



UGC SPONSORED NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES BEFORE THE INDIAN ECONOMY

DATE: 8-9 MARCH 2017

CALL FOR PAPER PRESENTATION / PARTICIPATION



Venue: Seminar Room
Satyawati College (Day)
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Concept Note

India's experience of economic development has been an important subject of scholarly debate. In many ways its experience has been compared and contrasted with that of Russia, Brazil, China, South Africa and a host of developing economies, each endowed with its own set of opportunities and challenges.

The Indian economy, it has been argued, is endowed with many unique advantages as well as constraints on the possibilities of development. For instance, the much discussed demographic dividend is indicative of the potential for the development of India's manufacturing sector. But it is also the case that this potential is hampered by factors such as the institutional set up, education, world economic conditions etc.

In the context of India's economic development, questions have been raised on whether growth as measured by the GDP is a goal worth pursuing. An additional dimension of this problem is the debate on the 'quality' of economy growth. There are broadly two views as regards the pace of economic growth in India. Some argue that higher growth would either solve many of the problems alluded to above or enable adequate resources to be garnered by the state in order to confront the problems mentioned above. Others argue that higher growth per se will exacerbate the problem of employment since private investment is often congealed in labour displacing technology in the private sector. Further, it is argued that the state will be less able to garner resources from those segments of the private sector which have been strengthened economically and politically during the process of higher economic growth. Closely related to the political economy of the pace and pattern of economic growth is the problem of ecological sustainability. For instance, there are debates on the role of state policy in the speed of diffusion of solar power in India so as to reduce dependence on thermal power, the development of domestic manufacturing capacity of solar power equipment etc.

The rise of the services sector (including information technology) has not only led to sectoral imbalances but has also had an adverse impact on the process of urbanisation in India. Rapid urbanization characterised by the growth of cities and towns has often led to rising social and economic disparities. Given the relatively limited employment potential of the services sector and the limited role of labour intensive manufacturing in India, the problem of adequate and fair employment opportunities has come to the fore. The ongoing agrarian crisis, due to the declining viability of agriculture, has aggravated the problems of employment as well as poverty. Recently the state in India has unveiled a "Make in India" strategy that aims to expand the manufacturing sector in India. This has given rise to new debates on its promise, rationale and likely impact on the economy.

The need to overcome sectoral imbalances, along with sector-specific issues becomes more urgent since India, it is argued faces resource constraints. The mismatch between the need for subsidies and restricted tax base on the one hand and the fiscally conservative policy stance of the state has meant that adequate public expenditure on the social sector-- education, health, and social infrastructure etc. has not been forthcoming. The latter is imperative since India lag behinds smaller and less developed countries on social indicators including malnutrition levels, maternal mortality, infant mortality, primary and tertiary school enrolment ratios, sex ratio, extent of sanitation coverage, health provision etc. This is arguably, connected to the diminished role of marginalised sections (such as women and other socially deprived communities) in the working of the contemporary Indian economy. Since the world economy is characterised by economic problems affecting both its developed and developing segments, policy making in India has to be innovative in confronting the adverse external environment.

The approach of the state to foreign direct investment (including technology transfer), foreign institutional investment, foreign trade etc. will have a significant impact on the path of economic development that will open up before the Indian economy. Given a particular policy choice on the above mentioned issues there will still remain the problem of implementation. For instance, foreign direct investment (especially of the greenfield variety) will require not only a mutually favourable policy and legal set up but also the presence of appropriate social and physical infrastructure.

The whole gamut of issues set above, inform the theme of the proposed conference. It seeks to invite academicians, researchers, scholars and thinkers to debate and discuss the challenges that India faces in its path of economic development. The conference proposes to hold sessions commensurate with the following suggested lines of enquiry, though these are not exhaustive. The key contribution of the conference is to explore the challenges confronting India's economic development and the possible policy responses.

Session Details

- ✧ **Session 1: Analysis of the Economic Experience of Contemporary India.**
- ✧ **Session 2: Role of Policy in contemporary Indian Economy.**
- ✧ **Session 3: Social aspects of Economic Experience in Contemporary India.**

Tentative Schedule

Day 1: March 8, 2017

9.00 am :Registration.
9.30 am : Welcome
9.45 am : Inaugural Address by an eminent academician
10.15 am : Tea
10.30 am : Session 1
1.30 pm : Lunch

2.30 pm: Session 2

5.30 pm: Tea

Day 2: March 9, 2017

9.00 am : Session 3
11.30 am -11:45 am: Tea break
11:45 am: Closing Session (with distribution of participation certificates)

The Conference invites papers on the following broad sub-themes (the list is in no way exhaustive. Contributors are free to broadly develop on the session themes.)

