

Satyawati College (Evening)

University of Delhi

International Conference

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**Topic: 21st Century India : Interrogating Social
Economic, Political and Environmental Processes.**

24th - 25th April, 2018

Concept Note

The twenty first century of Indian economy, state and society reflect a phenomenon of change and continuity in several ways. The new policy regime as implemented on a firm and bold footing in the year 1991 brought several changes in the sphere of trade, investment and industry. The economy of our country became more competitive, efficient and market oriented making it perhaps better equipped to face challenges both domestically and globally. However, the sixth largest economy in terms of nominal gross domestic product and third largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity still carries on its shoulders the burden of unemployment, poverty and inequality which are not only huge in dimension but complex in nature too. There seems to be inherent contradictions in the objectives of liberalization and the social obligations of society in general and State in particular.

The globalization and emergence and development of new ideas and technologies have not only revolutionized the production and distribution system but system of governance and democratic processes have also

been impacted tremendously. It would be interesting to examine as to what factors have contributed to this kind of democratic processes and whether there is lesser likelihood for this system to continue in future also. During the first half of the first decade of the 21st century we witnessed the great experiments with the policies like *Panchamrite* i.e Right to Work (MNREGA), Right to Information (RTI), Right to Education (School Chale Hum), Citizen Charter. At the same time in the second decade the change of the guard evolved the idea of responsible state towards new policies like National Health Mission (Ayushman Yojna), Sukanya Samriddhi , Jan Dhan Yojna, Ujjawala , Swatchh Bharat etc.

Globalization and liberalization if on the one hand meant greater integration of economies then it also meant gradual but definite homogenization of culture and knowledge system. If on the one hand peculiarities of societies in this 'global village' started losing its eminence and at the same time nostalgia for past has also gained momentum. The true potential of information technology has also been unleashed during these two decades which while opening new possibilities has also impacted intra-personal communication and thereby modified the way knowledge was transmitted across generations. Last but not the least, the debate and resultant consensus over Global Warming is also witnessing fissures due to growing sectarian interests of World's largest democracy. Apparently contradictory however manifested simultaneously these trends expect academic investigations. It is believed that academia; be it Social Scientists or Scientists or Environmentalists must be negotiating with the impacts of these larger trends and modulating their engagement with the discipline/s accordingly. Therefore it is believed that academic engagements across

disciplines on the above mentioned trends will pave way for better understandings of contemporary social processes.

The major sub themes for the seminar are as follows:

1. Assessment of Schemes alleviation, poverty, employment generation and inequality reduction in India
2. Globalization and sustainable development goals.
3. Coalition politics: rise of identity politics and regionality
4. Politics of state formations.
5. Issues related to good governance: Citizen's Charter, RTI, lokpal, lokayukta.
6. Women empowerment and question of gender equality and dignity: reservation in legislation, Ujjwala Yojana, Nirbhaya fund.
7. Development and dislocation: related to environment and sociocultural upliftment of primitive communities.
8. Challenges and opportunities of information and communication.

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Last date for registration: 20 April 2018

Last date for payment of registration fees: 22 April 2018.

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Students and Research Scholars: Rs.500/- Others: Rs. 1000/-

(Registration Fees cover conference kit, refreshments and conference lunch.)

Fees, once paid, is non-refundable

Research papers related to the core themes are invited from research scholars, faculty members and independent scholars from any disciplinary background. The sub-themes are only suggestive, other relevant themes can be taken up by the paper writers. If you wish to present a paper in any session kindly note:

Abstracts (300 words) may be submitted to internationalseminarste@gmail.com, by 20 April 2018 with the filename in the format (last name) (affiliation).docx/pdf. The abstract should clearly outline the main research questions and their relevance to the Conference theme. It should clearly mention the author's name and affiliation.

Selected authors will be notified by email.

Full text of selected papers will need to be submitted by 23 April 2018.

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