



Rethinking the Role of Local Governments in a Post Covid-19 World

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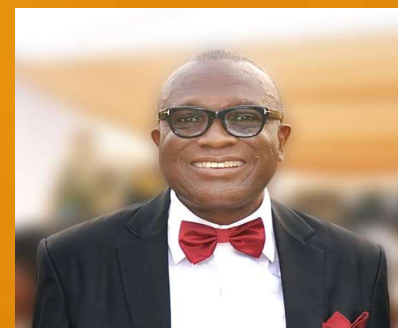
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Keynote Address

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Panel Discussion 1: Coping with the Pandemic : Challenges for Local Governments

Time 06.15 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. (IST)

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**Role of Food Banks and Community Kitchens during and Post-Covid-19
Crisis: An Alternative Food Security Initiative**

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**28 Years of Decentralization Reforms: Are Indian Local Governments
Ready for New Localism?**

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The Neglect of Local Government in Covid-19 Responses: UK and Ghana

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**Areas of Reforms of the Local Government in the light of Covid -19:
Rethinking the Working of Panchayats: A Case Study of Bihar**

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Reserved Village Panchayats in Tamil Nadu :A Gloomy Picture

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**Assessing the Role of Community Participation in Rural India in Tackling
the Pandemic**

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Panel Discussion 2: Livelihood Issues and Local Government Responses

Time 10.00 a.m. to 12.15 p.m (IST)

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Welfare Local Governments and Responsible Well-Being

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**The Institution of Village Volunteers in Andhra Pradesh in Containment
of Corona Virus: An Alternative to Local PRIs**

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**Local Governments Responses and Challenges to the Covid-19 Crisis in
Latin America**

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The Role of Local Governments in a Post Covid-19 Brazil

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**Epidemics, Planning and Cities – Strengthening Health Infrastructure
and Ensuring Effective Disease Surveillance**

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Which Path to Choose? Local Governments and the Post Covid-19 World

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Panel Discussion 3: Inclusion, Planning, Service Delivery and Direction in Local Governments

Time 04.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m (IST)

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The Experience of Central-Local Relationship Effects in Fighting Against the Covid-19 in Korea and Some Suggestions Derived for Furthering Decentralization of Asian Countries and Kerala State

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Class and Access to Governance in Burkina Faso

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Decentralized Planning towards Convergence and Livelihood: The Case of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) in India

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India's Nudge towards Recentralization during COVID19

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Is Democracy Virus Free? Debating Local Democracy and Elections in A Masked Society

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Local Government in the Federal Capital of Pakistan and Public Perceptions on Service Delivery

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Panel Discussion 4: COVID-19 and Local Government Responses in India and Bangladesh

Time | 07.00p.m. to 9.30 p.m (IST)

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MOVING AHED? Problems and Options of Kerala's Democratic Decentralization

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Role of Local Government Governments during and Post COVID-19 Pandemic Situation: Bangladesh Experience

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Need for Reformatory Reforms in the Local Government Institutions in the Post-COVID-2019 Era: The Case Study of Andhra Pradesh

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Panel Discussion 4 (Contd.): COVID-19 and Local Government Responses in India and Bangladesh

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Panelists

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**The role of Local Government in Containing the COVID- 19 Pandemic:
A Study of Initiatives and Innovations in Rajasthan**

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**Decentralized Peoples Planning in Kerala: Need and Relevance of
Critical Evaluation**

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**Impact of the Cornona Virus Pandemic on Three Selected
Neighbourhoods in Kolkata, 2020**

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**Decentralization in the Arab World: Authoritarian Upgrading or Local
Empowerment**

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Panel Discussion 5: Federalism, Recentralization, Participation and Local Government Response to COVID-19

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| Deepak Chaudhary Ph.D. Scholar Central Department of Rural Development Tribhuvan University Kathmandu, Nepal dipak10@gmail.com |  | Post Covid-19 Local Government under the Federalism in Nepal (Local Government's Experience from Nepal) |
| Buddhadeb Ghosh Researcher and Writer on Social and Political Issues, Kolkata, India ghosh_buddhadeb@yahoo.co.in |  | India's Local Governments: The Need for Taking the Right Path |
| Upendra Singh Research Scholar, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu & Technical Adviser Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Govt of India, New Delhi upendra.akshu@gmail.com |  | Decentralization: Civil Service Reforms to Improve the Delivery of Health Care Services |
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Panel Discussion 5 (Contd.): Federalism, Recentralization, Participation and Local Government Response to COVID-19

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| Aparna KU Lecturer in Public Administration Department of Political Science University of Kerala, Kerala aparna9610@ymail.com |  | Understanding the Link between Local Administration and Local Entrepreneurship |
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| Santwana Pandey Assistant Professor Department of Political Science Guru Ghasidas Central University Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh santwanapandey26@gmail.com |  | Pandemic and Assembly Elections of Bihar State: An Evaluation of Local Administration |

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Panel Discussion 6: Rethinking Decentralization During and After Covid-19

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| Time | 04.30p.m. to 07.00 p.m (IST) | |
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| J B Rajan Associate Professor Kerala Institute of Local Administration (KILA), Mulamkunnathukavu P O Thrissur, Kerala jbrajan@kila.ac.in |  | Covid 19 and Role of Local Governments: Need for Second Decentralization in India |
| Kingsley S. Agomor Senior Lecturer & Head of Department of Governance and Leadership , Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA), Ghana kagomor@gimpa.edu.gh |  | Recentralization During Covid-19 and Their Positive and Negative Effects |
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| Dasarath Chetty Project Executive at the EThekwin Municipality (Durban, South Africa) & Adjunct Professor in Management Studies at Durban University of Technology, South Africa chettvttd@gmail.com |  | The Quest for Food Security in the EThekwin Municipality |
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Panel Discussion 6 (Contd.): Rethinking Decentralization During and After Covid-19

