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It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that the Department of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur , is organizing a National **Seminar on "India's Neighbourhood Policy: New Directions"** on 25 and 26th February 2017, under University Leadership Programme (ULP).

India has a very complex and diverse history of its relation with the neighbours. Being the most powerful state in the region, it dominates regional politics. The region has been considered as India centric in the world politics. However, the unsettled historic incidents, artificial cartography, cultural permeability and porous international boundaries have raised several puzzling options before India .

In this backdrop India's policy towards concept of neighbourhood and the neighbourhood have taken many shifts. It has wider spectrum of neighbours ranging from its immediate bordering state to notional neighbours based on historical and cultural ties. Within this broader spectrum, India's policy towards neighbours has been flexible and reciprocal. These policy trends have created the avenues for conflict and cooperation. It has also lead to dilemma on many dimensions of neighbourhood.

On the other hand, geopolitical shift in international politics and emerging regional dynamics have raised more doubts and concern rather than providing a clear vision for India's neighbourhood policy. This has led to many troublesome and problematic scenarios around India and before India's foreign policy makers. However, the fundamental policy options for India remain unaddressed and unsettled.

The BJP led NDA Government right from the beginning has been very proactive and instrumental in engaging the immediate and extended neighbours in various sectors. These positive opportunities and directions have been part of the larger national objectives of comprehensive development.

The two-days ULP National Seminar will deliberate and discuss all key aspects of India's neighbourhood policy, such as, Whether India has consistent and coherent policy towards its neighbours? What has been the historical track-record for India's policy towards neighbours? What are the new avenues and options for India in the diverse and dynamic neighbourhood? Where is India heading to engage the neighbours constructively in the complex interdependent world?

The specific focus of the Seminar would be:-

1. Neighbourhood: concepts and perspectives
2. India and immediate neighbours
3. India and extended neighbours
4. Geopolitics and India's neighbourhood policy
5. Economic and cultural initiatives.
6. Non-traditional issues and neighbourhood policy.
7. Future directions for India's neighbourhood policy

The Sub-themes are indicative , not exhaustive

You are requested to participate in the seminar and present a paper related to the themes of the Seminar. Due to financial constraints no T.A., D.A. will be given.

Your consent and abstract of paper may be sent to headpolscienceuor@gmail.com /communicated to Convenor, ULP Seminar.

Details:

Registration fee

1. Teachers and Research fellows -1000/-
2. Research Scholars -600/-
3. Students- 300/-

Registration fees may be paid online / by cheque in the name of Director , ULP, Political Science , University of Rajasthan,

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