



National Seminar
on
Democracy and the state of the Nation: India in 21st Century

11th and 12th February, 2016

Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

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Structure of the Seminar

Main Theme: Democracy and the state of the Nation: India in 21st Century

About the Seminar

There has been a long standing debate over the problems, prospects and vision before India as a nation especially in the context of its democratic set-up. Questions have been asked as to how democracy has shaped the design, destiny and direction of our country so far and how it is going to determine the face and fate of India in the 21st century. In view of the broad scope and huge significance attached with it, this subject demands a greater debate in contemporary India. This two day seminar under the aegis of CSSEIP will try to decode and correlate the various aspects of this broad theme to draw a complete picture of this subject as well as help evolve a better understanding about it. The main theme of this seminar is **'Democracy and the State of the Nation : India in 21st Century.'**

The Sub-themes are as:

- Democracy and Development in India
- State of Poverty and Inequality in Rising India
- Sociology of Identities in India (issues related to women, dalits, tribals and minorities)
- Indian Judiciary and Challenges of 21st Century
- The State of the Nation and India's Constitution
- The Role of State and Social Justice

Call for Abstracts

Academicians and scholars are invited to submit their abstract latest by 25th Dec. 2015. The acceptance will be communicated up to December 2015. Full papers (not exceeding 5000 words) should be submitted latest by 10th January 2016. Abstracts/full papers may be submitted either in English (MS Word, Times New Roman, 12 Font) or in Hindi (Kruti Dev-010, 14 Font). The abstract/full paper should comprise the topic/title, name of the author/co-author, mailing address, email and contact number. Send the abstract and full paper on E-mail – democracyseminar@gmail.com

Registration fee to all participants is Rs. 1000.00

***Note:** No TA/DA & accommodation will be provided to the participants.*

About BHU

Banaras Hindu University (BHU) is a central university which was established by Bharat Ratna Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in 1916. It is one of the largest residential universities in Asia, with over 30,000 students and includes students from over 34 nations. Its objectives is to promote learning of science and technology along with knowledge of ancient Shastras and build character of youth by blending religion and ethics as an integral part of education. It is one of the oldest modern universities of the country rated among the top five educational institutions in India. BHU is organised into 4 institutes and 14 faculties (streams) and more than 140 departments.

About the Centre (CSSEIP)

The Centre was established in the year 2008 under the XI plan. It is with pride to state that this Centre has been one of the few Centers in the country that defended itself in UGC and was approved for the continuation of its grant (recently held meeting in the UGC, New Delhi) The centre distinct emphasis has been to comprehend the different types of social, cultural and economic exclusions and link them with the borderer parameters of social exclusions accepted the social sciences. In way, the centre has objective of studying and researching the various types of conventional and fresh one, both in theoretical understanding and in empirical expositions.

About Varanasi

Varanasi also known as Kashi and is one of the oldest living cities in the world. It is considered to be the holiest pilgrimages of Hindus which is located between Varuna and Assi rivers. It is the epitome of ancient Indian culture, multifarious legends and is believed to be situated on the Trishula of Lord Shiva. People from different parts of India/abroad visit Varanasi for pilgrimage, self-discovery and attainment of Moksha. The holy Ganges, the immortal ghats, Ganga Aarti, Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Sankat Mochan, Sarnath, Bharat Kala Bhavan and many other nearby places of tourist importance have always enthralled and mesmerized to visitors. Varanasi is also known for its rich tapestry of music, arts, craft, education and medical facilities. Varanasi is renowned since ages for Banarasi Silk Sarees, Silk brocades, wooden toys, Banarasi pan and carpets.

How to reach Varanasi

Varanasi is situated in the flat Ganga plains. This city has a well-developed transport network, well connected to all the major Indian cities and states by air, road and rail. It has a good network of roads with frequent public and private buses. If you choose to travel by air there are daily domestic flights to and fro Varanasi to several cities in India. Apart from the state owned Indian Airlines, there are many private air taxi operators that offer their services from Varanasi to other Indian cities. The main railway station in Varanasi is Varanasi Junction (also known as Varanasi Cantonment). One can also catch trains from Mughalsarai, just 22 km east of Varanasi.

Weather

Weather in Varanasi in February remains pleasant and the average temperature would be around 15-25 degree Celsius. You need to have woolen clothes in this season. Days are relatively warm.

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