

## Announcement

National Seminar on

**Development Dynamics – Strategy, Viability & Challenges in Haryana**

Dates: 23-24 May 2015

Call for Abstract/Papers

Venue

Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change

Maharshi Dayanand University

(Accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade)

Rohtak (Haryana)

## **About University**

Maharshi Dayanand University, *ab initio* established as Rohtak University, Rohtak, came into existence by an Act No. 25 of 1975 of the Haryana Legislative Assembly in 1976 with the objective to promote inter-disciplinary higher education and research in the fields of environmental, ecological and life sciences. The University secured the recognition of University Grants Commission – the higher education regulatory body of India - for central Govt. grants in Feb. 1983. The University is located at Rohtak in the state of Haryana - about 75 kms from Delhi. This university is accredited by NAAC with “A” Grade. The University campus, spread over an area of over 665.44 acres, is well laid with state-of-the-art buildings and magnificent road network, and presents a spectacle of harmony in architecture and natural beauty. Educational and research programmes are offered through its 36 departments. There are as many as 10 Teaching Blocks, 10 Hostels with another 10 in the offing, an elegant Vivekananda Library with 6 off-shoots, the majestic Tagore Auditorium equipped with modern gadgetry and amenities, spectacular Students Activities Centre, Campus School, Health Centre, Faculty House, Sports Stadium, Swimming Pool, Multipurpose Gymnasium Hall, Community Centre, Printing Press, Canteens, Shopping Complex, and an Administrative Block. About 550 residential units are available for the faculty members and non-teaching staff. There is a very robust Campus Wide Network – an amalgam of cable and wi-fi technologies, with 1 Gbps internet connectivity. Besides, the University runs some programmes through its Indira Gandhi P.G. Regional Centre, Meerpur (Rewari) and University Institute of Law & Management Studies (ULIMS), Gurgaon. The Regional Centre offers nine P.G. Programmes, while UILMS offers two. Over 490 Institutions/Colleges of general education, Engineering, Technology, Computer Sciences and Management Sciences located in 10 districts of the State are affiliated to this University.

## **About Institute**

The Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change is a constituent establishment of the Maharshi Dayanand University on its campus at Rohtak. It is an independent advanced research centre to carry out basic, grass-root level, research on the socio-economic issues specific to the State of Haryana and also those confronting the country as a whole. In the process of undertaking its defined research activities, it aims at providing useful

inputs for policy formulations and their execution, besides acting as a nucleus of training programmes for Government, Non- Government, NGO officials and other manpower.

### **Vision**

The Institute is envisioned to:

- (i) Undertake field research at the grassroots level on the festering socio-economic and other related issues confronting the country as a whole in general and the state of Haryana in particular.
- (ii) guide and assist, especially through its field based quality research findings, the planners and policy makers to overcome the social and cultural impediments to change and to achieve a faster pace of socio-economic development; and
- (iii) Provide critical inputs for formulating strategies and programmes to complement and supplement governmental initiatives aimed at bringing about social change compatible with the improving standards of living.

### **Background of the Seminar**

The State of Haryana came into existence on 1st of November 1966. It is located in the northern part of the country and has New Delhi as its neighbor along with Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. Its importance lies in the fact that 30.33 per cent of its total area, comprising the districts of Faridabad, Mewat, Gurgaon, Rewari, Jhajjar, Rohtak, Sonapat and Panipat, falls into the National Capital Region (NCR) of India. Since its inception the State has been achieving an all round economic growth. The development strategies of Haryana, over a period of time, were intended to lead to a more balanced growth in the State. It was expected that, over time, regional disparities in the State would be minimised. Plans and policies were designed to facilitate more investments in the relatively backward areas of the State. Though considerable progress has been made in this direction, but socio-economic variations within and across regions continues to exist even today.

