



**GOVT. COLLEGE  
OF  
ARTS, SCIENCE &  
COMMERCE**



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**Call for Papers**

for

**ONE DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

sponsored by Directorate of Higher Education, Porvorim  
Goa

**CONSTITUTIONALISM AND  
FEDERALISM IN INDIA**

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**ABOUT THE COLLEGE**

The Government College of Arts, Science & Commerce, accredited by NAAC with A+ grade, is located amidst

picturesque surroundings of Khandola, radiating from NH4A (Panaji- Ponda), Banastarim-Marcela-St. Estevam Road. The college was established in the academic year 1989-90 and offers undergraduate courses in Arts, Science, Commerce and Vocational Studies. It also offers postgraduate and PhD Courses. The college has a well-designed building and the extension of building with all modern amenities and state of art auditorium is under way. All the four streams of the college are affiliated to Goa University and recognised by University Grants Commission (UGC) under 2(f) and 12 (B). The college has also been ranked in the NIRF Rank Band 101 to 150 for the academic year 2018-19. Since its inception in 1989, our college has been instrumental in producing a plethora of intellectual individuals who have contributed significantly to the college, society, and state at large. The primary aim of the college is to tap the intrinsic potential of the students from the rural vicinage and metamorphose them into individuals, capable of inculcating values in the society, be it sports, art, culture, music, academics and research. The college has successfully implemented the National Educational Policy, 2020 across disciplines.

**ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

The Department of Political Science was established in 1989 since the inception of the college. The aim of the department is to produce rational minds who would contribute to the political theory, constitutional discourse and public policies. It offers courses in political theory, Indian Constitution and Social Issues, Indian and Western Political Philosophy, Government and Politics in Goa, Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations and Public Administration. The faculties from the department are instrumental in shaping the public opinion on regional and national issues by publishing research in peer- reviewed journals and contributing to the dailies. The faculties also contribute in training the human resource in local governance in the state of Goa. The department hosts Bhausaheb Bandodkar Memorial Lecture every year as he

was Goa's first chief minister whose contribution to federal politics and society is immense. It organises Field Studies, Mock Parliaments, Youth Gram Sabha, Leadership Training Workshops, Guest lectures on political developments and encourage students to undertake research in Political Science. Many alumni of the department serve as faculties, researchers, legal experts and practitioners of public policies.

**CONCEPT NOTE**

India is celebrating the 75 years of constitution. After the Independence, federal unity was a major challenge which has been successfully managed by the parliamentary form of the government. The conference 'Constitutionalism and Federalism in India' aims to bring the scholars, academicians and professionals together working in the areas of elections, delimitation, party politics, legislature, judiciary, federal structure, center-state relations, media and so on. Currently India is witnessing a debate between the legislative supremacy and judicial intervention. To further solidify the consensus on republicanism and people centric democracy, the proposed conference aims to bring the concerns and conflicts around the future of constitutionalism and federalism in India.

The talks around the constitutionalism have become the household affair due to the radicalization of the social and electronic media. The radicalization of populism through mediums of mass communications seems to threaten the civility in India. Therefore, there is a need of academic intervention to understand the changing nature of constitutionalism, federalism and nationalism in India. The basic structure of Indian constitution and the success of constitutional democracy hinge on the federal balance. The balancing of the federalism is continuous constitutional process in the politics of India. The affirmative action has succeeded in invoking the newer political claims, sometimes paradoxical, in many states. The diversity claims prevail over the equality claims in India. These claims add to the asymmetries of Indian federalism making it more dynamic and deserves integration into the federal

structure. The multicultural versions of nationalism serve the federal union and composite idea of nation. The constitutional and federal inquiry into multiculturalism and nationalism contribute to the republicanism.

The parliamentary Indian democracy has traversed from one party dominant system to the multi-party alliance coalitions led by national parties. Recently, the major constitutional amendments caused to reinvent and reorient the federal structure by unsettling the socio-economic equations between the regional identities and politicizing the indigenous claims. This national conference aims to come up with ideas, designs and strategies that would strengthen constitutional and federal discourse in India.

#### **SUB-THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE**

- ❖ Federal and Constitutional Philosophies and Ideologies
- ❖ Evolution of Legislature and Judiciary
- ❖ Economic Reforms, Environmental Concerns and Federalism in India
- ❖ Urbanisation, Migration and Federalism
- ❖ Political Parties and People's Movements
- ❖ Marginalised Community's Response to Federalism
- ❖ Media, Populism and Nationalism
- ❖ Federal Water Governance
- ❖ Political Mobilization, Delimitation and Representation
- ❖ Agriculture, Industry and Tourism in Federal Context

#### **Abstract Submission Guidelines and Dates**

Abstract Word Limit: 500

Keywords: 5 words

Format: Times New Roman, Font Size 12, Double-Spaced.

Author's Bio: 150 words

**Abstract Submission date: October, 25, 2025**

**Notification of Acceptance: October, 30, 2025**

**Full Paper Submission date: November, 30, 2025**

Interested paper presenters can submit their abstracts on [confedin2026@gmail.com](mailto:confedin2026@gmail.com). The conference fees will be accepted from the paper presenters after the peer-review process. The bank account details will be shared along with the acceptance email.

The interested participants may register themselves through the following link

<https://forms.gle/NbTmmz8L2TYSqGWG7>

**Selected papers will be published in the Edited Volume.**

#### **Fees for the Paper Presenters:**

Research Scholars/ Ad hoc faculties (within Goa): INR 500/-

Independent Researchers/ Research Scholars (outside Goa): INR 1000/-

Faculties (within/ outside Goa): INR 1500/-

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