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Distinguished Public Lecture
on
“Governance and Capability”
by



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Abstract:

Two main points will be explored in this lecture. First, the most common Indian usage of the term governance tends to focus on strong leadership. Second, the ambitions of recent governments at Union and state levels have raised questions about how ministers could use the very smart people in the civil service to better effect. This leads to questions about what the existing civil service institutions do well and what they could do better. The presentation will focus on change programmes in civil services of other countries, raising possible questions and options for India.

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