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Collaborating Departments

Economics (UGC SAP DRS-II)

Political Science

Sociology

in association with

Gopinathrao Munde National Institute of Rural Development and Research

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University

Aurangabad - 431 004 (M. S.) India

Venue:

Department of Economics

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About the University

On 23rd August, 1958, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the Marathwada University. On 14th January 1994, the University was renamed 'Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University' to pay homage to the work done by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar for the educational development of Marathwada region. This University has been the premier educational institution catering to the needs of the Marathwada region. The objectives of the University are to create, preserve and disseminate knowledge through teaching, research and extension activities. Situated on about 700 acres of land, the University is adorned with scenic beauty and magnificent historicity.

At present Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University has 42 Departments and more than 400 affiliate colleges catering to the needs of 1.45 lakh students. This University is educating the rural youth coming from socially and economically backward communities struggling for their career. It reflects the social commitment of our University. Equipped with highly sophisticated infrastructure and strong commitment to the promotion of excellence in higher education, the university is focusing on starting new professional courses to provide trained and skilled manpower to industry.

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University has received national recognition. In survey of India Today on 5th August, 2015 University secured 18th rank among 800 universities in India and 3rd rank in western India. In the 2016 National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) survey by the ministry of human resource development (MHRD), New Delhi, our university ranked 87th in the country. In 'The Week-Hansa' research survey of best Universities in India in 2016, our University obtained 55th rank in India and 11th rank among top 20 universities in west Zone in India.

About the Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA): "Rural Development in Backward Districts of Marathwada"

The University Grants Commission has approved status of Centre with Potential for Excellence in Particular Area (CPEPA) to Dr. Babasasheb Ambedkar Marathwada University. The main objective of the UGC's CPEPA scheme is to encourage and facilitate the chosen departments at the selected university to work together in a particular area by associating their faculty members to cooperate and collaborate in their programmes and activities on regular basis, cutting across departmental and discipline barriers. The university grants commission has sanctioned Rs. 2.50 crore for five years (2016-21) to establish the centre in "Rural Development in Backward Districts of Marathwada" at university campus. The centre organized National Seminar on "Confronting Development: Perspectives On Marathwada" in March, 2017.

About the Collaborating Departments:**Department of Economics:**

Department of Economics is one of the first two teaching and research departments that was established in the same year of the establishment of the University. From beginning the Department attracted good number of students and the main source of attraction was the leadership provided by Dr. V. V. Borkar, the first Head of the Department of Economics. He not only encouraged research activity but himself undertook certain research projects mainly relating to problems of regional development of Marathwada.

Department of Economics was identified by the UGC for implementing the University Leadership Programme (U.L.P.) during 1982-88. The UGC had sanctioned Special Assistance Programme (SAP) to the Department in 1987 for five years in the first instance and in 1992 for second instance. The UGC has further sanctioned Special Assistance Programme to the Department since 2006-07 in the first phase and second phase was sanctioned for the period 2013-18. Department has organized national and international seminars since 2008 under SAP. International, workshop on 'The Use and Abuse of Econometrics' was also organized during 8-10 January, 2010.

Department of Political Science:

The department was started in 1958. It offered a combined course of M.A. Political Science and Public Administration. However in 1992 it was bifurcated to create two separate departments of Political Science and Public Administration.

The goal of the department is to transmit the knowledge of the discipline by providing courses, characterized by academic excellence and social relevance. Courses are designed for students who exhibit serious interest in knowing the issues related to political science both at basic as well as advanced level. The idea is to produce the students who plan to undertake research in the discipline as well as those who intend to teach the subject to undergraduate and postgraduate students.

Besides having men of talent and academic excellence on its faculty, the the department has produced brilliant students who have occupied important positions in the academic and public life within the country and abroad. It was always played and been playing a pivotal role in imparting the advanced knowledge in political science to hordes of students often coming from the under-privileged and downtrodden segments of Marathwada region.

