



## National Conference

(Call for Papers)

on

## "Caste and Social Exclusion: Issues and Challenges in Haryana"

(Conf. Date- 19-21 Jan, 2016, Abst. Sub. - 30 Nov, 2015, Venue: Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social & Economic Change, M.D.University, Rohtak, Haryana)

### Background of the Conference

Indian society is a composite of diverse religions, cultures and ethnicity. All the religions and ethnicities have their own pre-conceived hierarchies of castes and creeds. Among them, the lowest echelon is represented by scheduled castes (SCs) and scheduled tribes (STs). They are socially excluded category. Since ancient times

employment opportunities for scheduled castes are rigidly defined by the religious beliefs of Hindus. The practice of untouchability creates further segregation of these people from the mainstream. This practice is however, said to have been eradicated but it does exist even today in most of the places in our country. Caste discrimination is a highly politicised and sensitive issue in India. Being positioned at the lowest social order of Indian society SCs suffer from

many forms of discrimination in their socio-economic life such as education, economic participation, and social empowerment and are unaware about their human rights. According to the 2011 census, SC & ST constitute 201 million people and form around 16.6% of India's population. The SC & ST population showed decadal growth of 20.8% during 2001-2011, whereas India's population grew 17.7%. Despite a number of legislative provisions in India, the plight of SC population is pathetic and their fundamental basic human rights are continued to be in danger. Many states with a considerable number of SCs could not protect the interests of the community and they are still excluded from the main stream. These excluded communities are landless and efforts to empower them even by giving free land have not been successful in many states. A significant proportion of their women suffer from verbal abuse, physical assault, sexual harassment, domestic violence and rape. Young girls suffer systematic sexual abuse in temples, serving as prostitutes for men from dominant castes. The use and abuse of SC bonded labourers' remains endemic within a range of occupations and children are particularly

vulnerable. SCs in India make their living through the vile, inhuman and outlawed practice of manual scavenging and are often restricted from equal and meaningful political participation. Legal mechanisms to protect them are in place, but their implementation remains very weak. Consequently, violence against them is almost inevitably committed with impunity. Such discrimination hampered their development over time and are found to be socially and economically excluded. In order to uplift the socio-economic status of this excluded community there should have deep understanding about their sufferings, needs and aspirations. There is need to identify developmental gaps, strategic needs and required interventions to mobilize the community to complement governmental and non-governmental efforts to address these gaps and needs. Government and society should be committed to protect, promote, and further uphold their interests and well-being. Needless to mention that inclusion of socially excluded category is a multifaceted task.

In the backdrop of above facts, Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social & Economic Change M.D.University,

Rohtak is going to organize a National Conference on **“Caste and Social Exclusion : Issues and Challenges in Haryana”** with the objective to understand the nature and forms of discrimination and social exclusion faced by marginalised groups particularly SCs in the state of

**Scientific research papers are invited on the following thematic areas with special reference to the state of Haryana:**

1. Interrogating Caste : Contribution of Reformers and Social Scientists
2. Social Exclusion : Continuity and Change
3. Changing Nature of Socio-Economic Policies and Programmes for SCs
4. SCs : Constitutional Provisions and Enforcement
5. Civil Society and Caste Activism
6. Health, Education & Nutrition Status
7. Caste and Human Rights
8. Political Participation and Politicization of Caste
9. Scheduled Caste & Panchayati Raj Institution
10. Status of SC Women & Children
11. Caste Vis-à-vis Economic Status & Livelihoods
12. Emerging Voices, Assertion of Identity & Political Participation

#### **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.

Haryana. It is hope that this seminar will be helpful to policy planners to identify various areas of interventions and in designing their plans for the overall development of marginalized and socially excluded population of Haryana.

## 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. 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 30 November 2015 to the email id: [crsiseminar2016@gmail.com](mailto:crsiseminar2016@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 31 December 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:** [crsiseminar2016@gmail.com](mailto:crsiseminar2016@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

<b>Last date for abstract submission</b>	<b>30 November, 2015</b>
<b>Notification of accepted papers &amp;financial support</b>	<b>6 December, 2015</b>
<b>Last date for Registration</b>	<b>15 December, 2015</b>
<b>Full paper submission</b>	<b>31 December 2015</b>
<b>National Seminar</b>	<b>19-21 January, 2016</b>

**REGISTRATION:** All the participants have to register themselves separately. The Registration fee of **Rs.1000** covers the cost of conference kit, food, refreshments and accommodation. Registration fee can be paid at the Conference Venue.

**VENUE:** Chaudhry Ranbir Singh Institute of Social & Economic Change, Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak, Haryana.

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