



Decentralised Governance and Development in india : With Special Reference To Sikkim

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 2012. N.A. Book Condition: New. 23 cms. xxvi, 437 p., Decentralisation in practice is made up of differing and multiple processes and engages a variety of actors. It is therefore far from being the singular process envisaged by thinking on local government reform and involves interactions far more complex than simple ?transfer of power? notions. Different forms of decentralisation are occurring in parallel, often in ways that cause confusion, ambiguity, high transaction costs and conflict.

Notwithstanding the criticism levelled against the movement of decentralisation, many countries in the world have however adopted the policy of decentralisation to transfer the power from national to sub-national government. Decentralisation entails the transfer of political, administrative, and fiscal powers to sub-national units of government. In India, the process of decentralisation was started with the establishment of Panchayati Raj in the 1950s. Over time the Panchayat became a three-tier system, one at the village, the second at the block and the third at the district level. Decentralisation in India is thus centred on the creation of multi-tiered system of elected local government throughout the country. Empirically grounded in field research, using questionnaires, interviews and discussions with all the actors in the field...

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