

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON DEVELOPMENT WITH DIGNITY

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Organized by



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INVITATION

INDEPENDENT INDIA celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in 2021. To make this happy occasion, a memorable one, the Government of India celebrated **Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav**. One of its themes was *Inclusive Development*. Though *Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav* ended on 15th August, 2023, Development will continue. By the term '**Development**' we mean *a process of socio-economic change that leads to a better quality of life*.

We, at the Department of Sociology, The University of Burdwan, are organizing an interdisciplinary national seminar on the theme: **Development with Dignity**. **Development with Dignity** is a sub theme of **Inclusive Development**. Development should ensure an honourable lifestyle for all. The 'Preamble' to the *Constitution of India* aims to promote **FRATERNITY** among the people and ensure '**the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the nation.**' **Development with Dignity** can ensure an honourable life for the people. It will have a positive impact on national integration. Eminent scholars, from various fields of social sciences will deliberate on the theme of **DEVELOPMENT WITH DIGNITY**. We cordially invite you to be a part of this grand intellectual celebration which will coincide with the **35th Anniversary of the Department of Sociology, The University of Burdwan (1988-2023)**.

CONCEPT NOTE

Since the 1950s we had repeated paradigm shifts in the concept of 'Development'. Since the 1950s 'Development' was identified with economic growth. Ragnar Nurkse, Sir Arthur Lewis, and W. W. Rostow favoured economic growth as the antidote to poverty. They advocated state intervention to bring about economic growth. Arthur Lewis advocated tied foreign aid to developing countries for achieving specific goals. In the 1970s, economist, Mahbub ul Haq, coined the term 'Human Development' at the World Bank. He claimed that the GDP model of Development has failed to measure human well-being. The concept of 'capabilities' is central to the human development approach. 'Capabilities' mean that man must have the capacity to have access to good health, knowledge and decent material conditions of living. Since then, the *Human Development Report* is an annual feature and the **Human Development Index** is used to measure the developmental progress of a country.

In 1987 emerged the concept of **Sustainable Development**. The Brundtland Commission defined 'Sustainable Development' as '*development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs*'. On 1st January, 2016, the United Nations announced a set of 17 **Sustainable Development Goals** to meet the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. India is also committed to pursue these goals. In 2014, our government reiterated that its commitment to the path of Development for All. Our motto is **Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas**.

Statistics indicate that India has made notable progress in its journey towards development since Independence.

Firstly, India achieved the goal of economic growth. At the time of Independence India was a totally underdeveloped nation. From Rs.2.7 lakh crore rupees which was just 3% of the total GDP in the world in 1947, India's real GDP has grown to Rs 147.79 lakh crore in 2018. It accounted for 7.74 per cent of the total GDP of the world's economy in 2018. But Development must include popular participation. This will lead to Distributive Justice and dignified living for all. We will discuss how this can be achieved.

Secondly, with regard to Sustainable Development, India has performed better than the global average according to the *Sustainable Development Report 2022* prepared by Jeffery Sachs et.al at the University of Columbia. At the seminar we propose to focus on how to better achieve these Sustainable Development Goals in the context of *Development with Dignity*.

Thirdly, thanks to the emphasis of the Government of India on **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, India not only achieved self-reliance in the production of vaccines during the Covid 19 pandemic but also combated it through exporting vaccines.

There are grand schemes for self-reliance.

Schemes for self-reliance. i) *Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana*, seeks integrated development of fisheries. It aims to make a 'blue revolution' under a Central Sector Scheme. Through a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, our government intends to promote herbal cultivation and beekeeping initiatives. ii) Through promoting use of green fuels like hydrogen our government proposes to save both valuable foreign exchange and the environment. iii) Through *Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana*, the government is providing low-cost houses to poor people. iv) Through Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), the government provides poor ruralites 100 days' work and at the same time is building rural infrastructure. The seminar will discuss how these initiatives have enabled people to live a life of dignity. Various schemes have been taken up by the state government for the same purpose as well in the last 75 years.

