

**National Seminar**  
**on**  
**India's Experiment with Local Democracy**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2017**



**Organized by:**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Raiganj University**  
**Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur**  
**West Bengal – 733134**

Dear

Madam/ Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Political Science, Raiganj University, is going to organize an interdisciplinary National Seminar on ***India's Experiment with Local Democracy*** on ***22 March, 2017***. Since, you and your esteemed institution have been actively involved in research and allied activities in respective fields; your participation in the seminar will help in disseminating the information and enriching the knowledge base in these fields.

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we request you to actively participate and contribute a paper in the seminar.

Soliciting your kind participation

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## ***Topic: India's Experiment with Local Democracy***

### **Theme**

In Indian polity, local democracy viz. the Panchayati Raj system has occupied an important and significant place. The journey, in the true sense of the term started in 1957 after the Balwant Rai Mehta Study Team Report and it has travelled a long path. A major break came with the introduction of the 73rd and 74<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Amendment Acts.

In fact, it has become a very important tool of social transformation and social revolution as emphasized in the Chapter of Directive Principles of State Policy. Hence, its importance cannot be denied.

### **Sub-theme (s)**

1. Status of Panchayati Raj Institutions: Current Scenario
2. Women, Empowerment and Panchayati Raj Institutions: Issues and Challenges
3. Panchayati Raj as an Institution of Democratic Decentralizations
4. Devolution of Powers to Panchayati Raj Institutions – Fund, Function and Functionaries

5. Functioning of Gramsabha and Gramsanskad: Reality
6. Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Development
7. Panchayati Raj Institutions and corruption
8. Tribal Welfare(s) through Panchayati Raj Institution
9. Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Swachh Bharat Programme
10. Problems and Challenges of Panchayati Raj Institutions: Role of Political Parties, Interference of Higher Level representatives, i.e., MLAs, MPs, influence of media.
11. Any areas relating to it.

### **About Raiganj University**

Raiganj University has started its journey on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2015. It fulfills the long-cherished dream of the people of Raiganj and its adjoining areas. Professor Anil Bhumali, the first Vice-Chancellor of Raiganj University accelerated the process of teaching-learning programme under semester system at both U.G. & P.G. level.

### **Registration**

**1. For Students: Rs. 200/-**

**2. For Teachers/ Scholars: Rs.400/-**

***(Registration fees will be collected on the day of Seminar)***

### **Important deadlines:**

**5<sup>TH</sup> March 2017:** Submission of Abstracts

**6<sup>th</sup> March 2017:** Acceptance Notification

**15<sup>TH</sup> March 2017:** Full paper Submission

***No TA/DA & other allowances are to be provided for attending the seminar.***

***Interested scholars are requested to send their abstracts, full papers and other details at the following mail:***

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**Guest of Honour**

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