

**Women's Studies Centre**  
**In collaboration with**  
**Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social & Economic Change**  
**organises**  
**National Seminar**  
**March 13, 2020**  
**on**  
**Status of Women in North-West India: The Journey so far**  
**Venue: Swaraj Sadan**  
**Registration Time 8:30am, March 13, 2020**

The fact that “Women hold up half the sky”- does not appear to give them a position of dignity and equality. Although, over the years, women have made great strides in many areas with notable progress in reducing some gender gaps, yet inequalities persist in their access to education, health, nutrition, economic resources and opportunities in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres. Gender based discrimination is pervasive across the world such as Pakistan, China, South Korea, Vietnam etc. Of the total, 70% of the 1.2 billion people living in poverty are women. Women do more than 67% of the hours of work done in the world while earn only 10% of the world's income and own only 1% of the world's property.

India's experience of economic development has not translated into corresponding gains in the social sphere. North-West India in general and Haryana in particular seems to be in turmoil, grappling with all sorts of issues such as adverse child sex ratio, female foeticide, honour killings, increasing violence against women and property rights etc. reflecting the resurgence of fundamentalist powers. This paradox is indicative of how development can sometimes be a misnomer if it does not change unjust cultural thought and practice. Laws alone cannot bring about change – there is a need for determination and action at all levels and by the government as well as civil society organizations.

With this backdrop, Women's Studies Centre, M.D. University, Rohtak plans to organise one day National seminar to deliberate on the emerging issues and challenges concerning women's overall status in India with particular reference to Haryana; streamline strategies and methods and support structures including legal process to

strengthen women. The Following sub-themes have been chosen for one day seminar to be organized on March 13, 2020.

### **Sub- Themes**

- Gender Inequality and Women's Status
- Women and Development
- Land, Caste and Women
- Women's Participation in Economy
- Women and Health
- Violence against women
- State Policies, Law and Women
- Women and media

### **Resource Persons**

Eminent academician and distinguished scholar of vast experience and repute, Prof Mary John, Senior Fellow, Centre for Women's Development Studies, New Delhi has very kindly consented to deliver inaugural address. Prof Rajesh Gill, noted academician, Department of Sociology, Panjab University, Chandigarh has agreed to deliver Keynote address. Prof. Bulbul Dhar James, well known academician, Head, department of Political Science, Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi would deliver special lectures.

## Participation by Registration

REGISTRATION FORM for the National Seminar on ' **Status of Women in North-West India: The Journey so far** ' organised by Women's Studies Centre in collaboration with Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social & Economic Change, March 13, 2020

**Name :** .....

**Designation :** .....

**Mailing Address** .....

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**Contact No** .....

**E-mail address:** .....

**Organization:**.....

**Signature of the participant**

**Registration Time: 08:30 hrs**

**Registration Fee: For Students-Rs 300**

**For Faculty- Rs 500**

**Last date for submission of abstracts (150–300 words): February 25, 2020**

The abstract should include name of the author, designation, title of the article, name of the affiliating institution, mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address. The abstract should be submitted as email attachment in MS-Word format in Times New Roman, Font size 12 to the Seminar organisers at [womenstudies.mdu@gmail.com](mailto:womenstudies.mdu@gmail.com) latest by February 25, 2020.

**Please Note:**

No abstract will be entertained after the due date and no presentation will be allowed on the spot.

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