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The seminar invites Research papers relevant to sub theme. Academicians, professionals, research scholars and activists interested to present their original Research work. Seminar theme are requested to send abstracts (in about 250 words) as well as their full length paper by email attachment to dasthagir.pu@gmail.com on or before 10th of January 2014. The decision regarding acceptance of paper for presentation will be intimated by 17th of January 2014. The authors willing to publish shall submit soft copy of their full-length papers not less than 6,000 words including notes and references in publishable form on or before 31st of January 2014. All the submissions should be in MS Word format, typed in double space, Times New Roman, 12 font size following MLA Format. It is planned to bring out an edited book with ISBN compiling selected papers screened through peer review.

Registration

All the delegates who wish to participate in the seminar are required to send the filled-in registration form by email on or before 31-01-2014. The fee for seminar can be submitted in cash at the registration desk on 5th March 2014 from 9.00 am to 10.00 am.

Academicians, Professionals & Practitioners	: Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholars	: Rs. 500/-
Students	: Rs. 200/-
Foreign delegates	: \$ 50

Note (Faculty, Research Scholars and Students of Pondicherry University are exempted from registration fee).

Travel Support

Train / Bus fare by shortest route be provided to first author of accepted research papers.



ICSSR – SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR On

“Social Movements and Inclusive Development:
 Contestations, Contradictions and Challenges”

5th & 6th March 2014

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Background

A rethinking of the developmental strategies impelled by the persisting socio-economic predicaments that repudiated the development trajectory of modernization discourse reinvigorated the vitality of "Inclusive development" for redistributing social wellbeing to cross sections of human society. Contradictorily, the eclipsing of civil society by the towering figure of the state witnessed the proliferation of social movements within the ambit of planned development, overvigilant-welfaristic administration, democratic decentralization and distributive social justice. Conversely, the multinational enterprises and capitalistic corporate devising institutions perceiving social movements as "more undesirable for development" have not been instrumental in mitigating the prevalence of social movements in an era of globalization. Correspondingly, social activists are oriented to champion the cause of the oppressed, exploited and the weaker sections of society as they embody the quest for egalitarianism, freedom and social justice. As a corollary, in so far as social movements are the manifestations of demand for the dignity, stake and rights of the depressed, marginalized and weaker sections of human society, they could be perceived as the symbolic sources of inclusive development. Concurrently, as social movements have demonstrated their endurance, vitality and viability with an attempt to offer an alternative social imaginary to both capitalism and socialism to combat state domination, interrogating into the prevalence and proliferation of collective mobilization would illuminate our theoretical and theoretical understanding about the continuity, functionality and sustainability of social movements in contemporary society.

In this scenario, debates on the dialectics of movement and development explicate that while development is predisposed to reach benefits to target groups stipulated on the institutionalized parameters of the desirability, social movements tend to redefine desirability by attempting to redirect developmental benefits to certain sections of society prioritized by the proponent of movements. Albeit institutional machinery past predicaments in the redistribution of benefits entrenched in the paradoxes of ad-hoc planning, ineffective implementation and soon, social movements serve as instruments in the hands of the deprived sections through collective action to realized development benefits. In the context of social movements tendency to redirect the course of development and re-channelize development benefits to target groups, it is critical to evaluate the crafting strategies and critical outcome of social movements in relation to who participate, gets affected by and benefits from, which social group organizes or becomes the target and how desirable goals are enunciated and redistribution of social justice delineated by social movements. In this regard, although a significant volume of social science literature demonstrated that social movements are overtly or covertly to a greater extent or immanently intertwined with development, little attempt is so far made to critically examine and discover the interlinkage of social movements with inclusive development and vice-versa. Therefore, the interlinkage of negotiating spaces between state, civil society, global market and so on, discourses on the intra-phase of social movements with development is desirable to re-pronounce the project of "Inclusive Development".

Drawing insights from the theoretical debates, research gaps and empirical issues this National Seminar makes a pioneering attempt to initiate deliberations on the paradigms of development and social movements by inviting focus on the interface between social movements and inclusive development. Social scientists, human right activists, civil society organizations and scholars are invited to this two day Seminar to deliberate, debate, analyze and reinvent the underlying causality, contradictions and linkages between Social Movements and Inclusive Development in the context of contemporary Indian Society

Objectives

The agenda of the seminar is to critically examine the interface of social movements with inclusive development with a view to analyze and discover the bearing of development planning on social movements and vice versa with the following objectives:

1. To deliberation upon emergence, proliferation, dynamics, sustainability and dissolution of social movements in contemporary society
2. To discuss the dialectics of development strategies delineated by the state Vs. civil society for reducing different forms of inequalities and enhancing distribution of social well being and their outcomes for different social categories of Indian society
3. To debate on the relevance and contestations of social movements to the historicity and contemporary process of planned development
4. To analyze social movements as catalytically functionary or dialectical element in distributing development benefits across different sections of Indian society
5. To weigh the impact of social movements in emancipation of the depressed, the marginalized and the poor sections of the society.

Sub Theme

1. Interface of Social Movements with Inclusive Development: conceptual and theoretical Overview
2. Inequality, Marginalization, Empowerment and Social Movements
3. Deprivation, Welfare, Wellbeing, Human Rights and Social Movements
4. Displacement, Livelihood, Rehabilitation and Social Movements
5. Media, Civil Society, Political Organizations and Social Movements
6. Social Movements and Inclusive Development: Policy Issues

The foci of the seminar include Women, Dalit, Backward Class, Tribes, Peasants, Ethnic, Minority, Regional, Linguistic, Autonomy, Anti- Globalization, Environmental Movements and Inclusive Development.



Local Hospitality

The organizing committee will provide local hospitality to all the delegates. Working lunch will be provided to all participants on seminar dates 5th and 6th March 2014. Breakfast and dinner will be provided to outstation delegates on seminar days. Accommodation will be made available to outstation authors of accepted research papers from 4th (evening) to 7th (morning) of March 2014.

Institution/Locale

Pondicherry University, established in October 1985 is located in the sea side resort town of Puducherry. It has a unique ambience, a blend of spiritual aura, French colonial heritage, Tamil culture and the cosmopolitan flair of many nationalities in a small but varied town. The climate is generally tropical in nature and moderate during the seminar days. It is situated on the east-coast, 160 Km. south of Chennai (Madras) which is well connected with rest of India by road, rail and air. The campus is spread over 780 acres of land some part of which is rolling down to the sea beach.

The Department of Sociology established in January 1993, is one of the emerging sociological research centre in India. The seminar will be held in the Cultural cum Convention Centre of the University.



Important Dates

Last date for submission of Abstract and Full Length paper: 10 January 2014

Intimation of decision on acceptance of paper for presentation: 17 January 2014

Last date for submission of full-length paper in publishable form: 31 January 2014