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Challenges Faced by Local Governments Post Covid-19

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District Planning during the Covid19 Scenario – An Assessment of Possibilities

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The 'New Normal' and the Politics of Decentralization in India : Insights from Kerala

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Regional Cooperation Against the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of South Asia



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Panel Discussion 7 : Issues of Leadership, Finance and Decentralization Reforms in the Pandemic Era

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| Nisha V Nair Former Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University Kottayam & Assistant Editor, Gandhi Marg, New Delhi nishaeconomics@gmail.com |  | Merging Plan Grants with Union Finance Commission Grants: Has Fiscal Devolution in Kerala Declined in Real Terms? |

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Panel Discussion 7 (Contd.): Issues of Leadership, Finance and Decentralization Reforms in the Pandemic Era

| Time | 07.10 p.m. to 09.25 p.m (IST) | |
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| <p>Joseph Ayee Professor Department of Political Science University of Ghana Legon, Ghana & Former Deputy Vice Chancellor, UKZN, South Africa jraavee@yahoo.com; jraavee@gmail.com</p> |  | <p>Reconstructing Decentralization in the Post Covid-19 Period in Ghana: Lessons for the African Continent</p> |

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Panel Discussion 8: Institutions, Ideas and Models for Coping with Disasters

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| Time | 04.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m (IST) | |
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| Kathyayini Chamaraj Executive Trustee CIVIC Bangalore, Bengaluru kchamaraj@gmail.com |  | Setting up of Ward Disaster Management Cells (WDMCs) in all wards of BBMP as a result of CIVIC's appeal to the Karnataka High Court Under the theme of "Local government capacitation for more effective functioning in crises" |
| Asha Buch Retired Bilingual Teacher (U.K.) Social Worker (India) 71abuch@gmail.com |  | Ideas on and Models of Decentralization |
| Hellmut Wollmann Professor Humboldt University of Berlin Germany h0598bce@rz.hu-berlin.de |  | Institutional Development of Sub National Government Levels in (Western and Central Eastern) European Countries between Decentralization and (Re-)centralization |
| Sisa Sivadasan Assistant Professor Department Of Political Science PM Govt: College Chalakudy sisaary@gmail.com |  | Governance for Health: The Concept of Subsidiarity and Role of Local Self Governments In Kerala's Health Governance. |
| Tabang Mibang TabangMibang, Assistant professor, Department of Political Science, Rajiv Gandhi University, Papumpare, Arunachal Pradesh. tabang.mibang@rgu.ac.in |  | Indigenous Institutions, Community Participation and Pandemic Management: A Study of the Kebang of the Adis of Arunachal Pradesh |
| M.Yousuf Chetlat Island, Former Vice President cum-Counsellor, Lakshadweep District Panchayat, Lakshadweep Island. habeebmarley@gmail.com |  | Participatory Local Governance and Covid Surveillance in the Chetlat Island, Lakshadweep, India |

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Panel Discussion 9: Gandhian Insights, Resilience and Decentralization Initiatives

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| Irina Busygina Professor of Comparative Politics National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Saint Petersburg, Russia, ira.busygina@gmail.com |  | Does COVID-19 Pandemic Provide Incentives for Decentralization in Russia? |
| Arun K.V Assistant Professor , PG& Research Department of Political Science, Sree Kerala Varma College Thrissur, Kerala arun.kv.karippal@gmail.com |  | COVID-19 and Local Governments: Resurgence of Gandhian Principles for Sustainable Future |
| Lavanya Suresh Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, Hyderabad lavanya@hyderabad.bits-pilani.ac.in |  | Social Resilience: The Role of Local Institutions in Addressing Vulnerability in Times of Crisis in the Context of the COVID Pandemic |
| Sonali Singh Professor, Department of Political Science Faculty of Social Sciences, BHU, Varanasi sonalisingh_1@rediffmail.com |  | Role of Urban Local Government in Managing Covid-19 Crisis: A Case Study of Varanasi Municipal Corporation |
| Jos Chathukulam Former Professor, Ramakrishna Hegde Chair, ISEC, Bengaluru & Director, Centre for Rural Management (CRM), Kottayam |  | Local Self Governance of Nuba Peoples in the Nuba Mountains ,South Kordofan, Sudan |

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Panel Discussion 10: Politics, Women's Lives and Community-Based Initiatives

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| Time | 04.00 p.m. to 06.00 p.m (IST) | |
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| Bidyut Mohanty Head ,Women's Studies Institute of Social Sciences (ISS), New Delhi bidyutmohanty@issin.org |  | Impact of Covid-19 on Women's Life and Livelihood: Does Ecological Economy Open a Pathway to Women's Agency: And Role of Women in Panchayats |

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Panel Discussion 11: Local Government Response to COVID-19 in Indian States

Time | 06.10 p.m. to 07.45 p.m (IST)

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Need for Thrust on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture in the Post COVID-19 Scenario :Reimagining the Role of Local Governments in India

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Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions in Managing Covid-19 Pandemic in Odisha-Initiatives, Bottlenecks and Impacts

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Role of Local Governments in the Light of COVID –19: Experiences from Goa

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Covid 19: A Boon or Bane for Ecotourism in Sikkim?

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Concluding Remarks



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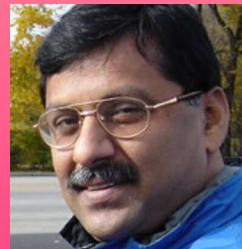
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