

National Seminar

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70 Years of the Indian Republic

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Concept Note

On the historic occasion of the 70th year of the Indian Republic it is high time that the academic community should dispassionately and critically examine the journey towards democracy that was undertaken in 1950, the coming into effect of the Constitution of India being of special significance. In view of the turn of events that one has been witnessing since 2014, the following questions have suddenly come up for consideration in a big way. First, was the path traversed by the Indian Republic in the right direction ? Second, How to explain the resilience of one-party dominance, initially led by the Congress and, following 2014, by the BJP ? Third, what explains the gradual eclipse of the micro narratives of caste, community, ethnicity etc by the macro narrative of nationalism in recent times ? What is the future of identity politics in India ? Is its democratic potential being misappropriated ? Fourth, are we heading towards a future where the possibility of certain central legislative enactments being violative of the basic spirit of the Indian Constitution is emerging ?

Keeping these questions in mind, the organizers of this National Seminar issue a Call for Papers which should focus on the following themes :

1. Constitutional dimensions of the Indian polity.
2. Changing dimensions of Indian politics since 2014.
3. Micro dimensions of Indian politics : Religion, Ethnicity, Caste, Community etc.

Interested participations are invited to submit an Abstract of 250 words(Keywords not more than 5)at sourishjha@rbu.ac.in by **20.01.20**. Selected participants will be informed by **31.01.20**.No T.A/D.A will be provided, although registration is free of charge.

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