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National Seminaron

# PUBLIC POLICY, POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE IN INDIA IN THE POST PANDEMIC ERA (11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> March, 2022)

The emergence of populist politics is making the public policy formulation and governance very difficult in a democratic society. The outbreak and spread of pandemic has made the situation worse. The competence and credibility of the state is at stake when it encounters extraordinary circumstances that require collaboration and cooperation of different levels of administration, sound policy formulation and effective governance.

The pandemic had devastating affect on human life by increasing poverty, unemployment, disturbed food security and supply chains besides health hazards. All cumulatively led to heavy lose of human life, paralysed economy and weakened the social resilience.

Moreover, Centre-State relationship was put on the test during pandemic and subsequent post-pandemic recovery regardless of the pronouncement of "cooperative federalism". The Centre-State relations turnout "monopoly-duopoly" contest as it unsettles the third-tier and civil society organizations.

To ensure effective response to the emerging situation, the public servants shall have to perform their duties with utmost accountability. Simultaneously the collaboration among different levels of governance, private sector and civil society organizations is also required for sound policy-planning and effective governance in order to revitalize the society.

Crisis emerged due to pandemic created an opportunity to the centre and the

states to frame heath policies. The government took the onus of minimising the effects of pandemic by initiating relevant mitigating policies. Institutional building in health sector acquired importance and the government at both the levels garnered support from private and NGO's to address the issue.

The seminar is therefore, aimed at bringing together academicians, practitioners, researchers and professionals to share their findings and experiences while working on these issues. The below mentioned themes are only indicative and are not restricted. Scholars may contribute their papers on the relevant dimensions of sub themes that enrich the discussion.

### **Broad themes for discussion**

- The impact of pervasive populism on public policy and governance.
- Changing nature of centre-state relations in the time of crisis.
- Pandemic outbreak with fast mutant virus and vaccination and the response of public institutions.
- Governance approaches for building a new paradigm for public trust.
- Role of technology in innovative strategies like digitalisation, e-Governance in confronting emergency situations.
- Changing nature of Governance, Democracy and Public Institutions in contemporary populist politics.
- Ensuring effective and efficient public services as well as emerging new role and responsibilities of public servants in the post-pandemic period.
- Public policies for economic recovery and regaining social resilience in the post-COVID period.
- Dynamics of financial management/budget allocations in response to pandemic.
- Sociological and psychological implications due to pandemic.

#### **Dates to remember:**

The abstract of 200-300 words (English Font: Times New Roman & 12 Font size, Hindi Font: DevLys & Font size 14) should be submitted by email to <u>dpauorseminar2022@gmail.com</u> latest by **5<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.** The full length paper 3000-4000 words should be submitted before **10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**. The selected quality papers will be published in the form of a book.

## **Registration:**

The registration for teacher participants is Rs.1000 and for students and research scholars is Rs.700. Fee can be deposited in cash in the department.

#### Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided to the participants by the organisers.

Event	Date
Last date for submitting the abstract	5 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
Last date for submitting the completed paper	10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022
Seminar	11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2022

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