❖ KEY ISSUES THAT MAY BE DISCUSSED IN THE SEMINAR

- Removing hunger
- Achieving gender equality and empowering women
- Achieving full employment
- Achieving good health
- Achieving 100% literacy and 12 years of schooling for all.
- Achieving self-reliance.
- The role of **Swatch Bharat Abhiyan** in improving the awareness of the people towards a clean environment. Cleanliness, in turn, is related to a healthy and dignified living.

❖ MAJOR RESEARCH QUESTIONS

- 1) How do we modify our development philosophy so as to achieve dignity for all?
- 2) How do we achieve Development with Dignity through economic planning?
- 3) How can Development with Dignity be achieved for people cutting across vast geographical spaces?
- 4) How do we modify development plans to achieve Development with Dignity for all citizens?
- 5) How do we achieve Development with Dignity among tribes and marginal people?
- 6) How do we save the environment and ensure Development with Dignity?
- 7) What role should political leaders and administrators play in ensuring Development with Dignity for all?

❖ **Research outcome:** Through the seminar we propose to contribute a new sub field to Development Studies.

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite academicians and research scholars to contribute papers to the seminar.

Pre-registration

All scholars, who intend to present papers in the seminar, need to register in advance. They will be entitled to kits and local hospitality. They will have to send the registration fee electronically to a designated bank account and present a copy of the receipt at the venue. The bank account will be communicated later.

Who can participate: Scholars working in the fields of social sciences recognized by ICSSR. These sciences include Sociology and Social Anthropology, Political Science/Public Administration, Economics, Commerce and Management, International Studies, Social Geography and Population Studies, Commerce and Management, Social Psychology, Education, Health Studies, Modern Social History, Gender Studies, Media Studies, and Environmental Studies, Social Philosophy, etc.

❖ Sub themes of the Seminar

Delegates may present papers on any one of the following sub themes:

- 1) Philosophical dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 2) Economic dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 3) Geographical dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 4) Sociological dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 5) Ethnological dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 6) Administrative and political dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 7) Educational dimensions of Development with Dignity.
- 8) Environment & Sustainable Development with Dignity

Venue of the Seminar

**Department of Sociology,
The University of Burdwan
Golapbag, P.O.Rajbati, Burdwan 713104, West Bengal**

Travel to Burdwan(Barddhaman)

Burdwan(Barddhaman) is about a hundred kilometres from Kolkata. All major trains in Eastern and North-Eastern Railway, with some exceptions, like Rajdhani Express, Shatabdi Express and Vande Bharat Express, stop here.

Burdwan is also well connected by road.

There is express and local bus service from Kolkata and major cities in the region.

Within Burdwan bus, rickshaw and e three-wheeler (known locally as Toto) services are available from railway station or bus stand.

Stay at Burdwan

Burdwan has good hotels for staying. Those who intend to stay in Burdwan during the duration of the seminar may book hotels through the following websites-

Make my Trip.com. <https://www.makemytrip.com/hotels/barddhaman-hotels.html>

Goibibo . <https://www.goibibo.com/hotels/hotels-in-barddhaman-ct/>

Tripadvisor <https://www.tripadvisor.in/Hotels-g9456047-Burdwan Bardhaman District West Bengal-Hotels.html>

Justdial <https://www.justdial.com/Bardhaman/Hotels/nct-10255012>

Travelguru <https://www.travelguru.com/hotels/hotels-in-burdwan>

ABSTRACT

A good abstract should ideally be a like a precis It should reveal enough so that the reader has a grasp of what the article is about. But it should not reveal too much otherwise the reader loses interest in the original work.

The abstract for the seminar should contain the following:

Title, Introduction, Objective, Research Method, Results and Discussion, Conclusion and Key words.

Abstracts for the seminar should be between 250 -300 words. They should be written in 12-point Times New Roman font.

