

**Institute for Governance,
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Presents

Politics in the South of the Vindhyas

Roundtable Discussion

**Telangana
Assembly Elections, 2023**

3rd November, 2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Followed by Lunch

India International Centre (Annexe)

**Lecture Room-1,
New Delhi**

In the run up to the general elections 2024, political parties and media will be focused upon all the hub-hubs raised in the North Indian states, particularly the Hindi heartland – states North of the Vindhyas. Leaders & Chief Ministers of these states are projected as the next PM or leaders of the first/second/third fronts, even when they head only regional parties, limited to one or two states. Smaller news items of not so significant developments from these states are treated as national issues, despite their temporal nature. Such importance given to the Northern States is surprising as they constitute less than half the geographical area of the Nation (North-Eastern & Southern states excluded).

Indian states on the South of Vindhyas contribute a larger share to India's GDP, receive the highest share of remittances from abroad and are also the hubs of manufacturing and service sectors. Their long coasts enable India's import and exports. They are also best performers on socio-economic, ease of business, cleanliness, education, nutrition and other welfare indices.

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In this light, it becomes important that due attention be given to issues that impact states in the South of Vindhyas; and in Delhi, we should talk and discuss more about the politics in the states South of Vindhyas. The regional complexities that are missed by most in the mainstream media/narratives should be brought to light and each state with its own uniqueness, strengths, debates and concerns should be discussed and the vision for their place in the future of India should also be chalked out.



Politics in the South of the Vindhyas, a series of discussions, round tables, interviews, talks, etc, intends to do exactly this and its need is particularly pressing, considering legislative assembly elections were held in Karnataka in mid-2023 and are going to be held in Telangana this month and will take place in Andhra Pradesh in 2024. The general elections in the country, to be held in middle of 2024, might trigger some upheavals in Indian politics in ways that would be significant. It is important that there should a considerable effort to understand these electoral dynamics.

With this objective in mind, Institute for Governance, Policies and Politics, New Delhi, is organizing a round table discussion on 3rd November, 2023 to discuss major issues and political alignments that will shape the results of Telangana elections.

This second-in-series roundtable discussion will be followed by a discussion on the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Elections to be held in 2024. This roundtable will have academicians, experts, journalists and field observers of different political hues and social milieu.

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First in the **Series Discussion** on **Karnataka Assembly Elections, 2023**

(Held on 27th April, 2023)

The Institute for Governance, Policies and Politics held a Roundtable discussion in April, 2023 at the India International Centre, New Delhi, focusing upon the assembly elections of Karnataka, 2023 held in May.

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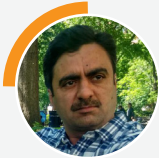
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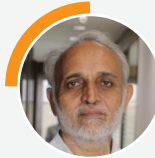
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