



Two Days National Conference on
**DEMOCRACY, ELECTIONS and
GOOD GOVERNANCE**



Organized by
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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Nagpur University is one of the earliest universities of India established in the year 1923 as an affiliating and examining body. But the academic were convinced that the university should not remain just as an examination taking body but must also involve itself into teaching and research. With the establishment of the department of political science in the year 1945, the long cherished dream of the University for undertaking post graduate studies and research was realized. The department of Political Science now offers various programmes including the Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. Its curriculum is well balanced to address the academic interests in National Politics as well as International Politics. Presently the University comprises of Thirty-nine Postgraduate Teaching Departments; three Constituent Colleges/Institutions along with Eight hundred forty-two affiliated colleges, spread over in 11 campuses with an overall area of 318 acres. Academic programs including the Undergraduate, Masters and Research programmes under various faculties are run by the university. Apart from these the university imparts various skill oriented, vocational, hobby, extension studies. It has earned laurels through its research contributions, cultural participations, sports and other activities. The university remains the heart of the educational environment and the ecosystem in the region of entire Vidarbha. The departments are since then engaged with various academic researches and have a glorious history of producing academicians, policy makers, practicing politicians and researchers.

BRIEF NOTE ON THE CONFERENCE :

The polity of India is the largest exercise in democracy in the world. Defying what would have been the preconditions for the working of a successful democracy the makers of modern India have relied and kept faith upon the people to work out a democratic polity. Democracy in India has been worked out keeping in mind the context in which it had to be operated. It not only establishes the norms of representative, majority, bicameral at the National and State governments, but also works out a distributive formula for representing the most marginal sections i.e., the representation of SC/ST and others in the National Parliament, the State Legislatures and the Local Self Governments. The objective was that the people of India should have a maximum representative government which will articulate their interests, make laws and policies and make an arrangement of a just distributive process of societal resources. It therefore, becomes imperative that there should be a fair and deliberative electoral process, accessible representative institutional channels and mechanisms of interests articulations through which national, State and Local Governments are formed and established. It is also imperative again to understand how the representative governments are able to create a governance environment and architecture which will enable the government to deliver the aspirations of the citizens. Since, the institutional framework has to be worked in an ever changing socio-political context; the ability of the institutions to adapt to the changing environment is always a challenge as well as an opportunity of governance innovation. It is from this understanding that a 2 days conference has been organized by the university on the theme "Democracy, Elections and Good Governance". The sub-themes on the one hand open up deliberation relating to the formation of the institutional arrangement of 'democracy' and its intervening element-'elections'. On the other hand, there is another group of subthemes which expect deliberations on the deliverables or the 'governance' in a democratic framework. There are also sub-themes which focus upon the problems, challenges and policy innovations in the working of a

democratic polity. The conference is interdisciplinary in nature underlining the fact that the theme can be approached from diverse disciplinary frame works.

SUBTHEMES:

- a. National, State and Local Elections: Challenges of Democratic Participation
- b. The Democratic Process and Politics in India
- c. Participation of Youth, Women, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and other minorities in the Democratic Process
- d. Democratic participation in Tribal Designated Areas (PESA)
- e. Participation related Issues of elected members in the House
- f. Role of Political Parties and Media
- g. Role of Election Commission
- h. Issues in National, State and Local Democracy and Good Governance
- i. Caste, Communalism, muscle power and money power in Elections
- j. Identifying areas and challenges to Electoral Reforms

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Full length Papers are invited in Marathi, Hindi and English on the above sub-themes from Teachers, Scholars, and other interested persons by 10th September 2018. The full length paper should not be more than 2000 words. The paper has to be submitted in word file, with complete name and address and affiliating institution of the author. For English use Times New Roman font with 12 font size. And for Marathi in Unicode, with 14 font size. The papers have to be sent on the email- rtmnusec2018conf@gmail.com Submission of hard copy by post or by hand will not be accepted.

Only limited number of papers will be selected by a peer review committee. No papers will be entertained after the stipulated due date ie. 15th September 2018.

PUBLICATION:

1. Full papers will be published in the Conference Proceedings only after the recommendation by the peer review committee.
2. A select few papers will be published in the Book recommended by the peer review committee.

REGISTRATION:

1. Online registration is compulsory for all the participants. Registrations will not be accepted by any other means of application. Registration form is available on the link given below

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSclKYNExk2QnY-JTm47gosU8ZdVv7t3KfOTD_XJQrlevEh6Lw/viewform?usp=sf_link

2. Registration Fee has to be deposited in the following account.
 - a. Bank Name and Branch : Bank of India/RTM Nagpur University Campus, Nagpur
 - b. Name of the Account : NATIONAL CONFE. ON DEMOCRACY, ELECT
 - c. Account No : 876210210000068
 - d. IFSC : BKID0008762
 - e. MICR : 440013037

(The participants are required to keep the receipt of the transaction for verification during registration at the time of conference)

- Registration is mandatory for the participation in the conference.
- No paper will be published without registration.
- The last date of registration for the conference is 20th September 2018.
- Registration can be made by Online Transfer through NEFT on the account details given above. OR Cash, Cheque or DD in the name of NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEMOCRACY, ELECTION should be deposited or sent by post at Department of Political Science, Mahatma Phule Educational Campus, Amravati Road, RTM Nagpur University, Nagpur-440033.
- Papers with joint authors will have to pay the full fees separately.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- Teachers, Scientists, Officers or in service persons - Rs. 500/-
- Students and Research Scholars - Rs. 300/-

TA FOR PAPER PRESENTER :

The T.A. will include train fare of III AC or its equivalent for teachers of colleges and universities only and Sleeper class fare or its equivalent for all others whose paper has been selected by the peer review committee for the presentation and who has registered for the conference and presented the paper

ACCOMMODATION:

Participants who wish to have arrangement of accommodation should mention it in the registration form and must submit it within the stipulated date of registration. No on the time request for the same will be entertained.

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