Department of Sociology:

The Department of Sociology was established in 1968-69 with three faculty members. The eminent Sociologist late Dr. M.G. Kulkarni, gave pioneering leadership to the department upto 1983 from its inception. Well known sociologist and eminent social worker Dr. (Mrs) Sudha Kaldade gave further leadership to the department (1984-91). Both of them laid the sound academic foundation of the department and contributed to its academic achievement. The

Department has the credit of establishing a state level professional body, “Marathi Samaj Sastra Parishad” in the year 1983.

About the Symposium:

CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF REGIONAL IMBALANCE IN INDIA

Balanced regional development has always been stated as an objective of planning in India. Though this objective has not been quantified in terms of rate of convergence of per capita Gross State Domestic Product, the objective implies narrowing down of differences in per capita income. According to Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, the objective of balanced development requires narrowing down regional differences in per capita incomes. Therefore, there is need to find out long term trends with respect to convergence in per capita State Gross Domestic Product. Unfortunately, Per Capita Income is not available through reliable sources, at the district and sub-district levels.

Regional imbalance is multidimensional and there is no single variable that captures all its dimensions. Many committees in the past have assessed backwardness at the state and sub-state levels. Prominent among these are the Planning Commission Study Group set up for the Fourth Plan, Wanchoo Committee set up by National Development Council in 1968, National Committee on Development of Backward Areas 1978, Inter-Ministry Task Group on Redressing Growing Regional Imbalances in 2005 and the Raghuram Rajan Committee set up by Ministry of Finance in 2013. All these expert committees used a multitude of variables for identifying backwardness at the state and sub-state levels. There has never been a consensus on what variables should be used for this purpose. In the academic literature also, there has been debate on the use of indices for the measurement of underdevelopment, more so after the publication of HDI. Most of the indicators used by expert committees for measuring backwardness at the state and regional levels are also not reliably available at the district and sub-district levels. This makes the task of finding reliable backwardness variables at the district and sub-district levels all the more challenging. Given the variegated nature of regions, based on disparities in geography, economy, market conditions, industrialization and policies, the country has always been in throes of imbalance.

Since the advent of liberalization in the 90s, the problem has become even more acute as multiple regional disparities have begun to surface across the states. This is as much true of different states within the country as of the regions within the states.

Sub-themes for discussion:

1. Development path in India: Past and Present
2. Role of Finance Commission in narrowing regional disparities in India
3. Inter-state and intra-state disparities in India

4. Regional imbalance in Human Development and Gender Development
5. Socio-economic impact of Globalization and Liberalization
6. Liberalized Development: Environmental Stress and Resource Scarcity
7. Unequal Development and Socio-cultural conflicts
8. Under-development in Backward states
9. Forward vs. BIMARU States: Similarities and Differences
10. Socio-economic challenges in Marathwada
11. Dimensions of Regional Imbalance in Marathwada and Vidarbha
12. Rural-Urban Conflict – Displacement and Dislocation
13. Post-Liberalization Agricultural growth and farmers' question
14. Economic Development and the Issue of Social Justice

Those interested in participating in paper presentation should submit the soft copy of papers to the cpepa2017@gmail.com by 13th March 2019. Papers should not exceed 2000 words including tables, references, etc. An Abstract of 200 words along with five keywords, and the institutional affiliation of the author(s) should be added before the main body. Selected papers will possibly be published as an edited volume after the conference.

Paper Submission:

Important Dates:

Submission of full Paper	13 March, 2019
National Symposium	15-16 March, 2019

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Delegate Type	Registration Fee	Mode of Payment
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About Aurangabad:

‘The city of Gates’ Aurangabad is surrounded by many historical monuments including the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of Ajanta and Ellora, Shirdi and Hazoor Sahib (Nanded). It is home to tourist attractions like Bibi-Ka-Maqbara, Panchakki, Aurangabad caves, Daulatabad Fort and Khultabad. The administrative headquarters of the Marathwada region, Aurangabad is titled ‘The Tourism Capital of Maharashtra’. Though the city is heading towards rapid industrial growth yet it retains its past glory, charm, heritage and tradition.

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