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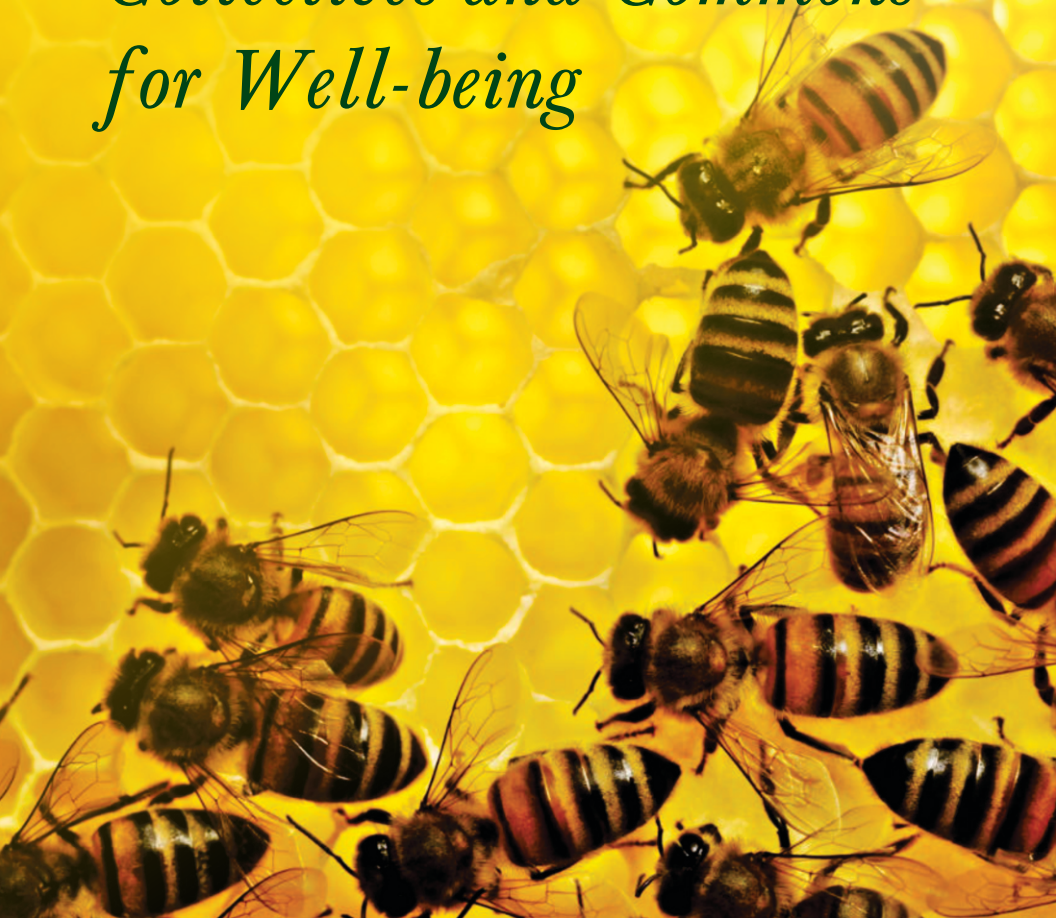
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Development Management Institute

Second Foundation Day International Symposium

*Collectives and Commons
for Well-being*



Invitation for Participation

Second Foundation Day International Symposium **Collectives and Commons for Well-being**

Rajgir International Convention Centre, Rajgir, Bihar, India
13-14 February 2016

Development Management Institute (DMI) is organising an International Symposium on **Collectives and Commons for Well-being** at Rajgir during February 13-14, 2016 to commemorate its Second Foundation Day. The second International Symposium is a sequel to the First Foundation Day Symposium on 'Development Management Pathways towards Good Society' held during February 13-14, 2015.

