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### : IMPORTANT DATES :

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| Last date for submission of abstract      | 20.05.2016 |
| Notification of Acceptance (on or before) | 27.05.2016 |
| Last date for submission of full paper    | 15.07.2016 |
| Last date for payment of registration fee | 15.07.2016 |

### REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee includes conference kit, tea, working lunch during conference days.

| Categories         | Amount (in Rupees) |
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| Industry delegates | 1500.00            |
| Academicians       | 1200.00            |
| Research Scholars  | 800.00             |
| Students           | 500.00             |

Registration fee should be payable by DD in favour of "The Organising Secretary, National Conference on e-Governance-2016" on any nationalised bank payable at Kalaburagi.

### TRAVEL

Kalaburagi is the major city in the Hyderabad Karnataka region of Karnataka State. It is located 613 kms north of Bangalore and about 225 kms west of Hyderabad. The city is well connected both by road and rail to Bangalore, Dharwad, Bijapur, Hyderabad, Mumbai. The nearest airport is Rajiv Gandhi International Airport Shamshabad, Hyderabad. To reach Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi from railway station/central bus stand which takes about 30 minutes.

### ACCOMMODATION

The participants should make their own arrangements for travel & accommodation.


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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON e-Governance : Towards Digital Democracy

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## About the Kalaburagi

Kalaburagi is a major city and district headquarter in the Hyderabad Karnataka region of Karnataka. The recorded history of Kalaburagi dates back to the 6<sup>th</sup> Century A.D. The region was under the successive rule of the Rashtrakutas, the Chalukyas, the Kalaharis, the Yadavas, the Hoysalas, the Kakatyas, the Bahamanis and the Mughals. The monuments in and around the city like Khwaja Bande Nawaz Dargah, Fort of Bahamani Kingdom and HaftaGumbaz are legacies of this history. The region also houses the extant history of the glorious Sharana Movement. SharanaBasaveshwar Temple and Buddha Vihar are places of cultural and spiritual interest.

## About the University

Central University of Karnataka (CUK), established by the Act of Parliament, 2009 at Kalaburagi, Karnataka, is one of the sixteen new Central Universities which address the concerns of 'equity and access' in the field of education. The university strives to promote quality higher education in Karnataka, especially in the Hyderabad Karnataka region. The University housed at its permanent campus of 654 acres near Kadaganchi village in the Kalaburagi district and 30 Km from Kalaburagi city towards Aland town. The main objective of the University is integrating the components of Teaching, Research, Innovation, Training and Skills Development (TRI-TSD) with an aspiration to excel in Dual degree, Post graduate and Doctoral programs.

## About the School

The school of Business Studies presently comprises of three departments namely Economic Studies and Planning, Commerce and Business Studies. The school aims to impart quality education to meet the needs of Profession and Society and achieve excellence in the art of successful management. Attract and develop potential, talented and committed human resource by providing a conducive environment for innovation, creativity, team spirit and entrepreneurial leadership contributing to the regional development in turn leading to the inclusive development and prosperity of the nation as a whole. To practice and promote high standards of professional ethics, transparency and accountability.

## About the Department

The Department of Commerce started functioning from the academic year 2010-11 as a constituent department in the School of Business Studies. It offers two years (four semesters) Post Graduate program in Commerce with specialization in Finance, Accounting & Taxation and Banking & Insurance. The course is designed, updated and imparted to develop conceptual and analytical skills to the students in line with the industry requirements. The course structure has a judicious mix of conceptual, analytical and quantitative reasoning to meet the requirement of the industry. The department has experienced faculty and invites experts from the industry as well as academicians from reputed institutions on need basis. The course is enriched with in-plant training and research project to inculcate research culture and to help the students gain exposure to the working of the corporate environment. The Department promotes faculty research, consultancy, training and outreach activities. The Department is also offering full time PhD Program. The department is striving to promote

research in the Hyderabad Karnataka region. It is credited with organizing workshops, capacity building programs and national conferences. Presently three major research projects are going on in the department.

