

Call for Papers

Two Day International Seminar on 'Social Justice Policies of Modi Government' (16-17 November, 2019)

Concept Note

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in 2014 promising all inclusive development (Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas) of every section of society, especially the poor and vulnerable sections. The BJP government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi executed many policies for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Divyangs, Senior Citizens, Nomadic Tribes and others. Apart from reservation in jobs and employment, the government also went a step further with new ways of affirmative policies for empowering many new sections of society which were hitherto sidelined.

In India, the politics of social justice has been entirely based on identity politics, but the larger idea of social justice is to create an egalitarian society based on progressive and modern value system. The Narendra Modi government has put in place many policies which go beyond the politics of identity and redefine the idea of social justice. The government has tried to connect social justice and empowerment with market economy and introduced new policies like Dalit capitalist fund, Stand Up scheme, Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency (MUDRA) scheme, Jan Dhan Yojana and others. It has, in effect, made an effort to establish a balance between society, state and market.

At the same time, voices of dissent are being expressed by Scheduled Castes and other sections on issues like reservations, representation and atrocities. There is lot of unrest in tribal areas about their development and rehabilitation. The number of senior citizens and their concerns are also increasing day by day. The OBCs have also come up with demands and many communities want to be included in this segment. On the other hand, the government has created a new category of Economically Backward Classes and given them reservation of 10%. Despite many innovative ways to reach the unreached, there are issues which need deliberation and discussion in the light of rising social unrest in the society.

In this proposed seminar, the endeavour is to understand the spirit of social justice policies of Modi government and its outreach among different sections of the population. Against this backdrop, the following sub-themes are proposed for various technical sessions.

Proposed Themes

- Social Justice Discourse: Theory and Practice
- Antyodaya and Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas
- Issues and Challenges of Marginalised Sections
- Dalit Issues in Changing Times
- Issues and policies for OBCs, EBCs, Nomadic Tribes and Tribals
- Issues and Policies for Senior Citizens and Divyangs
- Reservation, Representation and Recognition
- Affirmative action beyond Reservation
- Marginalised Sections and Private Sector
- The Idea of New India and Social Justice

Guidelines

- Abstract should not be more than 400 words.
- Last date of submission of Abstract is 30th October, 2019.
- English Abstracts: Times New Roman, font size 12 and spacing 1.5.
- Hindi Abstracts: Same as above in PDF format.
- Two Tier AC Travel and Accommodation would be provided by the organisers.
- All mail should be sent to email id: seminar.socialjustice2019@gmail.com.
- Call us for any query on these numbers: 9560350461; 9930912114

The Seminar sponsored by ICSSR and Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is being organized by Dr. Ambedkar Chair in Social Justice, Indian Institute of Public Administration, New Delhi in collaboration with Satyawati College, Delhi University, Delhi and Centre for Policy Research and Governance, New Delhi.

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