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**Call for Papers** 

# Three Day National Seminar on Water Resource Management and Sustainable Development Date: 6-8 February 2019

**Venue: Seminar Hall, Department of Economics** 

#### **About the Seminar**

A major challenge before India's water sector in achieving Sustainable Development Goals(SDGs) is to ensure proper management of water resources. Water bodies are dynamic ecological and social system touching all segments of society and economy. Therefore balancing the ecological, economic and social aspects of water resources is a great challenge in the context of development. Water use is one of the 12 key indicators related to the human activity adversely affecting the Earth system. Increase in the production and consumption due to globalization is one of the reasons for this change. The 'use and throw culture' which is the by-product of globalization, creates irreversible damage to waterbodies. Water bodies are filled with plastic waste which not only creates scarcity but also affects the livelihood of the people. This leads to social exclusion of communities mostly rural poor/slum dwellers. The institutional failure in terms of absence of suitable policies and improper implementation of existing policies aggravates the situation. The quantity, quality and access of water are dependent more on the efficient use and proper management than on the physical limit. Even though water is a State subject and its optimal utilization and management lies predominantly within the domain of the States, sustainable practices from the part of the public are essential to achieve the SDGs. In this context, the Department of Economics proposes to organise three day national seminar and invites contributions from practitioners, grass root level activists, students, academicians and the policy makers in the following themes.

#### **SUB** -THEMES

WATER AND SOCIETY
WATER AND ECONOMY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND WATER RESOURCES

INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Abstracts not exceeding 500 words may be sent to <u>anitha.palavila@yahoo.com</u> on or before 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

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