



National Conference on
“Accelerating Rural Growth: New Technology,
Innovations and Entrepreneurship”

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Institute of Public Administration



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About the Institute

HIPA is a training institute having dual role as an ATI and SIRD. HP, State Institute of Rural Development has been established under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme- Strengthening of State Institutes of Rural Development (SIRDs), in the year 1981-82 with in the campus of HIPA at Fairlawns. SIRD, HP is the apex training institute of the state for capacity building of all the stakeholders of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department functionaries and Elected Representatives of PRIs besides officials of line departments.

SIRD, HP has been imparting training and undertaking research activities, however, the work has increased manifolds especially after 73rd constitutional amendment since training is to be imparted to more than 26,000 Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions and functionaries involved in the implementation of rural development programmes at the cutting edge level. The SIRD has been entrusted with the mandate to conduct short and long term training programmes for the officials and non officials engaged in rural department and Panchayati Raj. The institute also organizes Seminars, Workshops and Conferences for experts' academicians, administrators, researchers and non officials on various rural development issues and concerns.

Concept Note

The Indian economy has undergone structural transformation from an agriculture-based to knowledge-based services and industrial economy but the rural sector is still the mainstay as about half of India's population is wholly or significantly dependent on agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood. In the post-independence era, stagnant production, low productivity, traditional technology, and poor rural infrastructure were the major challenges for the Government. Not surprisingly, food self-sufficiency became a key International policy goal and to achieve this goal, agricultural development received the highest priority. However, the growth in productivity is slowing down in many states specially Rajasthan while the scope for expanding the area under cultivation as well as irrigation is limited. Therefore, there is a need to address the real challenges for rural development and to bring to light the managerial perspectives of sustainable rural development by making strategic contributions. There is also a need to focus on current policy changes and performance evaluation of rural development schemes in the region and to build up holistic view of financing scenario in rural development.

The **NCARG 2019: National Conference on "Accelerating Rural Growth: New Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship"** aims to bring together leading academic scientists, researchers, professionals, agriculture experts and research scholars to exchange and share their experiences and research results about all rural development and identifying new market challenges and opportunities. It also provides the premier interdisciplinary forum for research scholars, practitioners and educators to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted in the field of rural development.

Conference Themes

All honorable authors are kindly encouraged to contribute to and help shape the conference through submissions of their research abstracts, papers and e-posters. Also, high quality research contributions describing original and unpublished results of conceptual, constructive, empirical, experimental, or theoretical work in all areas of Humanities and Social Sciences are cordially invited for presentation at the conference. The topics of interest for submission include the following:

- Decentralized Governance, Administrative Reforms in Rural Development
- Economic, Social Welfare & Environmental concerns of rural development
- Natural Resources management through rural development schemes and programmes
- Community based rural development, Social and community enterprises development
- ICT, Innovation and Technological Development
- Transparency & accountability mechanisms in development sector programmes
- Panchayati Raj Institutions in promoting rural development
- Land policy and administration, Social Impact of Land Acquisition
- Forests and forestry, Land resource management, Watershed Management
- Rural Infrastructure including Rural Roads and rural civil works
- Skills, Livelihood, Housing and Sanitation in Rural Development
- Sustainable Rural Development, Tourism, Green Technology & Innovative Culture
- Capacity Development, Social Development and Gender concerns
- Other topics related to Decentralized Governance & Rural Development.

Call for Papers

Original, empirical, high quality research papers/working papers are invited from the scholars, researchers, practitioners, academicians, social workers and students for interactions at the conference. Sub-themes are only indicative; papers on other related areas may also be submitted. Prospective authors should submit an abstract of their research works at: <https://goo.gl/forms/P6kapV4Xnbur2XAM2>. Author of selected papers would be given an opportunity to present the papers on the day of conference and publication in HIPA Journal, Administrative Development, available at <http://qtanalytics.in/journals/index.php/HIPA>

Key Dates

- The last date of submission of abstract: **31th May 2019**
- Notification for acceptance by email: **5th June 2019**
- Last date of Registration: **10th June 2019**
- Date of Conference: **15th June 2019 (09:30 AM onwards)**

Registration

Participation and Presentation:

Academicians, Professionals from academic institutes	Rs. 1600/-
Presentation in absentia	Rs. 1200/-
Research Scholars:	Rs. 800/-

Only one author (co-author) can attend the conference against a single registration. Accompanying guests and authors (co-authors) are also required to register separately for the participation/presentations.

The amount for registration fee may be paid either by Demand Draft/Multi-city cheque in favour of "The Director, Centre for Management Studies, HIPA" payable at Shimla Or NEFT to the following account: A/c No. 55069387025 IFSC: SBIN0050204 The payment may be sent on the address given overleaf along with the Registration Form. **Kindly note:** Registration fee is non-refundable and does not include any travel or accommodation. Accommodation can be provided on sharing basis in the institute on payment basis Rs.500/- per person per night. For all queries and information, contact on the email address ncarg2019@gmail.com or the conveners on the whatsapp no given below:

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