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CONVERGENCE OF DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNANCE AND CIVIL SOCIETY: *CHANGING ROLE OF THE STATE.*

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Concept Note

Every state has its own way of interacting with its citizens. Political Parties and Bureaucracy are most important instruments to establish bridge between state and its citizens wherein the convergence of governance, civil society and development has crucial importance. The state has expanded its role and the responsibility for delivering services to its citizens in the post-colonial period. Thereafter, state transformed itself into playing the role of steering the society not merely serving its citizens after 1990's. Changing role of the state did not alter the basic objective of providing governance through development. State has to work with inbuilt institutions, private agencies and civil society. The states are competing in proving themselves as welfarist and citizen-centric orientation and thereby strengthening the national identity. The development composed of different components/ variables is the main indicator of state's strength and its legitimacy. The performance of different states is being judged by comparison with other states in delivering quality services and goods to its citizens through good governance. It is therefore, necessary that interaction among the state, private sector, civil society and its citizens must be analyzed for greater understanding and visualizing future direction of development and governance.

The states strive hard to achieve the sustainable level of development which is considered as an indicator of good governance. Development Administration plays a lead role in formulation and execution of welfare policies, establishing infrastructural facilitates and timely redressal of citizens grievances. Governance is measured by analyzing the quality of service delivery with corruption free bureaucracy, protection and exercise of individual rights and public accountability. At this juncture, state has to own and share its responsibility with non-state organizations and civil society. Such a sharing

of responsibility generates synergy among development, governance and civil society under the aegis of state leading to overall development of the nation.

The Department of Public Administration, University of Rajasthan will provide an opportunity to discuss the thematic conceptualization of relationship among Development, Governance and Civil Society. Papers are, therefore, sought from academicians, scholars and practitioners involved in the field to share their experiences and make their contribution in academic growth and advancement of Public Administration as a discipline.

Key Objectives

✓ To identify the obstacles which constrain the state to achieve its objective of good governance.
✓ To critically examine and review the prevalent theories and concepts pertaining to changing role of the state and its relation with civil society organizations.
✓ To explore the opportunities and potentials that contribute to the Good Governance.
✓ To have a critical look through the unprecedented challenges and shifting paradigms of the governance at all levels.

Papers may have specific focus, but not restricted to the following subthemes.

✓ Conceptualization of development and its practice.
✓ Governance: Urban, Rural and multi-level governance.
✓ Role of non-state agencies in the development.
✓ State - Polity – Development Interface.
✓ Law, development and governance: human rights, sustainable development, inclusive development and good governance.
✓ Peoples' perception about the role of state in delivering social services.
✓ Problems of social inclusion in the developing colonies of the urban areas.
✓ Challenges posed by urbanization and urban growth.
✓ Urbanization and increasing demand of infrastructure and efficient use of energy.
✓ Neo- liberalism and managing national economic, social and welfare policies.
✓ Globalization and its impact on Governance and Development through civil society and private sector.
✓ Democratization and governance.

The scholars are requested to contribute a research paper on above mentioned themes and related topics. The full length paper should be of 3000-5000 words. The abstract of 250-350 words (in English font : Times New Roman, Font size 12/ in Hindi

font : DevLys 10, Font size 14) should be submitted latest by Jan 15th, 2018 through an e-mail attachment in MS-Word to:

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The selected quality papers will be published in a form of book.

Registration

The registration for the seminar will commence from January 05, 2018. The registration fee for teacher-participates is Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 700/- for students and research scholars. Fee can be deposited in cash or by cheque or demand draft drawn in favour of Convener Seminar, Department of Public Administration, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur.

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