



ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

‘Rajadharma to Good Governance: Ancient Indian Ideas and Modern Administration’

‘राजधर्म से सुशासन तक: प्राचीन भारतीय विचार और आधुनिक प्रशासन’

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Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh

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Indian Political Science Association (IPSA)

Date: 07 November 2025 (Friday)

10:00 AM Onwards

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Venue- New Seminar Hall, MSDU Campus, Azamgarh

About the University

Maharaja Suhel Dev University, Azamgarh was established by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in 2021 as a state university. It is named after the historic King Suheldev. The residential campus of the university is located in the Basgit area of Azamgarh city, while its affiliated colleges are spread across the districts of Azamgarh and Mau.

The university offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programs in various faculties, including Arts, Commerce, Science, Education, Engineering, Law, and Agriculture. A total of 468 colleges are affiliated with the university, comprising government, aided, and self-financed institutions.

It is a residential-cum-affiliating university, equipped with facilities such as administrative buildings, hostels, laboratories, and essential infrastructure including a police outpost, power station, and STP plant. Two large academic buildings have been constructed for students, supported by separate hostels for male and female students.

Inspired by its motto "ज्ञानं संस्कृतिः विकासश्च परमो ध्येयः" (Knowledge, Culture, and Development are the Supreme Goals), the university, under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Sanjeev Kumar, is committed to providing high-quality education and promoting research and innovation.

Concept Note

The Indian tradition of political thought has always emphasized the moral and ethical foundations of governance. From the Vedic concept of Rajadharma, which highlighted the king's duty towards justice, protection, and welfare of his subjects, to the pragmatic statecraft enunciated in Kautilya's Arthashastra, ancient Indian thinkers placed governance in the framework of ethics, responsibility and accountability. The ruler was not merely a sovereign, but a servant of the people, bound by dharma (duty and righteousness).

In the present era, the discourse on good governance revolves around values such as transparency, accountability, efficiency, inclusivity, and responsiveness. Interestingly, many of these principles find deep resonance in India's ancient political wisdom. Bridging these ancient ideas with contemporary administrative practices opens new horizons for reimagining governance in the 21st century.

About the Seminar

The seminar aims to critically examine how the ancient Indian notions of Rajadharma can enrich modern theories and practices of administration and governance. In a time when democratic institutions face challenges of corruption, bureaucratic inefficiency, and citizen disengagement, revisiting the ethical and duty centric principles of Rajadharma can provide valuable insights. The dialogue between ancient ideals and modern governance structures will help to evolve a more holistic, ethical and citizen-oriented model of administration.

About IPSA

Indian Political Science Association (IPSA) is the highest, oldest and largest academic and professional body of the teachers and scholars of Political Science in India. IPSA publishes a quarterly, The Indian Journal of Political Science (English) and a half-yearly, Bharatiya Rajniti Vigyan Shodh Patrika (Hindi). For further details, kindly visit the IPSA website:- www.ijps.net.in

Objectives

- To explore the concept of Rajadharma in ancient Indian political thought.
- To analyze the relevance of Kautilya, Manu, Buddhist and other traditions of governance in the present context.
- To highlight the contributions of Indian knowledge systems to contemporary political and administrative practices.
- To establish linkages between ancient ethical norms and contemporary governance practices.

Sub- Themes

- Indian Knowledge Traditions in Political Science
- Concept of Rajadharma in Ancient Texts
- Philosophical Foundations of Indian Political Thought
- Ethics and Morality in Governance
- Economy, Justice, fairness, and accountability in ancient polity
- Good Governance in Indian Knowledge Tradition of Political Thought
- Kautilya's Arthashastra and Contemporary Statecraft
- Dharma and Democracy
- Indian Knowledge Systems and Public Administration
- Global Discourse on Good Governance and Indian Perspectives
- Ancient Insights for Modern Challenges
- Institutional Structures in Ancient India
- Rajadharma and the welfare state
- E-governance and citizen-centric administration
- Constitutional morality and democratic values
- Relevance of Rajadharma in contemporary governance
- Ancient Indian ideas and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Ethical foundations for public policy in 21st-century India
- Rajadharma and Western theories of governance
- Reinterpreting ancient wisdom for modern public administration
- Rajadharma as a guiding principle for inclusive and just governance
- Digital Democracy and politics of Technology
- Political Ideas in Indian Literature

Call for Papers

Researchers, academicians and students are invited to submit research papers and abstracts related to the theme and sub-themes of the conference. Selected papers will be presented during technical sessions and may be considered for publication in the conference proceedings.

Details for Paper Submission

1. The research paper must be typed in MS Word, using Unicode font, size 12 for Hindi, and Times New Roman font, size 12 for English.
2. The word limit is 2500-3000 words and maximum limit for abstract is 200 words.
3. The research paper must include at least 05 references.
4. The research paper must clearly mention the author's name, designation, institution, and email ID.
5. The research paper should be sent to the email ID: politicalsciencedeptmsdu@gmail.com
6. The research papers will be published in partner peer-reviewed journals or in book with ISBN number.
7. The last date for submission of the research paper is 31.10.2025.
8. After presentation, selected research papers will be awarded as Best Paper by the panel.
9. Registration can be done through the given link or QR code.

<https://forms.gle/NrQ8ea2bNaqiNtEy9>



Deadlines

Submission of full paper- 31.10.2025

Last date for Registration- 05.11.2025

Registration Fees

- Teachers— ₹800
- Research Scholars— ₹600
- Students— ₹300

The registration fee can be paid through the given UPI ID or QR code.

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