



PPRI
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Two Day National Seminar

on

16th Finance Commission and Cooperative Federalism in India: Issues, Challenges and Concerns

organised by

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&

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Seminar Date



Call for Paper Submission

Academicians, policymakers, experts, researchers and PhD Scholars are invited and request to submit the paper at ppriseminar@gmail.com on or before September 15, 2024.

Important Dates

Submission Deadline:	September 15, 2024
Decision on Acceptance:	September 30, 2024
Registration Deadline:	October 10, 2024



Seminar Hall, Public Policy Research Institute,
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala-695018

About PPRI

Public Policy Research Institute (PPRI) is an autonomous social science research institute under the Department of Finance, Government of Kerala. The PPRI is mandated to produce data-informed and well-researched policy inputs to governments at the national and state levels. The present seminar is a part of the attempt to translate the mission of the Institute into a policy-oriented outcome.

About the School of Development Studies, TEMU

The School of Development Studies (SDS) is one of the important department in the Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University (TEMU) and the University was established in 2012. The SDS offers BSc (Hons.) in Development Economics and, MA and PhD in Development Studies. Besides teaching and training, the SDS also undertake research activities.

About Seminar

The union government constituted the 16th Finance Commission (2026-31) in December 2023. The Finance Commission (FC) gives recommendations on the devolution of tax proceeds between the central and state governments in India. Under cooperative federalism, the government at the Centre and the states jointly resolve shared challenges. In contrast to dual federalism, cooperative federalism acknowledges and carryout the shared responsibilities between governments and functions with a mutual understanding that issues are common and have to be settled with cooperation. In the recent past, there has been reinvigorated academic, political and social emphasis on the devolution criteria prescribed by successive FCs and the approach of the federal government to state entities.

As the Government of India has a vision to transform the Indian economy into a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047, the 16th FC has to take up the challenge of making the federal structure more robust and resilient. The debate on cooperative federalism has gathered momentum in the recent past, partly for political reasons. The two-day national seminar is expected to take the ongoing debate around cooperative federalism to newer heights by contributing significantly to the formulations of devolution criteria for the 16th FC.

The Theme for the Seminar

- Vision Vikshit Bharat@2047: 16th Finance Commission and Long-Term Development Perspective;
- Cooperative Federalism and Regional Development in India;
- Devolution Criteria and Inter-state Growth Perspective;
- Environment and Climate Change Financing: Issues and Concerns;
- Tax Buoyancy under GST Regime in India;
- Local Self-government Institutions and 16th Finance Commission;
- Divisive Pool and Devolutions: Major Debates and Controversies;
- 16th Finance Commission, Marginalised Sections and Regional Backwardness;
- FRBM Act of 2003 and Its Implications on Resource Mobilisation by State Governments;

Call for Papers

Academicians, policymakers, independent researchers and PhD Scholars are encouraged to submit well-researched papers to the seminar. The papers will be peer-reviewed and the selected papers will be published by a reputed publisher.

Research papers need not necessarily be confined to the listed topics above.

Travel Support

Registration, travel support and local hospitality will be provided to selected paper writers (one person/paper basis). For further details, contact at ppriseminar@gmail.com

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