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**UGC CPEPA Centre in 'Rural Development in Backward Districts of  
Marathwada**

**(Collaborating Departments:  
Economics, Political Science, Sociology)**

**Invites  
Research Papers/Articles/Posters  
For  
National Conference on  
District Planning for Tapping Development Potential  
(February 25-26, 2021)**

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### **About the University**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 1958, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the then Prime Minister of India, inaugurated the Marathwada University. On 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2015 University secured 18<sup>th</sup> rank among 800 universities in India and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 87<sup>th</sup> in the country. In 'The Week-Hansa' research survey of best Universities in India in 2016, our University obtained 55<sup>th</sup> rank in India and 11<sup>th</sup> rank among top 20 universities in west Zone in India. The university got reaccredited with 'A' grade in 2019.

### **About the UGC 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. Babasaheb 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 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.

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## **About the Conference:**

### **District Planning for Tapping Development Potential**

District Planning has gained unprecedented importance since the 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> amendment to the constitution of India. Across states in India, district is the administrative unit. It is considered suitable for collection of data from blocks and *gram panchayats* for tapping development potential in various areas. This data is of vital importance for state governments for deciding district wise allocation of funds (based on scientific criteria) for bridging the development gap between relatively developed and not so developed districts. The same data is helpful for state finance commission for obtaining inputs which can then be submitted to the Finance Commission of India on the basis of which the Finance Commission of India is able to decide needs of various states for financial resources.

However, there is heterogeneity with regard to how the district planning committees' function in different states. There are questions pertaining to authenticity of available data. There is no concrete timeline for the DPCs to submit their reports and in many states they are defunct. This is an impediment in development of backward districts in general and the rural areas in particular.

It is our aim to bring together experts in various fields: academicians, administrators, research scholars, thinkers and people concerned with the need for grass roots approach to development who are capable of throwing light on the state of this important exercise of district planning in various districts across states in India. Together we will be able to chalk out a roadmap leading to actual grassroots planning leading to a revolution in the development process which can be made inclusive with peoples' participation in policy making.

### **Call for Papers/Articles/Posters:**

UGC Centre with Potential for excellence of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University invites academicians, administrators, research scholars, thinkers and people concerned with the need for grass roots approach academicians, practitioners and students to submit research papers/ articles/ posters based on original research related to the theme of conference. Broad areas for the conference are given ahead. However, the list of areas is indicative. Papers from other relevant fields will also be considered.

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## Guidelines for Submission of Research Papers/ Articles/ Posters

**Research papers/ articles:** The soft copy of the research papers/ articles (all references should be in APA style only) in Microsoft word for windows should reach the conference convener latest by December 31, 2020. The electronic copy should be emailed to: [cpepa2017@gmail.com](mailto:cpepa2017@gmail.com) and the authors of the selected papers/ articles shall be intimated in due course by mail only. The acceptance of the manuscript implies that at least one of the authors will attend the conference and present it. No participation/ presentation certificate shall be given for participation in absentia. Papers must include a clear indication of the purpose of research, methodology, major results, and implications and key references. The author(s) should clearly mention their affiliation as to which institution he/she belongs along with designation.

Research Papers/Articles Specifications	
Maximum Length	6000 words including title/ cover page and references
Margins	1 inch all sides
Font	Times New Roman, 12 point, justified
Line Spacing	1.5
Title Page	Title, Author(s), Affiliation(s), contact details, e-mail address
Abstract	Not more than 200 words and a maximum of five key words

Note: Tables, illustrations, charts, figures, formulate etc. should be placed within the text at appropriate places. References should be in APAs style.

### Format of Research Papers/ Articles

- Title of the paper (Bold)
- Name of the Author(s) with designation and complete address of affiliating institution
- Abstract (Around 200 words)
- Keywords (Not more than five)
- Introduction
- Objectives and relevance of the study
- Literature review and hypothesis /Propositions formulations
- Research Methodology
- Results and discussion
- Limitations and Future Research Directions
- References (APA Citation Style)

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## **Poster Presentation**

It should represent findings from a current working paper related to theme of the conference. Authors are required to display readable posters of their research, distribute their papers and be available to discuss and answer questions during the assigned poster session. Submission of an electronic copy of the Poster in PDF format is must before the deadline (31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2020). Poster size and dimensions are A1 size i.e. 84.1 cm height X59.4cm width. The poster should be in portrait layout only (not landscape layout).

## **Paper Publication**

The initial screening of the papers/ articles for publication would be based on their relevance, originality and clarity. Selected research papers/articles received up to December 31, 2020 with requisite conference fee will be considered for publication in the form of an edited book (with ISBN). Papers/articles received after December 31, 2020 along with registration fee will be considered for presentation only. Research papers will be selected for publication on the basis of merit in terms of statement of research problem and sound methodological base with policy-oriented solutions.

## **AREAS/THEMES**

This conference aims at bringing together serious researchers to contribute to the deliberations with pinpointed focus on challenges to and the opportunities for tapping development potential of districts- particularly, the backward districts in India.

### **➤ Profile of districts within Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University jurisdiction (Aurangabad, Beed, Osmanabad, Jalna)**

Political, Historical, Geographic, Demographic, Botanical, Zoological, Agricultural, Industrial, Employment, District Income, Climate Change Profile

### **➤ The idea of district planning**

- District planning in India
- Recourse allocation among districts: various approaches
- People's participation in policy making
- Empowering local bodies
- District planning as area-based sub state planning
- Rationale behind district planning in a federal structure

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➤ **Administrative Aspects**

- State to state variation in the structure of district planning board
- Planning administrators for district plans
- Collector as the controller
- Vice-Chancellor as the key person in district planning
- Districts as administrative units
- Administrative reforms required for serious and effective district planning

➤ **Political Aspects**

- Role of 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> constitutional amendment in decentralized planning
- Political will for development
- Approach of state governments to sub-state level planning
- Mahatma Gandhi's idea of self-managing small communities
- The idea of planning from below
- Grass roots planning for strengthening democracy

➤ **Regional planning and development strategies**

- Regional economic development issues
- Panchayat Raj and rural development
- Importance of district planning in regional development
- Role of district planning in rural development
- District planning for optimal utilization of local resources
- Importance of district planning to bridge developmental gap between relatively developed and underdeveloped regions

➤ **Socio Economic Aspects:**

- Role of district planning in human development.
- Human development and deprivation
- Role of district planning in resource allocation
- Role of district planning for tapping development potential in various sectors
- Problems of rural development in Marathwada
- Relevance of social democracy

➤ **Problems in district planning**

- Dependence on state level departments: Pros and Cons
- Absence of an integrated approach
- The question of political authority
- Strengthening of district planning in India
- District Planning: Retrospect and Prospects
- Paradigm shift required in district planning

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### Important Dates:

Last date for submission of paper with abstract	Thursday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December, 2020
Notification of acceptance	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> January, 2021
Last date for Registration (without late fee)	Thursday, 21 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021
National Conference	25-26 February, 2021

### Registration Fee:

The registration fee is to be paid by each author and co-author (s) of the paper individually and separately as per details given below. The registration fee once paid will not be refunded.

Category	On or before 21st January, 2021	Mode of Payment
Faculty /professional/ Accompanying person	INR 1500	By Cheque /Demand Draft/e-banking in favour of 'The Registrar, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad' or by cash against receipt on the University Cash Counter Bank A/C No. 20060500140 IFSC: MAHB0000152
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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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