

CALL FOR PAPERS

Conference on “Experiences on Decentralization, Tribal Self Governance and its Implications”

**Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi
National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi**

Date: 29th and 30th November, 2021.

Venue: IIPA, New Delhi

Abstract:

Decentralization is at the center of the policy reform agenda all over the world. Developing countries have active decentralization programs in place, citing the need to make their public administrations more efficient, flexible and responsive. And under the guises of subsidiarity, devolution and federalism, reform is firmly in the foreground of policy discourse in rich countries too. In 2000 the World Bank estimated that between 80-100% of the world's countries were experimenting with one or another form of decentralization, and its 2004 World Development Report examined decentralization as an instrument for improving public service delivery. The idea of decentralization when combined with tribal self-governance, opens a new sphere of possibilities for research and implementation of policies.

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) and National Tribal Research Institute, New Delhi is organizing a Conference on “**Experiences on Decentralization, Tribal Self Governance and its Implications: Perspectives from Academics and Policy Makers**” on 29th and 30th November, at IIPA, New Delhi.

The Conference intends to bring together practitioners, policy advisors, academics, professionals, activists and media, to discuss their significant experiences and practices in addressing the issues related to Decentralization and Development and Its Implications for India.

Aim and Objective:

This Conference reunites academicians studying decentralization and tribal self governance with the policymakers who implement them. The two-day workshop will bring together academics working at the empirical and theoretical frontier of research on decentralization and local government, with policy practitioners who have implemented or supported reform at the highest levels of government and international organizations.

The purpose of the conference is not only to exchange ideas, but to marry policymakers' detailed knowledge and insights about real reform processes with academics' conceptual clarity and analytical rigor. The workshop is explicitly structured to facilitate this integration

The proposed Conference hopes to address this underlying premise by deliberating on the following thematic concerns:

Themes:

I. Our first Theme focuses on challenges to Decentralization and tribal development. The first session asks the question: What makes it difficult for decentralization and tribal development to go hand in hand? Considerations of efficiency or effectiveness are surely insufficient to explain the number and extent of announced decentralizations. This will be examining how and why decentralization came in India, and its effects on state capacity and political stability there. The sessions will seek views on the topic ‘ Decentralisation, Stability and the Strengthening of the State’

II. Second Theme will be on Tribal Self Governance and Sustainable Development. A lot of research has been done on tribal self governance and development with respect to health, education, anti-poverty programs, etc. We present original research by academics working on the frontier of their respective fields. The idea is to present their empirical findings in a form that is accessible to policymakers, development practitioners, and a wide audience of students from different disciplines.

Broad themes for discussion may have following dimensions:

1. Challenges to Decentralisation and Tribal Development
2. Decentralisation, Stability and the Strengthening of the State.
3. Does Decentralisation Strengthen or weaken the State? Authority and Social Learning in a Supple State.
4. Fiscal Decentralisation: Taxes, Transfers and Expenditures
5. Tribal Self Governance and Sustainable Development
6. Livelihood crisis in scheduled areas
7. Centrality of PESA in land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement
8. State in protection of the rights of Tribal Communities

However, these dimensions are indicative and non exhaustive. Adding relevant dimensions and themes to enrich the debates are most welcome.

The conference will be an opportunity for us to share findings and learn from your immense experience in working with these issues. About 30 participants including experts, development practitioners, administrators, policy makers will be with us for the Consultation.

The seminar will bring together practitioners, policy advisors, academics, professionals, activists and media, to present and discuss their studies, research, significant experiences and practices in addressing the complex issue.

Dates to remember:

Please send an extended abstract of one page with title and keywords of the paper/ case by email to ntrinewdelhi@yahoo.com by 10th October, 2021. Decisions on the abstract will be announced by 16th October, 2021, and participants would require sending final paper by 15th November, 2021.

Event	Date
Last date for submitting extended abstract of the paper.	October 10, 2021.
Announcement of shortlisted abstracts.	October 16, 2021.
Last date for submission of completed paper.	November 15, 2021.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

INAUGURAL SESSION 29 November, 2021 Venue: Conference Hall , 1 st Floor , IIPA		
9.30 -10.00 am		Registration
10.00 – 10.10 am	Welcome & Setting the Context	Dr. Nupur Tiwary Special Director, NTRI, Faculty, IIPA, New Delhi
10.10- 10.20 am	Special Address	Sh. S N Tripathi, Director General, IIPA, Former Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs
10.20-10.30 AM	Special Address	Sh. Amarjeet Sinha, Former Advisor to PMO, Former Secretary, Rural Development, Govt. of India
10.30-11.00	Special Address	Sh. Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India
11.00-11.10 am	Key Note address	Sh. Giriraj Singh Hon'ble Union Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India
11.10 -11.15 am	Vote of Thanks	MoPR
11.00-11.15 Tea Break		

