



## ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

Fiscal Policy and Economic  
Development: Sustainability  
Perspective in the North  
Eastern States of India

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### About SKBSSS

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### Call for Paper

**Theme:**

**Fiscal Policy and Economic Development:  
Sustainability Perspective in the North Eastern  
States of India**

By common consent, one of the most serious challenges in Indian macroeconomics is the continuity of the fiscal imbalances both on horizontal and vertical fronts. India's federal structure demarcates uneven financial powers and responsibilities between the centre and the states, where the centre gets the upper hand in revenue generation while states are assigned a greater extent of spending responsibilities. The constitutional provisions for the distribution of legislative powers provide a pre-eminent role to the states in agricultural development, poverty alleviation, and human development and co-equal position in the provision of physical infrastructure. The predominant role in the allocation and cooperative role in distribution make states' fiscal operation critical for macroeconomic stabilization and any deterioration in the fiscal health weakens the developmental effectiveness of the states.

There was not much concern about the fiscal health of states in India up to the 1980s, and the fiscal deficit as a proportion of GDP started increasing in the late 1990s, indicating that borrowed funds were used for current consumption, leaving little fiscal space for developmental activities. Subsequently, the interventions were in the form of FRBM Act in the mid 2000s made to achieve fiscal stability through a fiscal consolidation path. Post-FRBM, most states have been successful in generating revenue surplus leading to a substantial increase in the capital outlay and a reduced fiscal deficit/borrowings.

This seminar has significant policy implications. This is because fiscal policy is considered to be an important macroeconomic policy for economic growth particularly for under-developed states. This is more relevant considering the fact that private sectors are reluctant to invest in this region. As a result, proper government intervention is very crucial for maintaining and increasing the rate of growth of north eastern states. Issues which are included for discussion are particularly relevant in case of economically poor-states such as north eastern states. The region's fiscal needs and responsibilities are very much governed by the exogenous factors such as difficult geographical terrain, long international border, turbulent rivers etc. There is huge gap between actual and potential level of development. Fiscal policy is an important policy instrument which can bring the potential level of growth to the actual level. Increase in growth by framing appropriate fiscal policy can create ample employment opportunities to the unemployed youth of this region. A well-designed fiscal strategy can help to move the economy of north eastern states towards a higher growth path without high inflation or intergenerational transfers of the burden of public debt. Appropriate and timely framed fiscal policy measures on the part of the state governments of the north eastern states can promote growth by setting efficient and effective use of scarce resources and may create the right incentive signals

### Sub-Themes

- a) Role of fiscal policy towards economic development and Stabilization of the north eastern states
- b) Issues related to Good Governance and Implementation of FRBM Act
- c) Government Expenditure and Management of Fiscal Issues in the states of Northeast India
- d) Gender budgeting, analysis from the gender perspective

- e) Taxation and fiscal stability
- f) Impact of Covid pandemic on the fiscal position of the north eastern states

### Guidelines for Submission of Papers

The Paper should be original and should not have been published anywhere else or be under review for any journal or other conferences. An abstract of around 300 words should be sent as a word file to the email id [fiscalseminar2023@gmail.com](mailto:fiscalseminar2023@gmail.com) on or before 06/03/2023.

Once accepted, the corresponding author will be informed about the same. Subsequently, the full paper should be submitted latest by 16/03/2023. Once paper accepted, the corresponding authors will be informed about the same.

The full paper should be prepared in a word file. The papers should be restricted to 4000 words. Tables, figures and images, if any, should have appropriate captions and be of good quality. Proper citation and corresponding references should be given in APA style of reference.

Accepted papers will be published in the form of an edited book. Registration is compulsory for paper presentation and subsequent publication.

- The title of the paper should be brief
- Paper should contain Introduction, background, objectives, literature review, finding and conclusions
- All authors title should be mentioned. (e.g. Professor/Dr/Mrs/Mr along with name, affiliation, email etc)
- **Font:** Times New Roman, Margin 1.5 cm, Reference style: APA

### Important Dates

Abstracts (300 words): to [fiscalseminar2023@gmail.com](mailto:fiscalseminar2023@gmail.com) in as document file on or before 06/03/2023 with the subject: **Abstract for Seminar 2023**

- I. Acceptance of abstract: latest by **07/03/2023**
- II. Soft copies of Full paper (max 4000 words): by **16/03/2023**

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1. **For Faculty and Academician**  
With paper 1000 INR  
Without Paper 700 INR
2. **Research Scholar and students**  
with paper 500 INR  
Without paper 300 INR

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Accommodation could be arranged to the paper presenters on request in hotels, but they will have to bear the expenses. Alternatively, they can arrange their accommodation directly. No TA/DA will be provided to the participants.

### Chairperson

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