



# ULP NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

## “Paradigm Shift in Indian Politics: Myth or Reality”

(22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014)

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You will be happy to know that the Department of Political Science, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur is organizing a) **National Seminar on “Paradigm Shift in Indian Politics: Myth or Reality”** under University Leadership Programme on 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 at Jaipur.

The evolution of India's polity appears to be reaching a critical stage where the outlines of a new paradigm are clearly visible. Many voters- especially young citizens of India are searching for transparency and a new political discourse that seeks to bring the common citizen - or the last man - centre stage. The outcome of recent elections for the legislative assembly of five Indian states on December 2013 has led the functionaries of various political parties realize that if the polity undergoes a qualitative change of this sort, there is bound to be a resounding, positive effect on the Indian politics. The 2013 mandate in assembly elections in Delhi reflected that the Aam Adami has challenged the existing political scenario. The primary focus of this seminar is to deliberate whether upheaval is an ephemeral phase or an enduring force that will bring about a paradigm shift in Indian politics.

Most of the issues so far, that have doggedly plagued Indian politics, have resulted from corruption and absence of humanitarian politics and governance. Divisive issues are brought to bear upon politics with the intent of obfuscating the real problems affecting the citizenry. If we look in to the history of Indian Politics, Gandhi presented insurmountable challenges to the contemporary pundits precisely because he chose to operate outside the set ideological cocoons dominant at that time. Gandhian idea of radical decentralisation offered a creative solution to the various manifestations of internecine disharmony and conflict in India. This was because it presupposed the convergence of multiple identities under a single roof to chart their common destiny as citizens of a democratic country. Today, the majority of people in India, are cutting across divides of caste, creed, class and language, and following Gandhi. AAP has already made it clear that it wants to go beyond the inherent divisions towards a political system centered on the rights of the citizens.

Democracy is taking a new turn as ordinary voters are becoming more aware and engaged. Earlier, they used to withdraw because there was no space for “protest politics”. Anna Hazare created a space for critiquing the present available alternatives. Electoral Politics is no longer part of the stereotype that it is outside the reach of the middle class. The anti politician is all set to give the politician a run for his money. The high turnout is changing the agenda of the political class. From fancy economic and elitist notions of liberalisation, privatisation and globalization, it has retreated to basic needs of people such as water, security, inflation, employment and social justice.

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The previous year has witnessed a revolution in entire political scenario which is speculated to manifest itself again during the general elections in 2014. It heralds that the advent of a much-needed political alternative, that breaks free from all varieties of ideological formulations shaped and coloured by the language and idiom of colonial and post-colonial experiences will be a history. There is possibility of a fresh political discourse which is authentically reflective of the needs and aspirations of the present juncture of history, for it convincingly steers clear of the ideological certitudes of the past without being ethically neutral or morally ambiguous. Start of some fresh changes with regard to elections of Lok Sabha 2014 is imminent in almost all the political parties, as young voters join the ranks of the enfranchised, and the central foci can be expected as the demographic bulge in voters. This seminar attempts to understand and evaluate the apparent change in the political proceedings in the country and assess its sustainability in the upcoming trends of Indian democracy.

### Sub Themes of the Seminar are as under:

- Dominant Paradigm in Indian Politics
- Political Parties : Recent trends
- Electoral Behavior
- Paradigm Shift: Transient or Real

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