

National Webinar
on
POST - COVID POLITICS IN INDIA

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CONCEPT NOTES

The world is reeling under the unimaginable pandemic of COVID-2019 since the dawn of 2020. So as India. When will this pandemic end? Nobody knows. But the Indian situation is very critical keeping its larger population and labour issues. The exodus of migrant laborers from western region to the eastern one is most alarming and painful. Almost 20 million of them have moved permanently to their birth place. In UP itself, almost 7 million have come up. The economy of the country has reached to its lowest ebb. A negative growth rate is projected during 2020-21. How to feed and reemploy the unemployed is the biggest question. GST collection during first quarter of the fiscal is down 75 percent.

The relationship with our neighbors is no good. Even Nepal is looking us with red eyes. China, as usual, is bothering us at border. It has almost waged a proxy confrontation. Bangladesh and Sri Lanka too are playing naughty games with India. In this backdrop, what is left for us? The slogan of 'self-reliance' by the PM Modi speaks itself the real story of the plight. The Exim policy is fast changing its gear. Indian citizens are mentally prepared and fast gearing up for this slogan. But is this so easy to adhere to this kind of policy in a globalized world? Even US is threatening China to cut off its economic relationship on the ground of misleading the world on corona facts. WHO too has failed in its duty miserably? Allegation and counter allegations are doing round the corner. Some critics term it as the start of third world war also. What actually the events will turn out to be is hidden in the future, but an economic and social chaos are looming large the world over.

What options India is left with? Should it move on the path of de-globalization gradually and actualize the dream of Gandhian policy of self-reliance? Perhaps this is the need of the hour also. Plethora of migrants have already inundated the demeaning populace of rural folk. Giving meanings and respect to these faces are a very daunting task. U.P is perhaps moving in the right direction through ODOP. Other states may emulate the model also. Announcement of Rs. 20 lakh crore relief-packages are almost 10 percent of the GDP. This is a very huge sum. If utilized properly and honestly, we can fast realign ourselves on the path of consistent growth. But the estimates of World Bank and IMF are saying something dreadful. As per their analysis, the world is going to have a '**Collapsing Economy**' during 20-21. Demands will remain all-time low. Unemployment rate is all time high. Buying capacity will nosedive. In fact, we will see income degeneration. Distribution of goods and services will be hampered severely. The gap between the rich and the poor will escalate. Therefore, there is no sign of economic recovery post corona far a further two fiscal years. This situation is indeed very dangerous for India. We are already stuck into a recessionary period after the implementation of demonetization and GST. This Corona has further augmented the process of recession resulting in de-growth. MANREGA and other DBT schemes are not meant to generate the economic pace but only to provide a sustenance factor. Because the **question of life** itself always precedes any other question of life.

Thus, the **role of State** becomes of utmost importance. To what extent it should enjoy its power depends on the willingness of its citizens. Citizens, in contrast, demand greater freedom. Coping this question in this pandemic is really a daunting task by any means for any government. The question of **security** concern is always intriguing for a government. Demise of a number of migrants has already soured the beleaguered and belligerent temperament of politics. What is the way out? Are we going to witness a new kind of social, cultural and political transformation in India? Perhaps the next decade will answer it precisely. But as students of social sciences, we can certainly contemplate certain ideas and theoretical moorings.

THE SUBTHEMES FOR THE DISCUSSION

- **Ethical concern of State with federal questions**
- **Prominence of sub-altern politics**
- **Concept of E-politics**
- **The process of De-globalization**
- **Gandhian way of life**

OUR EMINENT SPEAKERS



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