The First Symposium aimed at developing and invigorating a critical mass of independent, decentralized initiatives in support of a social vision of Good Society by co-creating innovative pathways to address the triple crises - widening inequality accompanied by mass poverty; environmental destruction; and social disintegration - that are plaguing the present and threatening the future of human societies. Organised over three plenary and three technical sessions addressing the themes of Sustainable livelihoods, Collectives and Commons and Governance and Leadership, the Symposium brought together about sixty eminent academics, management professionals, activists, and research students, working in various domains of development sector. They shared their experiences, research and insights during the Symposium through 34 presentations/papers.

The Second Symposium being organised on '**Collectives and Commons for Well-being**' during **February 13-14, 2016** is intended to take forward some issues addressed during the first Symposium. In particular, it aims at re-affirming the firm, founding belief of DMI, viz. the livelihoods of small producers and marginalised people can be enhanced by organising them to form participation-based, democratically managed institutions that leverage the strengths of collectives and build enduring partnerships with professionals for reaping the benefits of technology and market integration.

The Symposium will be a platform for academics, scholars, management professionals, policy makers and all others concerned with development to share their experiences, practices and insights for mutual learning. The deliberations on 'Collectives and Commons for Well-being' are expected to explore possibilities for

building knowledge on best practices; enhancing their effective contribution to Well-being; promoting networks among development players; fostering collaborations for action; sharing opportunities for resource mobilisation; and identifying leads for action in relation to policy and practice.

Themes

The Second Foundation Day Symposium on *Collectives and Commons for Well-being* is organised around the following themes:

- ▲ **Collectives and Commons: Concepts and Contexts**
- ▲ **Collectives and Commons: Roles and Contributions**
- ▲ **Collectives and Commons: Governance and Management**

Invitation for Presentations

DMI invites eminent scholars and distinguished practitioners to present their insights on the above themes based on their original work. Interested scholars and development professionals are warmly invited to share their views through scholarly presentations. The contributors are requested to send their papers or presentations (MS-Word/ ppt./ pptx. files) by email at dmysymposium2016@gmail.com on or before January 9, 2016. The length of the paper(s) in MS Word format may be restricted to 5,000 words, and the number of slides in PPT format to 20, excluding abstract, tables, charts, citations and references.

Authors whose papers or presentations are accepted will be provided accommodation, hospitality and local travel during the Symposium. They will be also reimbursed the cost of their travel.

Invitation for Participation

Practising development professionals and scholars who are engaged in the promotion, governance and management of Collectives and Commons are also requested to respond by expressing their interest for participation in the Symposium through e-mail at dmysymposium2016@gmail.com on or before January 9, 2015, along with their brief CVs, work profile, and contact information (postal address, email id and phone number). Such invited participants will be provided accommodation, hospitality and local travel during the Symposium, but have to meet their travel expenses on their own.

Further Information

For details, please visit <http://dmi.ac.in/> or get in touch with the Symposium Organising Committee through dmysymposium2016@gmail.com.

About DMI Logo

The geometric approach signifies the rigour and discipline essential for any kind of development and growth.



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At the centre is a solid square which portrays the institute and its strong inter-linkages with the external world, as seen by the four connecting routes to the outer octagonal shape. Four honeycombed shapes surrounding the solid square represent the key stakeholders - State, Civil Society, Markets and the Community.

The leaf-like structures on all four corners signify an open book, strengthening the perception of an academic institution. The circles along with the leaves represent the blossoming of empowered graduates with an integrated learning of perspectives, operational competencies, and contextual understanding. The sharp yet dynamic form represents discipline, excellence, and mindful alertness.

Set in an earthly terracotta color, the symbol portrays rootedness and humility with commitment to impart good education, that applied right, ushers in progressive well-being.

DMI – Mission and Activities

DMI was setup on February 13, 2014 with a mission “to empower and usher in participatory governance and management of institutions, enterprises and resources for enhancing livelihoods and generating sustainable development” through the following major strands of activities:

- ▲ Creation of a cadre of Development Management Professionals;
- ▲ Enhancement of Competencies for Development Management Praxis;
- ▲ Orientation of Vision, Values and Leadership Practices towards Good Governance; and
- ▲ Engagement in networked trans-disciplinary Action Research and Policy Advocacy.

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