It is believed that there exists high positive correlation between economic growth and social development and the trickledown effect of economic well-being ensures social outcomes to improve, yet, measuring economic progress alone does not provide a holistic view of development of the masses. Moreover, it is generally accepted the economic growth as a proxy variable of social progress, but, it should be understood that economic growth is necessary but

not sufficient condition for social development. The developments in growth of per capita income in Haryana during the past and present period indicate that economic growth in the State has been welfare oriented if we take per capita income as an indicator of development. However, an analysis of social indicators in Haryana reveals that there exist wide disparities with respect to gender and class equalities, women empowerment and poverty alleviation in the State.

In the backdrop of above facts, CRSI S&EC is going to organize a National Seminar on “Development Dynamics – Strategy, Viability & Challenges in Haryana” with the objective of identifying and analysing the challenges and viability issues both in economic & social sectors and to develop a strategy for inclusive development in Haryana. This, in turn, will help policy planners to identify various areas of interventions and in designing their plans for the overall development of Haryana.

Scientific research papers are invited to highlight the challenges, viability and to propose strategies in the following thematic areas **for the state of Haryana**:

- 1. Sustainable Agriculture -Diversification & Integration**
- 2. Rural Development and Food Security**
- 3. Industrial Clusters and Regional Growth**
- 4. Causes & possible solutions for regional growth disparities**
- 5. Poverty, Unemployment and Livelihood Issues**
- 6. Child labour and Youth Unemployment**
- 7. Inequality, Social Exclusion and Human Rights**
- 8. Causes, Consequences and solutions to declining Sex-Ratio**
- 9. Health and Education**
- 10. Aging and Demographic Dividend**
- 11. Post Assessment of Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**
- 12. Emerging Policy, Socio-economic Issues and Challenges in Haryana**
- 13. All new areas of research not covered in the above categories**

### **Who can participate?**

The conference is open to academicians, entrepreneurs, industrialists, NGOs, Government Agencies, Research Scholars and programme managers who wish to impact the society through their research and development.

### **Paper Submissions**

The paper must be based on empirical evidences, theoretical perspectives, methodological innovations, micro-level experiments, policies and programs relevant to the seminar themes in context of Haryana. Those interested to contribute papers for the seminar are requested to follow the guidelines given below:

- Abstract (not exceeding 500 words) should be submitted by 10 April, 2015 to the email id: [crsiseminar2015@gmail.com](mailto:crsiseminar2015@gmail.com)
- The abstract should include the names of the authors, their affiliations and addresses (postal & email)
- The complete paper not exceeding 4500 words or 10 pages soft copy should be submitted in A4 size, MS-Word format, Times New Roman font with heading in font size 14 and the remaining text size 12 with spacing of 1.5 as a single file. The final paper should reach the organizers on or before 11 May, 2015
- All the references used in the paper should be alphabetically listed and references should be made as per APA style

**All correspondence to be sent electronically to: [crsiseminar2015@gmail.com](mailto:crsiseminar2015@gmail.com)**

### **Financial Support**

The participants are encouraged to explore the sources of financial support on their own. CRSIS&EC will provide financial support (3AC train fare) to limited number of participants. However, financial support will be extended only to one author of each accepted paper **provided the full paper is submitted on or before the deadline mentioned.**

### **Accommodation/ Hospitality**

Accommodation will be provided in University Guest Houses/hostels on prior request and first come, first serve basis for outstation candidates who will register for the conference.

## **Review Process & Publication**

All the Papers will be subjected to a blind review process by experts and selected papers would be compiled in to an edited volume.

## **Important Dates**

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| <b>Last date for abstract submission</b>                           | <b>10 April, 2015</b>  |
| <b>Notification of accepted papers<br/>&amp; financial support</b> | <b>16 April, 2015</b>  |
| <b>Full paper submission</b>                                       | <b>11 May, 2015</b>    |
| <b>National Seminar</b>  | <b>23-24 May, 2015</b> |

**REGISTRATION:** All the participants have to register themselves separately. The Registration fee of Rs.500 covers the cost of conference kit, food, refreshments and accommodation. Registration fee can be paid at the Conference Venue.