

## ABOUT BILASPUR

Bilaspur is a city in Bilaspur District in the Indian state of Chhattisgarh, situated 111 km (69 mi) north of the state capital, Raipur. It is the second-largest city (after Raipur) in the state. It is the administrative headquarters of Bilaspur district. Chhattisgarh State High Court at Bilaspur privileges it to host the name 'Nyaydhanī' (Law Capital) of the state.

Bilaspur is known for its aromatic Doobraj rice, handloom woven colourful soft Kosa silk saris, and more for its rich, varied and colorful culture. After the formation of Chhattisgarh state Bilaspur has emerged as the most favourable place to live in the state and developed city townships.

The climate is pleasant and mild in the winter, temperature during December varies from 10 to 25 degree Celsius.

### How to reach

**Air Route :** The nearest airport is at Raipur (Capital of Chhattisgarh ) which is 110 kms from Bilaspur. There are regular flights from other major cities of the country to Raipur.

**Train Route :** Bilaspur is the headquarter of South East Central railway zone . This zone is the part of South Eastern Railway and is well connected to all parts of India. Bilaspur railway station is a regional hub for the railway system. It is the busiest junction of Chhattisgarh and fourth busiest of Central India.

### Places to Visit :

**Achanakmaar Wildlife Sanctuary :** Achanakmaar Wildlife Sanctuary was constituted in 1975. It is a dense forest spread over an area of 555 km<sup>2</sup>. About 40 kms from Bilaspur City Achanakmaar is the natural habitat for many wild animals including the tiger, leopard, chital, sambhar, bear, gaur etc. A trip to the forest is a very pleasant experience and it has all the ingredients to quench anybody's thirst for adventure.

**Ratanpur :** The temple town, Ratanpur, is situated about 25 kilometers from Bilaspur City on the Bilaspur - Ambikapur Highway. Today it is recognized as a major religious center of the region that has national acclaim. Devotees visit the Mahamaya temple all round the year to offer their prayers and seek blessings of the deity from far and wide. The glorious past of the place made it a prime candidate for historians and archeologist. The fort of Ratanpur has been taken up for restoration by the Archeological Survey of India.

**Talagaon :** Talagaon is a small quite village, on the banks of Maniyari river. It is situated about 30 kms from Bilaspur, off the Bilaspur-Raipur Highway. This village came to limelight and got registered on the tourist map when the ancient picturesque Deorani-Jethani temples on the banks of the river were excavated. The highlight of Talagaon is the unique idol of Lord Shiva known as Rudrashiv which is in excellent condition.

**Amarkantak :** Amarkantak is a pilgrim town in Anuppur District (M.P.) also called "Teerthraj", which is about 100 kms. from Bilaspur. Amarkantak region is a unique natural heritage area and is the meeting point of the Vindhya and the Satpuras, with the Maikal Hills. This is where the Narmada River emerges.

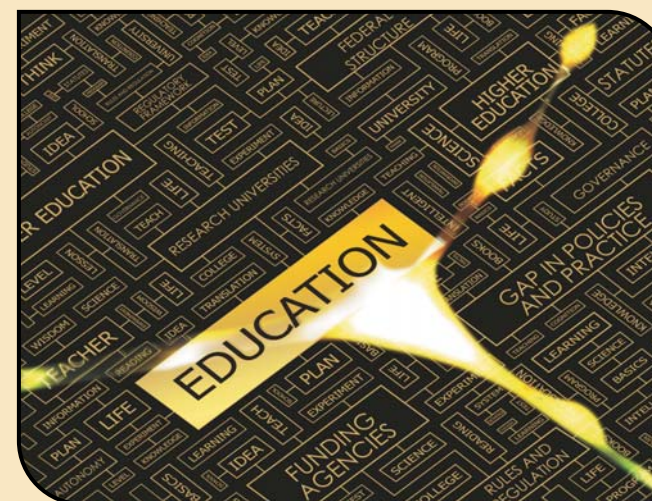


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## About the Seminar

Indian universities have the potentials to fulfill prime academic objective by being torch-bearers in the field of 'knowledge creation, innovation and creativity' provided there is ample flexibility in the administration, management and governance of the universities. The issues of 'university administration, management and governance' have become more pronounced in the present scenario as the universities' engagement of with the society has become more focused and intense. In the endeavor to make India, a truly knowledge society and a global knowledge hub, the smooth functioning of universities is a pre-requisite for their sustenance as well as creating a conducive academic environment. Therefore, a synergy is require among all the stakeholders including the university itself, the government, the funding agencies and the regulatory bodies who are at the helm of affairs, to properly manage the otherwise complex system of university administration.

Since universities are creations of the Legislatures (Centre or State), They are caught in an intrinsic web of reciprocal relationship which is subsumed under the all encompassing umbrella term of 'university - state relation'. An array of legislation concerning higher education in India coming in quick succession one after another (NCHER, Foreign Universities Regulation Bill, RUSA to name a few), have once again brought the university - state relation's issue to the forefront. The prominent issues associated with university - state relations' inter alia are autonomy and accountability, funding, and federal relations.



### Association of Indian Universities (AIU)

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) established in 1925 as the Inter University Board of India, with a view to promoting university activities, especially by way of sharing information and co-operation in the field of education, culture, sports and allied areas. As an apex body for university-level institutions, it has played vital role in shaping the landscape of Higher Education of the country. Since its inception AIU has been providing a very vibrant intellectual platform to the academic community for debating issues and policies of emerging concern in the field of Higher Education. It also provides a research based recommendation to Government of India for devising policies on Higher Education, As a service agency of Higher Education it has been catering to the diversified needs of the stake holders by compiling, collating, disseminating and maintaining the updated information to the higher learning institutions.

### About Bilaspur University

Bilaspur University (Vishwavidyalaya) is State University which has been established by the Chhattisgarh Act No. 07, 2012 and came in to existence in June, 2012. The jurisdiction of Bilaspur University is extended to five districts of the state which includes the districts of Bilaspur, Mungeli, Korba, Janjgir Champa and Raigarh. The University is situated on old High Court Building, Bilaspur City, It is about 2 Km from Railway Station. There are nearly 161 government and private colleges affiliated to the Bilaspur University. The Colleges carry out undergraduate and postgraduate studies in different streams of Science, Arts, Commerce, Law and Education and Centres of research.

The University plans to develop strategy for enhancing the range of pedagogic approaches and the use of technology. As a part of this approach, the University plants to start classrooms into state of the art ones, enabling teachers to teach using wide variety of media.

## Objectives of the Seminar

- To review the present scenario of university autonomy and University-state Relations.
- To suggest mechanisms for bringing the missing synergy amongst the various stake holder of higher education.
- To help universities restoring their autonomous character.



## Sub-themes of the Seminar



- Autonomy of the Institution: Need for Holistic Approach.
- Reforms in the University's Governance.
- Funding Agencies : Priority of the state and the needs of the universities.
- Gap in Policies and Practices.
- In search of synergy amongst the stake holders of higher education.
- Role of state in making Indian universities world class institutions.
- University-Industry-Society : Linking the Unlinked.



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