abstracts (not exceeding 250 words) to publicpolicy14@gmail.com on or before **15 May, 2016**. Accommodation will be provided for those whose papers are accepted by the peer reviewed committees. All inquiries are by email only. Due to paucity of funds, no TA/DA will be paid to the paper presenters.

Acceptance of the abstracts will be intimated at the earliest. The full papers can be submitted before **30 July, 2016**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee: Rs. 1000/- (for faculties/delegates)
Rs.700/-(for Research Scholars)

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