- What are the macroeconomic debates on the problems of economic development confronting India?
- What are the sector specific problems that the Indian economy faces in its growth process?
- What are the appropriate roles of the private and public sectors in tackling the current problems of the Indian economy?
- What policy and implementation initiatives are called for in India's social sector of India in the light of past experience?
- What initiatives are required to deal with the ecological dimension of India's economic development?
- Can the experience of better performing states yield lessons that can be drawn upon by other states?
- Comparative analysis of India's development growth post 1991, vis-à-vis other countries.
- Lessons from Indian economic history.

Guidelines For Abstract Submission

Interested participants can send the abstract of their proposed paper to satyawati.conference@gmail.com latest by **10 Jan 2017**.

One participant can send in multiple abstracts, after separate registration for each abstract. Each participant can send a maximum of 3 abstracts (including abstracts for joint papers)

The abstract must not exceed 750 words.

All abstracts must be typed with 1.5 spacing, font size 12, Time New Roman font. Please mention the session in which your paper should figure at the time of submission.

All abstracts will be blind peer reviewed. After the review the decision regarding the acceptance of the paper will be communicated to the participant by 25 Jan 2017.

Guidelines For Paper Submission

The accepted paper must provide full information on Name(s) of authors, place of work/affiliation, contact information (phone and email) on the first page of the paper.

All papers must be typed with 1.5 spacing, font size 12, Time New Roman font. The word limit for a paper is 8000 words excluding tables, references and data. The paper must be sent to satyawati.conference@gmail.com latest by 20 Feb 2017. The paper must not be under consideration for publication by anyone else at the time of submission.

Guidelines For Presentation

A time limit of 15 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes for discussion will be allotted to each participant.

Powerpoint/PDF presentation must be sent to satyawati.conference@gmail.com latest by 28 Feb 2017.

Please bring a backup copy of your presentation.

A Laptop PC will be available for the presentation.

Conference Proceedings

It is proposed that a revised version of a selection of the accepted papers will be published in a book form after the Conference is over in order to promote further research on the issues that are part of the Conference.

Who Can Participate

This Conference is targeted at teachers, researchers along with activists, policy makers and students wherein it is expected that there will be a meaningful exchange of informed and diverse on issues relevant to contemporary India. It is expected that a meaningful outcome will be generated in the Conference, which can form the basis of tangible policy suggestions. The Conference also aims to provide a platform for new ideas to be set out and subject to academic scrutiny and rigour.

The organisers welcome all those who are interested in discussing the issues outlined in the proposed sessions. Those who not intend to submit papers are also welcome to be part of the Conference.

The Conference will have three types of participants

- ✧ Paper presenters: Students, Researchers and Faculty who will present their papers.
- ✧ Discussants: Students, Researchers and Faculty who will not present papers but will contribute to the discussions.
- ✧ Paper Contributors: Students, Researchers and Faculty who will contribute a paper to the Conference but are NOT ABLE to present their paper due to exceptional reasons. The reasons must be communicated to the Organisers and approval sought for the same well in time.

Registration is mandatory for all presenters/contributors/discussants. The abstracts will be considered for review only AFTER registration by those who submit them .

TRAVEL EXPENSES: Outstation participants will be provided travel allowance as per UGC rules. NO travel allowance will provided for local participants.

Lunch and light refreshments will be provided to all participants.

Connectivity Of Venue

The venue of the Conference is well connected with Delhi Metro. You can reach the venue by the Yellow Line (drop off at Model Station Metro Station. The venue is approximately 2 kms from this station) . You can also take the Red Line (drop off at Kanhaiya Nagar station. The venue is approximately 2 kms from here). In case of any assistance in this regard please contact the organisers.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- ✓ 10 Jan 2017: Last date for submission of Abstract
- ✓ 20 Jan 2017 : Last date for intimation of acceptance of paper
- ✓ 20 Feb 2017: Last date for submission of Paper
- ✓ 20 Feb 2017: Last date for discussants to register
- ✓ 8-9 Mar 2017: Conference dates

FEES:

The registration fees are as follows:

- For paper presenters: Rs 750 per abstract.
- For paper contributors: Rs 750 per abstract
- For student presenters: Rs 500 per abstract
- For discussants: Rs 500 only.

An additional late fee (along with the above fees) of Rs 250 must be paid for any submission upto 7 days after the allotted date of registration.

The fees can be paid through RTGS/IMPS/NEFT/ DD/cheque in favour of Principal, Satyawati College (payable at Delhi), Punjab National Bank, Ashok Vihar Branch,

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Once you make the fees payment, please drop a mail at **satyawati.conference@gmail.com** with the following details:

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Name of Proposed Paper

Date of Payment

Mode and Details of Payment

Nature of Participation

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