## Theme of the Conference

E-Governance is growing by leaps and bounds in India. Leaping from its early footprints of seventies with a focus on in-house government applications in the areas of defence, economic monitoring, planning and the deployment of ICT to manage data intensive functions related to elections, census, tax administration, today we can witness e-governance in almost all services rendered by the government both at State and Central to various stake holders such as government employees, business, citizens and other government machineries. A few model states including Karnataka are stepping towards M-Governance or Mobile Governance and a step at par with this is Digital Democracy.

India being the largest democratic country in the world faces innumerable problems. Poverty, illiteracy, corruption, bureaucracy and unemployment are blocking the development of India. Hence Democracy is not practiced in its true sense in India. It may be noted that the voter turnout ratio in the recent parliament election was 64%, a whooping increase from 2009 which is 58.2%. Thanks to twitter and other social media which attracted our youth to the booths.

The Socio Economic Status Survey of 2011 in India has clearly identified that even in the families earning less than Rs. 5000 a month, a mobile is not a luxury but a necessary. The communication revolution in India could witness a penetration of 70 per cent where urban India accounts only to 29 per cent and 67 per cent of people are below poverty line. The internet penetration is 19 per cent and 10 per cent of people use social media. This clearly indicates that India is heading towards digital democracy.

Digital Democracy or E-democracy speaks about the role of ICT in democracy. E-Democracy empowers citizens of a country by not only treating them as voters but also as stake holders in proposing developing and creating laws.

Computer technology has transformed how we participate in democracy. Opinions are collected online on major issues. The way we cast our votes, the way our votes are counted and the way we choose who will lead are increasingly controlled by invisible computer software. Our Prime Minister tweets everyday to update citizens. Most U.S. states have adopted electronic voting and countries around the world are starting to collect votes over the Internet.

## Significance of Digital Democracy

Democracy in America has become reliant on the Internet, because the Internet is a primary source of information for most Americans. The Internet educates people on democracy, helping people stay up to date with what is happening in their Government. Online advertising is becoming more popular for political candidates and group's opinion on propositions. The Internet is the first place that most people look for information and often the only place that they look. The reason for this and especially for younger voters, is that

it is easy and reliable when used correctly, thus lowering an individual's workload. This gives the user a sense of instant gratification that, in the era of multitasking on computers is crucial. If the information is not easy to find then most people will not look for it. Because the Internet is user friendly, people are more likely to research and get involved in politics. The Internet allows people to express their opinions about the government through an alias, anonymously and judgment free. Since a person can express themselves anonymously and from the comfort of their own home, the Internet gives incentive for people to participate in the government. Because of the number of people who use the Internet, a person who puts their ideas on a high-traffic website is capable of having influence over a large number of people.

The Internet enables citizens to get and post information about politicians and it allows those politicians to get advice from the people in larger numbers. This collective decision making and problem solving gives more power to the citizens and helps politicians make decisions faster. This creates a more productive society that can handle problems faster and more efficiently. Getting feedback and advice from the American population is a large part of a politician's job and the Internet allows them to function effectively with larger numbers of people's opinions. With this heightened ability to communicate with the public the American government is able to function more capably and effectively as a Democracy.

## Sub-themes of the Conference

The National Conference will consist of 8 sub-themes and they are ;

- Role of Citizens in Government Affairs
- Role of ICT in Public Administrations
- Impact of e-Governance on Business
- Computer Based Accounting and Taxation
- Role of ICT in Economic Development
- E-governance in India – Issues and Challenges
- Mobile Governance
- Best Practices in e-Governance

## Call for Papers

Quality research papers are invited on any one of the above related themes. The abstract of the paper should be in 200 to 250 words with 4-5 keywords. Full paper should be in MS-word format in around 2500-3500 words, text types Times New Roman in 12 font size with heading in 14 font size 1.5 line spacing and 1 inch margin on all sides. Reference should be given at the end of the paper, with APA Style of referencing sorted alphabetically. Each paper should include a cover page indicating the name, title, affiliation and detailed postal address. Paper must be original and unpublished. Authors of the paper are informed to submit the abstract and full paper to the email id:[egovernancecuk@gmail.com](mailto:egovernancecuk@gmail.com).

## Publication

The papers reviewed and selected by the editorial board will be published in the form of edited book by a reputed publisher with ISBN Number.