Event: UGC Sponsored National Seminar on the Idea of Inclusive Development in India: <u>Towards an Egalitarian Society and Nation</u> <u>Organized by: Department of Political Science</u> <u>Date: January 12 &13, 2017</u> Number of Participants: College faculties and students attended the event

The Department of Political Science organized a UGC Sponsored National Seminar on the Idea of Inclusive Development in India: Towards an Egalitarian Society and Nation on January 12, and 13, 2017. The event focused on inclusive development as a medium for advancing equitable opportunities and benefits for all which ensures an effective and meaningful participation in decision making processes. As the effects of exclusion raising the effects of inequality in the world. Thereby, goal of inclusive development is to accommodate diversity and differences. Positive interventions and affirmative measures have been conducted to ensure the same, but policy processes need to exhibit a radical shift so that productive outcome can be achieved. The seminar aimed at generating debates and discussion in a non-partisan and plural manner, looking forward to an egalitarian nation and society. The event covered number of themes which includes bridging rural-urban divide, globalization: a case for inclusion, economic inclusion, social justice: empowering the marginalized, plural society and its politics, political exclusion and participation, public policy alternatives towards inclusion, and the idea of inclusion: unity in diversity. The event emphasized that in a country like India, contextualizing exclusion should be the stepping stone to any endeavor of visualizing inclusive development. As inclusive development implies, all phases of development cycle, that is designing, implementation, monitoring, evaluation should be accomplished by assuring non-discrimination and accessibility for all.