A front page should be created. Write the title of the abstract, number and title of sub theme, full name and designation of the author along with institutional address, email, phone & Whats App number should be written

Soft copies of abstracts should be sent to the following email:

abstract.socioseminar@gmail.com

NB:

Please write 'Abstract for Seminar' in the subject line. Emails without subject line may go missing or may not be noticed. They may go to the Spam folder from where they will be deleted after 30 days.

Important Dates

Last date for submitting abstracts: 14th November, 2023 midnight

Last date for communicating acceptance of abstracts: 20th November, 2023 midnight.

Last date for Registration: 21st November, 2023

Last date for receiving full paper: 27th November, 2023.

Payment will only be received after last date of communication accepting abstracts.

Intimation for registration will be communicated within 14th November.

PUBLICATION

After the seminar an **edited volume** containing selected papers presented by Resource Persons and delegates will be published by a reputed publisher with ISBN Number. Due acknowledgement to ICSSR would be made for the contribution they made to the seminar. The volume is expected to contain policy prescriptions in the field of **Development with Dignity**. Hence, pre-registered delegates are requested to send their full paper. They are requested to send a soft copy of their paper to the following email: devpaper2023@gmail.com

Please submit a hard copy to the pre-registration desk at the venue of the seminar.

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Please write 'Full Paper for publication' in the subject line. Emails without subject line may go missing or may not be noticed. They may go to the Spam folder from where they will be deleted after 30 days.

FULL PAPER

Full paper should contain Title Page, Number and name of subtheme , the author's full name, designation and email ID.

Word length: 4000-5000 words (excluding references)

Full paper should be written in 12-point Times New Roman font.

Citations: Citations should be in parentheses eg.(Banerjee, 2023:16)

Reference Style: Only **manual APA Style** referencing should be followed. **Do not use** automatic references style.

Endnotes may be incorporated to allow only sharing of additional information which was not shared in the text.

APA Style Examples:❖ **Books**

Banerjee,A. (2015)*Change & Continuity in Student Radicalism*, Kolkata, Levant Books.

- ✓ In case of more than one author, first et.al eg. Bhargava, N.K. et.al (2018) *Analyzing Social Change and Development in India*, Udaipur, New Delhi, Himanshu Publications.
- ✓ **Please note :**
Author's last name comes first.
Author's first name-only initial.
Publication date within parentheses
Title italicized.
- ❖ **Journal Article**
Gargi, G. (2012) "Impact of domestic violence on reproductive health of married women and their response", *Samaj-tattva* , Vol.18.issue No.2 p.48-63.
Comment:
- ✓ Only first letter of title should be in capital letters, others in small case.

Internet Articles:

Eg.Pandey, J.M. "Student politics on the wane" TNN

http://articles.timesofindiaindiatimes.com/2009-03-25/kolkata/28006490_1_left_parties-student_politics-chattraparishad.(Accessed on 19-07-2013).

Suggestion:

Give full form of URL

Give date on which the article is accessed or downloaded.

Plagiarism check

As per UGC norms, more than 10% similarity with other publications is Plagiarism. To avoid the charge of plagiarism it is better to paraphrase work of others and cite them in the text and references.

Accommodation

The organizers regret to inform you that we cannot offer accommodation to delegates. Therefore, delegates are requested to make arrangements for their own accommodation in Burdwan. There are good hotels and guest houses available in Burdwan at moderate prices. For booking hotels, please see the websites previously mentioned.

Registration

Last date for pre-registration: 20th November, 2023.

Delegate Fee for paper presenters = Rs.1000/ for working Academics.

Ph.D. Research Scholars not working elsewhere =Rs.700/-

M.Phil. students = Rs.500/-

Delegate Fee for those from outside the Department who wants to attend without paper presentation =Rs.1000/-

Method of payment

Use only electronic transfer methods like NEFT through your bank or through aps like G pay, BHIM, Paytm etc. and produce the receipt at the preregistration counter at the venue.

Bank Account No. will be shared with you later

Help Desk

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We look forward to welcoming you at Burdwan.