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**Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak**  
(NAAC accredited 'A+')

**National Seminar**

on

**'Bridging Boundaries for a Better World:  
Exploring Inclusion of People with Disability  
through Interdisciplinary approach'**

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**



**Organized by**

Centre for Disability Studies  
in collaboration with  
Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and  
Economic Change (CRSIS&EC),  
Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak

**Venue:**

**Swaraj Sadan  
Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak**

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **About the University**

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak, initially known as Rohtak University, Rohtak was established in 1976 with the object to promote inter-disciplinary higher education and research. The University derives its name and identity from Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, a great freedom fighter, renowned social reformer and progressive thinker of his time. In a span of 47 years, the University has progressed leaps and bound to emerge as a leading centre of higher education.

### **About Centre for Disability Studies**

Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak is the First State University of the Country which started two RCI (Rehabilitation Council of India) approved Diploma courses i.e. Diploma in Teaching of Indian Sign Language (DTISL-Only for deaf candidates) and Diploma in Indian Sign Language Interpretation (DISLI- Only for Hearing candidates) with an intake of 30 each in year 2022 through the ***Centre for Disability Studies***. Sign Language Interpreting is a professional field with an excellent career and growth opportunities. On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi announced the introduction of Indian Sign Language (ISL) as a language subject, which has also given an additional boost to the careers in sign languages in India. These professional courses have extremely good career opportunities in both govt. as well as private sectors such as schools, colleges, institutions and even as freelancers. As per provisions of RPWD act, NEP 2020 and Prime Minister's Emphasis on ISL as a language subject, there will be demand for both ISL teachers and interpreters for providing accessibility. Sign language interpreters are required in numerous settings such as academic, legal, medical etc. it is a challenging yet exciting field.

### **About the Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change**

Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change is a constituent Institute of the Maharshi Dayanand University, 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. The Institute carry out quality research and evaluation studies, including field based research studies, on priority themes such as education, health, gender, adolescents, child labour, declining in sex ratio, aging and old age problems, issues related to differently abled persons, women's empowerment, poverty issues, problems of dalits, social exclusion, environment and rural development, life, work and philosophy of social thinkers, reformers, and educationists, including those in whose names research chairs have been instituted in/ by the University. Institute identifies the training needs of the lower and the middle level personnel working at the district-level Panchayati Raj Institutions and those working in the various other development departments of the State. The institute designs need-based training modules for them, and execute the same strictly as per user requirements. It is proposed to offer Certificate / diploma / degree courses on issues related to socio-economic change and human development.

### **Theme of the Seminar**

The Centre for Disability Studies in collaboration with Chaudhary Ranbir Singh Institute of Social and Economic Change (CRSIS&EC) Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak is pleased to announce one day National Seminar on **‘Bridging Boundaries for a Better World: Exploring Inclusion of People with Disability through Interdisciplinary approach’** on September 23, 2023. The organization of the seminar is also aligned with the global celebration of the *International Week of the Deaf* from September 18 to 24, 2023. Recognising the need, The World Federation of the Deaf has decided the theme and International Week of the Deaf 2023 i.e. ‘Ear and Hearing Care for All’ thus paying emphasis on inclusion. This is also in alignment with SDG’s. It is a broad goal which cannot be achieved in isolation and an interdisciplinary approach has to be followed. The National Seminar will provide a platform for academicians, researchers, teachers, practitioners and experts belonging to behavioural sciences, science, law, engineering and technology from government and non- government organization to discuss, deliberate, analyse and suggest ways and means for the promotion of inclusion of differently abled persons particularly the deaf.

### **Seminar Objectives**

The Seminar aims to deliberate, discuss and ponder upon:

1. Inclusive Policies and Practices: Address the role of policies and practices in creating inclusive environments in education, workplace, and public spaces that adhere and cater to the needs of differently abled people.
2. Empowerment through Education and Technology: Examine how education and technology can empower disabled persons by enhancing their access to information, communication, and opportunities.
3. To deliberate upon various problems and issues related to differently abled persons through interdisciplinary approach so as to facilitate their socio-economic rehabilitation and integration in the main stream of the society.
4. Explore Sign Language Rights: Delve into the legal, societal, and cultural dimensions of sign language rights, discussing challenges and advancements in achieving these rights globally.
5. Promote Deaf Culture and Identity: Reframing destigmatization for promoting the recognition, acceptance, and celebration of Deaf culture and identity, reinforcing the unique contributions of the Deaf community.

6. Higher Education and Research in Sign Language: Discuss opportunities for higher education and research related to sign languages, fostering academic and intellectual growth within the Deaf community and people in general.

**Sub-themes of Seminar:**

The seminar invites scholarly contributions and research papers that align with the following sub-themes:

- Breaking Barriers: Engineering Technology's Transformative Role for Disabilities
- Innovations for All: How Engineering Technology Empowers people with Disabilities
- Changing Narratives: Gazette innovations and the Disabled Community
- Inclusivity Unfolded: Gazette's Ground breaking innovations
- Enhancing Abilities: The Role of Brain Computer interfaces in Disabilities
- Connecting Minds and Machines: A New Era for Disabled Persons
- Transforming Challenges into Triumphs: A Behavioural Psychology perspective on Disabilities
- The Behaviour revolution: Paving the way for inclusivity in Disabilities
- Empowering Abilities: The Behavioural Psychology Toolkit for Disabled Persons
- From Exclusion to inclusion: Recent strides in Disabled Education
- Issues of Special Education and inclusive Education: A debate
- Universal Sign Language: A medium for all
- Empowering All Abilities: The Impact of Disability Laws on Inclusive Societies
- Human Rights of Differently Abled: Issues and Challenges
- Socio-economic perspective: Interdisciplinary approach for addressing systemic inequalities
- Common Gesture and Postures vis-à-vis Sign Language
- Tourism: Bridging Boundaries

**Key Dates:**

- Abstract Submission (through email: [seminarcds23@gmail.com](mailto:seminarcds23@gmail.com)): 15.09.2023
- Notification of Acceptance: 17.09.2023
- Full paper submission: upto 21.09.2023
- Announcement of Final Program Details: 22.09.2023
- Final papers for publication: 10.10.2023

### **Guidelines for abstract/paper submission**

The abstract of paper (maximum 300 words) and full paper not more than 5000 words should be typed in MS word 12 points font, New Times Roman, 1.5 spaces on A4 size paper unplagiarised with 10% limit. Full paper may be sent on e-mail by **21.09.2023**. Latest APA guidelines should be followed.

#### **Note:**

1. The delegates will not be paid any TA/DA for participating in the Seminar.
2. The participants be ready to make oral presentations (Even without power-point presentations).
3. Time allotted for each paper presentation/talk – 07 to 10 minutes.
4. Registration form is available on the University website i.e. [www.mdurohtak.ac.in](http://www.mdurohtak.ac.in)
5. Link for Registration Form - <https://forms.gle/QHnEMHVWpGaQ8tcF9>
6. **No Registration Fee for participation**, only registered participants will be allowed in the Seminar. Registration Form complete in all respect be sent alongwith abstract of the paper to the Seminar Director/Organising Secretary through email: [seminarcds23@gmail.com](mailto:seminarcds23@gmail.com)

We look forward to welcome you at the Seminar. Keep the date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2023

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