

24th National Conference on e-Governance

CALL FOR PAPERS

On the Theme of the Conference

**“India's Techade: Digital Governance
in a Post Pandemic World”**

Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances

Government of India

New Delhi

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The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and one of the State Government will organize the 24th National Conference on e-Governance semi-virtually in 2021.

Objective:

The objective of the Conference is to provide a platform for policy makers, practitioners, industry leaders and academicians to deliberate, discuss and recommend an actionable strategy for good governance and to improve the standard of public services rendered to the common man.

Theme: India's Techade: Digital Governance in a Post Pandemic World

Sub-themes:

1. Innovation – Platformization, Emerging Technologies
2. AatmaNirbhar Bharat: Universalization of public services
3. Unicorns of 2021: Demonstrating Power of Innovation
4. India Ecosystem Architecture 2.0
5. Building smart and sustainable cities
6. India's Techade – Digital Economy

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Criteria for Paper Evaluation:-

- i. Submitted papers shall be evaluated by an expert panel.
- ii. Decisions of the Compendium Committee shall be final and clarifications, queries etc. shall not be entertained.
- iii. The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances would have ownership rights for the published papers.
- iv. Criteria for Evaluation:
 - **Appropriateness and Relevance** – Relevance to the sub-theme and appropriateness of the content in line with the same shall be a primary consideration for selection
 - **Originality of ideas/level of innovativeness** – It shall be seen that the papers are original and independent work of the author (s) and an acceptable industry standard of plagiarism limit is not breached. Also, originality of thought and ideas shall be emphasised upon (including understanding of a new domain, a new perspective on an existing domain etc.)
 - **Importance** – It shall be seen that the ideas are significant, timely and cutting edge and make significant contribution to the theme chosen for the paper
 - **Writing Style** – Quality of writing style in terms of clarity, coherence, accuracy etc. shall be taken into consideration
 - **Results and/or Key Learnings** – Highlight major Results and/or Key learnings from the discussion/ content in the paper

Rules for Paper Submission:-

- i. Papers are invited from administration, academia and industry
- ii. Papers should be original, unpublished and preferably in English
- iii. The page limit for each paper is preferably 5-6 pages in the prescribed template and the sub-theme chosen as the basis for the paper should be mentioned clearly
- iv. All papers should reach in this Department on or before the deadline below
- v. By submitting the paper, the author(s) makes a commitment to allow publication of his/her paper in the compendium
- vi. Names of author(s), communication address (postal and e-mail), and phone/fax numbers should be mentioned clearly
- vii. Selected papers will be published in the compendium booklet

**Mode of Submission: Only by email to
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Last date of submission – 10th September, 2021

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Suggested Template for Paper Submission

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Abstract –An abstract for the submitted paper is to be put in this format. Keep the abstract to a maximum of 200 words. All submissions will be handled electronically as word documents.

Index Terms – Paper submission, National Conference, e-Governance, submission guidelines.

1. Introduction

In an effort to produce high-quality proceedings with common formatting for all papers, this document is provided as a template for paper submissions. Please follow these guidelines as closely as possible.

The introduction and subsequent sections of the paper are to be prepared in this format. Footnotes in the text should be numbered consecutively as superscripts in the order they appear in the text. Number your citations consecutively in square brackets [1], and in the order in which they are first referenced in the text.

2. General Formatting Guidelines

Please prepare your paper in full-size Letter format, 21.59 cm by 27.94 cm (8.5 inches by 11 inches). Your paper must be submitted electronically as a word document (.doc) with tables and figures in their proper positions.

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Set the top and bottom margins to 2.54 cm (1 inch) and left and right margins 1.90 cm (0.75 inch). With the exception of the paper title and author information, use two column formats with equal column width of 8.51 cm (3.35 inches) with 0.76 cm (0.3 inch) spacing between. Use automatic hyphenation and be sure to check for proper grammar and spelling (preferably using English U.K. language).

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Provide full names of all authors. Also give each author's affiliated company and/or institution, full mailing address and email address.

Keep the abstract to a maximum of 200 words. In addition, provide up to 5 keywords or index terms.

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Figures and tables should be positioned at the tops and bottoms of columns. Please avoid placing them in the middle of columns. Large figures and tables can span across both columns, if necessary. Use colour to enhance your figures if you wish, but do not rely on colour as the only mean to distinguish between chart lines etc.

Figure captions should be below the figures while table captions should be above the tables. Avoid placing a figure or table before their first mention in the text.

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Define abbreviations and acronyms in full, the first time they are used in the text, even after they have already been defined and used in the abstract. Widely known abbreviations and acronyms such as SWAN, SDC, CSC, IT, ICT NREGA, SLA, RTI, BPR, GPR, GoI do not have to be defined. If possible, avoid use of abbreviations in the paper title; element symbols are acceptable.

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Number your citations consecutively in square brackets [1], and in the order in which they are first referenced in the text. Refer simply to the reference number such as "... shown in [2], 'rather than'... shown in reference [2], "except at the beginning of a sentence. When citing multiple sources use "[2]-[10]" or "[1],[5],[6]," as appropriate.

Use full journal and conference titles unless constrained by space limits, in which case use generally accepted abbreviations only (be consistent). Provide location, volume and issue numbers, page numbers, and dates where possible. Journal and conference titles should be italicized, and paper titles should be in quotations, as in [2],[3]. Capitalize only the first word (and proper nouns or abbreviations) in the paper title. To reference a page range use "pp." as in [2], but to indicate a single page use "p." as in [4].

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[2] J.Doe and J. Smith, "sample conference paper," 7th Annual Conference on Paper Formatting Guidelines(PFG 2002), Edmonton, AB, pp. 11-15, March 2002.

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