PANEL DISCUSSION Challenges to Decentralisation and Tribal Development Time: 11.15- 12.30 pm.	
Moderator Sh. A.N. P. Sinha Former Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India	
Speakers	
Sh. S K Patjoshi	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India
Smt. R Jaya	Joint Secretary, FRA Division, MoTA, Govt. of India
Sh. Konthang Touthang	Joint Secretary, NCST, Govt. of India
Prof. Neeraja Jayal Gopal	Professor, Centre for Law and Governance Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi
Prof. Hari Nagarajan	Professor, Centre for Management in Agriculture Indian Institute of Management, Ahemdabad.
Sh. Sudhir Krishna	Former Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Govt. of India Former Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Prof. Shashanka Bhide	Senior Advisor, Research Programmes and Professor, NCAER, Govt. of India, New Delhi
Sh. Bala Prashad	Special secretary, President of India. Former Special Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India

Sh. T. R. Raghunanadan	Former Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India. Former Secretary, Rural Development, Government of Karnataka.
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Technical Session I Decentralisation, Stability and the Strengthening of the State Time: 12.30 pm- 1:45 pm	
Chairperson Sh Sudhir Krishna Former Secretary, Urban Development	
Paper Presenters	
Lunch 01.45-02.30 pm Hostel Mess	
Technical Session II Does Decentralisation Strengthen or weaken the State? Authority and Social Learning in a Supple State Time: 2:30 pm- 3:45 pm	
Chairperson Dr. George Mathew Professor, Centre for Public Health, Tata Institute of Social Science	
Paper Presenters	
03.45-04.00	

Tea Break	
Technical Session III Fiscal Decentralisation: Taxes, Transfers and Expenditures Time 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm	
Chairperson Sh Laveesh Bhandari Director, Indicus Foundation.	
Paper Presenters	

Day 2, Tribal Self Governance and Sustainable Development		
10.00 – 10.05 am	Welcome & Setting the Context	Dr. Nupur Tiwary Special Director, NTRI, Faculty, IIPA, New Delhi
10.05- 10.15 am	Special Address	Sh. S N Tripathi, Director General, IIPA, Former Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs
10.15-10.25	Special Address	Sh. N K Singh , Chairman, 15 th Finance Commission. Former Rajya Sabha MP.

10.25-10.35	Special Address	Sh. Anil Kumar Jha, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
10.35-10.45 am	Key Note address	Sh. Arjun Munda, Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Government of India
10.45-10.55	Guest of Honour	Smt. Anusuiya Uikey, Governor, Chhattisgarh
10.55-11.00	Vote of thanks	MoTA

PANEL DISCUSSION Topic Time: 11.15- 12.30 pm.	
Moderator	
Speakers	
Sh. Raghav Chandra	Former Chairman, National Highways Authority of India. Former Additional Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Govt. of India.
Sh. Bala Chandra Mungekar	Former Vice Chancellor, Mumbai University. Former Chairman, UGC.
Smt. Chitrangda	
Sh. Ajay Dandekar	Professor, Shiv Nadar University.

Dr. Virginius Xaxa	Professor of Eminence, Tezpur University. Former Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
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Technical Session I PESA Act and Tribal Welfare 11:00 am- 12:15 pm	
Chairperson Sh. Bala Prashad Former Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj	
Paper Presenters	
Technical Session II State in protection of the rights of Tribal Communities 12:15 pm- 1:30 pm	
Chairperson Prof. Ujjwal Singh, Department of Political Science, Delhi University	
Paper Presenters	
Lunch 01.30-02.30 pm Hostel Mess	

Technical Session III Livelihood crisis in scheduled areas 2:30 pm- 3:45 pm	
Chairperson Prof. Rumki Basu, Department of Political Science, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi.	
Paper Presenters	
Technical Session IV Centrality of PESA in land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement 3:45 pm-4:00 pm	
Chairperson Smt. Leela Visaria Honorary Professor and former Director, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad	
Paper Presenters	

Summing Up and Future Strategies

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Valedictory Session

Time: 04:00 pm- 5:15 pm.

4.00-4.40 PM	Concluding Remarks	Smt. Rekha Yadav, Joint Secretary Ministry of Panchayati Raj , Govt. of India
		Shri Navaljit Kapoor Joint Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs , Govt of India
4.40-5.00 PM	Valedictory Address	Sh. S N Tripathi, Director General, IIPA, Former secretary, Parliamentary Affairs, New Delhi
5.00-5.15 PM	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Nupur Tiwary Special Director, NTRI, Faculty, IIPA, New Delhi
5.15 Onwards		High Tea