

Policies & reforms in the non-farm sector - a comparative study of India & China

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3. Whether the form of government (democratic vs autoritaran) & the structure of governance affects policymaking & policy implementation & the need for governance reforms.

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ii) the positive effects & the shortcomings of diversification & the non-farm sector

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E) trade policy & WTO.

All third chapter looks into the theoretical debate between democratic & authoritarian structures of governance. It also looks into the history & evolution of the character of the state in India & China. Finally, it sees the current strengths & weaknesses of the two states & their decision making structures against the backdrop of globalization, corporatism & emerging waves of democratic upsurges.

The fourth chapter looks at the role of civil society & grass root level institutions in India & China. These institutions have been making a lot of impact in creating consciousness among the people & in promoting democratic decision making. The chapter examines how the existence of these institutions can influence the environment & the kind of decisions that the Central Government makes in the future in both the countries.

The fifth chapter deals with the comparative analysis of India & China.

Finally the sixth chapter deals with the conclusion & the measures that need to be taken in the future.