

MDU CENTRE FOR PROFESSIONAL AND ALLIED STUDIES, GURUGRAM



(MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY, ROHTAK)

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In collaboration with

ICSSR - NORTH WESTERN REGION CENTRE, CHANDIGARH

Organises

TWO DAYS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

(Inter-Disciplinary)

on

SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND START-UPS IN AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED SECTOR

12-13 March 2020

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, established in 1976 with the object to promote inter-disciplinary higher education and research. The University derives its name and identity from Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, a great freedom fighter, renowned social reformer and progressive thinker of his time. The University has progressed leaps and bound to emerge as a leading centre of higher education.

ABOUT MDU-CPAS- GURUGRAM

Maharshi Dayanand University Centre for Professional and Allied Studies, Gurugram was established, initially under the name 'National Law College' in year 2000 by the Government of Haryana. Institute is being run and maintained by the Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. This University Teaching Department is spread over a sprawling land of 7 acres with the beautiful architecture of two floor building, parking space and lush green sports ground in the vicinity of the cyber city of nation. Institute is located in the centre of Sector 40 of Gurgaon, just opposite to the police station and is less than a km drive from

National Highway - 8. MDU-CPAS is committed to impart high quality professional education in the areas of Law and Management through regular, evening and weekend programs at the affordable cost to meet the growing demand of the corporate and others.

ABOUT ICSSR – NWRC, CHANDIGARH

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) is an autonomous organisation that was established by the Government of India in the year 1969. The main objectives of ICSSR are to promote, review encourage, assist and coordinate social science research.

The North Western Regional Centre of the ICSSR was set up on the campus of the Panjab University in 1977, on the initiative of Professor J.P. Naik, Member Secretary, ICSSR New Delhi and Professor R.C. Paul, Vice Chancellor, Panjab University. It acts as a representative of the ICSSR New Delhi for the promotion of social sciences and as information Centre for disseminating and implementing the programmes and the activities of the Council. The jurisdiction of

the North Western Regional Center of ICSSR extends to the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Agriculture and allied sectors including SME has been the primary source of employment for millions in India. However, enabling and sustaining livelihoods through this industry is fraught with many challenges due to its diversity and informality. Most of them need knowledge and skills in innovative farming techniques. At the same time, they require management and organization skills so they can the raise productivity of their farming systems and develop their businesses. As a result, appropriate training and education shall lead to better performing value chains at a system level. Agriculture being the unexplored sector for the hi-tech generation has an ample scope and opportunities both in terms of employment generation and growth and sustainability of Economy. Successful multi-stakeholder involvement is the key to create sustainable skilling models in Agriculture and Allied sectors.

This Inter-disciplinary conference will provide a platform for multiple stakeholders including Agriculturists, Policy Makers, Youth, Agriculture Engineers, Industry Experts, Agronomists, Farmers, Teacher trainers and scholars to share their conceptual knowledge and research findings for identification and development of required skills for sustainable Agriculture growth with special focus on **North Western Region of India**. Keeping in view the problems and challenges faced by stakeholders in this sector, following **broader themes are identified for discussion**

Proposed Themes for the Conference

1. Skilling Eco-system for agriculture and Allied Sector

- Role of Education /Higher Education
- Preparing and maintaining skill inventory
- Priorities for Modernizing Agricultural Education and Training
- Start-ups : Challenges and Opportunities
- Standardising affiliation and accreditation process

- Leveraging expertise and infrastructure
- Promotion of skilling among women
- Mentoring Agripreneurs
- Green journalism
- Skilling for agricultural exports
- Shift from cultivation to consultancy
- Skill Gaps and Training needs in Agriculture Sector
- Food Engineering

2. Technology and Investment opportunities

- Technologies and Sustainable Practices in Agriculture
- Farm mechanization & solving labour scarcity
- Farming to Processing
- Agricultural Credit & Finance
- Vertical farming, Corporate Farming
- Agricultural Marketing and agribusiness
- Cold Storage and vertical integration
- Farm Mechanization, Protected Cultivation
- Organic Farming, Food Processing
- Information system and precision farming
- Crop Insurance, Weather Derivatives

- Digital Agriculture, Digital infrastructure and Digital Marketing

3. Policy implementation at National and Regional Level

- Skill Development Policy of India
- Public Distribution System
- Crop insurance Scheme
- Doubling farm income
- Generate Political Will to Support Agriculture
- Policy implementation and political constraints
- Integrated Administrative Structures
- market development and direct market access

4. Agriculture and introspection of Socio-economic Issues

- Labour Ergonomics, safety and health
- Women in Agriculture
- Income Disparities
- Deviation of youth from the Occupation
- Poverty Alleviation and Inclusive growth
- Small size of Landholdings

The above list of the seminar themes is self illustrative Quality submission in empirical or theoretical aspects on the related themes in conformity with the overall theme of the National Seminar will be welcomed

GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT AND FULL PAPER:

The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should include: Title Background, Methodology, Findings/Results The contributor(s) should provide their name/s, affiliation, mailing address, Email and Phone number along with the Abstract. The full paper should be in standard format (Font: Times New Roman, 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing) and normally be of about 2500 words in length. Author(s) name (s) and affiliation should be shown on the separate sheet along with the title of the paper. Contributors require to email their abstract and papers at cpas.mdu.seminar@gmail.com, neel.kharb@gmail.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES: Participants who are interested to present research papers in the conference should follow the following deadlines:

- *Submission of abstracts: 28th Feb 2020
- *Submission of full paper: 05th March 2020

Registration: All the authors of the manuscript have to register themselves separately. The registration fee covers the cost of conference kit, lunch & refreshments. Registration fee

once deposited will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Registration Fee:

INR 500 for academicians
INR 300 for Research Scholars and Students

NOTE: No TA/DA will be paid for participating in the conference. Arrangement of accommodation for outstation participants will be made on request on payment basis. Presentation certificate will be issued to the participants who attend the conference in person and present their paper in designated technical session

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