

Call for Papers

Two-Day International Conference on

Development with Justice: The Bihar Experience

2-3 June 2023

Organised by

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The Government of Bihar has undertaken several social reforms measures over past couple of decades or so with the objective of attainment of social justice in the process of development of the state. The main objective of this conference would be to analyse the implications of such measures for wellbeing of the disadvantaged sections of the society such as the women, backward castes, tribes, minorities, landless, youth, old-aged, and so on, to ensure attainment of social justice.

This conference is expected to help (i) To document and theorize on various facets of the '*development-with-justice*' model of the Bihar Government; and (ii) To suggest policies for better implementation of the social reforms measures to attain better outcomes in the process of development.

The discussions in the conference would revolve around following two broad sub-themes:

❖ **Social Reforms**

The indicative issues are:

- Rationale for social reforms
- History of social reforms
- Recent social reforms initiatives for wellbeing of the disadvantaged sections
- Effectiveness (impact evaluation) of various social reforms measures (e.g., liquor ban or complete prohibition, promotion of girls' education, by-cycle yojana for girls, 'kanya vivah' yojana, 'kanya utthan' yojana, anti-dowry campaign, child marriage prevention, digital literacy programme, training of women, women in police department, etc.) towards changing socioeconomic conditions of the disadvantaged sections.

❖ **Social Justice**

The indicative issues are:

- Alternative perspectives on social justice
- Social justice initiatives in recent times
- Changing conditions of women and various social and religious groups following social justice interventions
- Access to land, assets, education, health, employment, credit (financial inclusion) by the disadvantaged sections like minorities, backward castes, tribes, women, landless, etc. → implication for attainment of social justice
- Changing patterns of poverty and inequality among various social/religious groups
- Conditions of migrant workers and their social protection
- Women empowerment through political participation in panchayats and municipalities
- Gender inequality and women empowerment
- Gender budgeting

- Women self-help groups and their livelihoods promotion (e.g., through JEEViKA in Bihar)
- Promotion of female entrepreneurship
- Land rights of women
- Gendered violence and safeguards: crime against women; domestic violence; harassment at workplace; awareness building regarding legal rights; etc.
- Protection of human rights of the disadvantaged communities

Although the conference is focused on Bihar, the papers that provide comparative assessment of Bihar with other states as regards implementation of social reforms measures to attain social justice are also welcome.

Guidelines for paper-writers:

- This conference will be conducted in a hybrid mode.
 - This being a purely non-ritualistic conference, it will remain confined to the paper-presenters and some experts as chairs/discussants.
 - **Only analytical and unpublished papers using latest available information shall be accepted.** The papers already published or submitted for publication elsewhere would not be suitable for this seminar.
 - **The papers for mere presentation shall not be accepted as the end-objective of the conference is to have a book-publication for wider dissemination of outcome of the conference as also to provoke future research on the subject.**
 - **Full paper** (in MS-Word) (not exceeding 5000 words, all inclusive) along with an **abstract** (300 words) to be sent by email at **pse.office.patna@gmail.com** latest by 15th May 2023.
 - Papers accepted for presentation in the conference shall be communicated by email by 20th May 2023.
 - The paper should be 1.5 spaced, typed on A4-sized paper, using New Times Roman font, and font size 12.
 - The authors may use 'end-notes' if required (no footnote please) and only the cited references to be provided at the end of the paper with all necessary details (For book – Title, author(s), year of publication, publisher, place of publication; For articles – Title, author(s), year of publication, Name of journal, vol. no., issue no., pages).
 - The papers should be free from the issue of plagiarism.
 - **Every effort is being made to get the book published soon after the conference by a reputed international publisher** (after refereeing and fulfillment of publisher's conditions).
- ❖ **Travel and Accommodation:** Limited travel support shall be provided to the outstation participants subject to availability of funds. Modest accommodation for them shall also be arranged, if asked for.
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