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**The Indian Model : Federalism, Pluralism
and Democratic Resilience in a Divided World**

Galsi Mahavidyalaya
Galsi, Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal, India, 713406

Date : 6-7 March 2026
Venue : Seminar Hall (Room-110), Galsi Mahavidyalaya

Call for Papers

The Department of Political Science, Galsi Mahavidyalaya in association with the Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS) & in collaboration with Gushkara Mahavidyalaya, Purba Bardhaman and the IQAC, Galsi Mahavidyalaya is going to organize an International Conference on The Indian Model : Federalism, Pluralism and Democratic Resilience in a Divided World on March 6-7, 2026. On this occasion all academicians, scholars and students belonging to the broader family of Social Sciences and Humanities are hereby cordially invited to take active participation in person and present their research papers to make the endeavour a huge success.



Concept Note

Federalism in India has served as a foundational mechanism for accommodating the country's extraordinary social, linguistic, cultural, and religious diversity within a single democratic framework. Through constitutional recognition of multiple identities, linguistic reorganization of states, and decentralization of power, the Indian state has institutionalized pluralism rather than suppressing it. This accommodation of diversity, further strengthened by multilevel governance structures and participatory democratic practices, has enabled the peaceful articulation of regional and identity-based aspirations within constitutional boundaries. In contrast to many societies where diversity has precipitated authoritarian consolidation or violent exclusion, India's experience demonstrates how inclusive and adaptable political institutions can transform heterogeneity into a source of democratic resilience.

Over the past seven and a half decades, this federal and plural democratic architecture has challenged conventional theories about the preconditions for democratic survival. Despite deep socio-economic inequalities and cultural fragmentation, Indian democracy has displayed remarkable endurance, adaptability, and continuity. While not without shortcomings and internal contradictions, India's democratic journey affirms that democracy can thrive amid profound diversity when governance structures are responsive, institutions are inclusive, and political practices are anchored in the historical and cultural realities of society. By critically engaging with this experience, the seminar seeks to deepen understanding of democratic resilience and explore how the Indian model may offer insights for a world confronting democratic backsliding, ideological rigidity, and growing intolerance.

This seminar seeks to examine "The Indian Way" as an inclusive democratic model relevant to a fragmented global order characterized by weakening multilateralism, rising nationalist populism, and eroding liberal norms. By engaging with India's knowledge traditions, federal arrangements, and democratic practices, the seminar aims to assess how diversity has been negotiated within a constitutional framework and what lessons this holds for societies grappling with ethnic conflict, authoritarianism, and cultural exclusion. Through scholarly dialogue and comparative analysis, the seminar will critically evaluate both the achievements and contradictions of Indian democracy, explore its relevance for the Global South, and generate insights and policy recommendations for strengthening inclusive governance and pluralism in contemporary democracies worldwide.

Sub-themes

The Sub-themes for Paper presentation will include:

1. Federalism as a Democratic Safeguard in India
2. Institutionalizing Diversity: Constitutional Design and Pluralism
3. Linguistic reorganization of states, minority rights, and affirmative action—that have enabled peaceful coexistence in a heterogeneous society
4. Democratic Resilience and Political Adaptability: Path towards Vision Viksit Bharat 2047
5. Democracy and Federalism in India: Recent Debates;
6. Strengths, Challenges, Limitations, and Contradictions of the Indian Model
7. One Nation One Election initiatives and its implications for federal structure of India
8. Pluralism: Role of Caste, Language, Religion, Class and Regionalism in Indian Democracy;
9. Any other topic related to the theme of the Conference.

The final list of the Resource Persons with detailed programme schedule will be published shortly in the final Brochure

Objectives of the Seminar

- To analyse the resilience of Indian democracy over the past seven and a half decades despite deep social, linguistic, cultural, and religious diversity.
- To examine India's federal framework as a mechanism for accommodating diversity and decentralizing governance.
- To explore the relevance of the Indian model in addressing global challenges such as ethnic conflicts, authoritarianism, religious intolerance, and cultural exclusion.

Abstract Submission Guidelines

Word Limit: 200-250

Language: English or Bengali

(File type : MS Word for English & Unicode for Bengali) Key words : 5-7

Last Date: 26.02.2026 to be mailed to :

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Please mention your

1. Name
2. Designation
3. Name of the Institution
4. Address for correspondence
5. Contact details (Mobile & Email ID)
6. Clearly mention the objective & tentative sub-theme of your paper

Selected papers after double blind review will be considered for scopus indexed publication in edited volume.

Sub-themes

Registration Fee

Participants	Online (Pre-registration through UPI/Bank Transfer)	On-spot Registration
Professionals	1200/-	1500/-
SACTs/Scholars	700/-	800/-
External Students	500/-	600/-
Internal Students (without Kit)	200/-	300/-

Registration Fee includes:

- ❖ Seminar Kits,
- ❖ Breakfast (only between 9-10am) and Lunch on both Days,

Accommodation

@Rs 400/- per night (twin share & first come first serve basis) including dinner on 5-6 March at the place of accommodation and transportation from the place of accommodation to the venue of the seminar.

Important Dates

**Abstract
Submission Deadline
25.02.2026**

**Notification of the
acceptance of Abstract
28.02.2026**

**Seminar Dates
6-7 March, 2026**

**Full Paper
submission Deadline
31.03.2026**

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Full Paper submission Guidelines

Participants are hereby requested to abide by the following guidelines needed for full paper.

1. Word limit; 6000-7000;
2. Reference style: APA 7th EDITION;
3. Font size: 12 (for text);
14 (for headings and sub headings) &
16 (for title)
4. Text Font: Times New Roman
5. Notes: End notes to be followed. (Do not use footnotes)
6. Deadline: 31.03.2026
7. File type: Word file (MS) to be submitted only. (PDF files will not be entertained)
8. Declaration: The writings should be free from any kind of copyright issue/clash. Do not submit the same write up to any other publication house for publication. The full paper will have to be original and free from any plagiarism dispute or inclusion of AI Generated Text. Thorough AI check and plagiarism check will be conducted before sending to the PEER-REVIEW Team.

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Modalities for Paper Presentation and full paper submission

Time Allocation

Each presenter will be allotted 10–12 minutes for their presentation, followed by 3 minutes of discussion/Q&A. Please adhere strictly to the time limit to ensure smooth conduct of sessions.

Presentation Format

Presenters may use PowerPoint slides (PPT). Presentations must be prepared in English/Bengali/Hindi. Please bring your presentation on a USB drive/pen drive and also keep a backup in your email/cloud.

Submission of Papers

A soft copy of the full paper should be submitted to the Conference email by 31 March 2026. Details of Full Paper submission is mentioned above.

Session Management

Presenters are requested to report to the venue 15 minutes before the session begins and register their presence with the session chair. The order of presentation will be as decided by the Chair/Coordinator of the session.

Certificates & Publication

Certificates of presentation will be given only to those who remain present in person (or virtually, in case the seminar is conducted in blended mode). Selected papers will be considered for publication in an edited volume (Preferably SCOPUS Indexed publication like Routledge/Peter Lang/Palgrave Macmillan) subject to peer review approval.

General Conduct

Participants are requested to refrain from asking for early departure and early issuance of certificate.

Publication Opportunity

Selected papers, after double round blind peer-review will be considered for Scopus indexed publication (book) and rest of the peer reviewed papers will be published from a reputed publication house.

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