



**Department of History**  
**Maharshi Dayanand University Rohtak**  
**(NAAC Accredited 'A' Grade)**

**Strategic Plan (2018-2023)**

## **About the Department**

The Department of History was established in the year 1978 as a composite department with Archaeology, Ancient, Medieval and Modern streams of History. It is a pioneer Department in this multi-faculty University. It is our earnest desire and deep commitment to provide the best education to our students. We not only facilitate our students in enhancing their knowledge of the specialization of their choice, but also in fostering other important attributes of a civilized human society. The department of history envisions promoting quality education and research through inter-disciplinary understanding, state-of-the-art learning, and the use of emerging knowledge for developing world-class human resources capable of mastering the global challenges of future. The Department seeks to create, preserve, and disseminate knowledge to build competitive capability for holistic development of man and society.

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Hence, in the History we study change and continuity in the society, economy, culture and polity. In the words of Prof. E.H. Carr, "History is an un-ending dialogue between present and past."

## **Vision**

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## **Mission**

- ❖ To deliver resources and experiences that empower students, educators and alumni success.
- ❖ To promot students and reserach scholars for conducting research in history, culture, archaeology, sociology, geography, economy of India in general and about the regional history in particular.
- ❖ Engage in excellence research for the department as well as university.

## **Strategic Goals**

The Department is constantly working hard to attain their vision and mission. The goal of the Department focal point on different facet for his excellently.

- ✓ Qualitative research work
- ✓ To promote students and research scholars for betterment in field
- ✓ Advance in Teaching-Learning programme
- ✓ Establishment strong relations with alumni of the Department

## **SWOC Analysis**

### **Strength**

- The department has the teachers with specializations in the different fields viz. Archaeological, Ancient Indian History, Medieval Indian History, Modern Indian History, History of Haryana etc. representing political, social, economic, administrative History of different periods.
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- The recent researches conducted by the teachers, research scholars, M.Phil students have generated lots of data for conducting research in history, culture, archaeology, sociology, geography, economy of India in general and about the regional history in particular.
- The department has well-equipped museum and the antiquities collected from all over India and material unearthed from the various excavations, conducted by the department, are properly displayed therein. Scholars, not only from various universities from India but also from abroad from like USA, are making use of the material displayed and kept in the museum.
- The department extends the consultancy & logistics support to various universities in their Archaeological field work in Haryana like BHU, Varansi, department of Archaeology & museums, Haryana and Punjab etc.
- In consonance with the UGC guidelines the department periodically updates the curriculum and our curriculum is one of the best in India.
- The department has an Archival cell also, where micro-films of old news paper are stocked. The researchers of this university & neighboring universities are making use of these facilities.

### **Weakness**

- There is a shortage of physical space in terms of Establishment of Library, Computer Lab etc. and Faculty Rooms, Room for Distribution of Study Material of Distance Classes, class-rooms etc.
- There is absence of e-learning facilities.
- There is only one teacher in the department and the faculty is insufficient for the courses being offered. There is a shortage of other non-teaching staff in the museum and library. In other words, there is very much shortage of faculty in the department due to

superannuation of faculty in the past few years and one Dr. Vijay Kumar has already deputed to Chaudhary Devi Lal University, Sirsa as Vice-Chancellor and two more teachers Dr. Bindu Mattoo and Dr. Urvashi Dalal has retired in Aug. 2017 and Nov. 2017 respectively. The draughtsman of the Archaeological Museum has also retired in month of March 2016. So the Department has seven vacant positions (all sanctioned posts) of faculty i.e. one Professor and six Asstt. Professors of different specializations. This state of affairs is hampering the growth and development of the department.

- There is a dearth of audio-visual material and smart class-rooms are lacking
- The department runs only traditional courses and there is a lack of professional & applied courses in Heritage Tourism, Heritage Management, Archival studies, Diploma in Archaeology diploma in Museology etc.
- The department has the absence of global exposure to the faculty and the students.

### **Opportunities**

- There is a relatively more demand for teachers and researchers with the establishment new universities and educational institutes as per Govt. policy.
- There is demand for Archeologist, Archivist, Tourism professionals in state Department, national offices, Custom department and research institutes.
- In the competitive examinations there is a need of historical knowledge and trained, man-power is required in various fields like coaching centers, competitive examinations center etc.
- The department has the potential for excellences in Archaeology and due to this Japanese based institutes like Research Institutes of Humanity and Nature Kyoto, Tokyo University of Engineering & Technology etc. and the Deccan College Pune, university of Delhi, have collaborated with the department. There is further scope of foreign collaboration with the department in the field of Archaeological Research.

### **Challenges**

- There is the de-motivation due to the decline in the importance of Social-Sciences and a recent circular by Haryana Government has laid emphasis on the need to pursue studies in sciences and if it is not possible then commerce and there is no mention of Social-Sciences.
- Applied knowledge is being given priority on the Academic learning.
- There is a political interference in Historical Research on leaders and Communities.
- The various universities and open universities are offering quality courses in distance and open learning mode.
- The indifferent attitude of the government regarding the filling up of vacant faculty positions and creation of new posts for the introduction of new courses and choice based credit system in greatest challenge for the development and existence of the department.

## **Action Plan**

### **2018-19**

- ✓ Reform the M A programmes aiming at integrating teaching and research.
- ✓ Development and standardization of curriculum and textbooks.
- ✓ promotion of research culture in the department in various relevant fields of Political Science.
- ✓ Organize various lectures of invited speakers to aware the students about the various relevant issues in national as well as global politics.
- ✓ Improve the right to study.
- ✓ Promoting community awareness with regards to civil and political rights.

### **2019-20**

- ✓ Offer courses in collaboration with other departments that foster inter-disciplinary thinking and research.
- ✓ Improving the quality of teaching services by focusing on the use of new teaching methods.
- ✓ reduce student drop-out rates, even through aimed orientation and tutoring policy.
- ✓ National and international conferences will be organized.
- ✓ Promote integration with local community and economy.
- ✓ The department will collaborate with village panchayat and schools to carry out training to maintain good hygiene and sanitation in the village.

### **2020-21**

- ✓ Ensure that students engage with all faculty members in all programs which includes the development of feedback culture that facilitate easier access to and better communication about, face-to-face interaction with faculty members for students.
- ✓ Participation in the system of validation and quality assurance and its implementation in order to ensure the quality of education and usefulness of the programs presented.
- ✓ Provide interdisciplinary and flexible programs with special attention to lifelong learning projects.
- ✓ Collaborate with other research institutions so that students can use the facilities from other universities or institute.
- ✓ Supports the central role of students by extending dedicated services (right to study, libraries, and reading rooms and job placement).
- ✓ Deliver consultation and work training courses to meet the needs of and to support the development of the community.

### **2021-22**

- ✓ Develop a practical environment in the classrooms by creating courses and workshops that evolve around solving, discussing and potentially reframing existing societal problems.
- ✓ Provide the necessary facilities to empower the department and members.
- ✓ Promote technological innovation, infrastructure and tools for excellence in research.
- ✓ Students will be guided by their mentors for the qualifying NET-JRF exams etc.

- ✓ Fostering local and global awareness and sensitivity to the breadth and diversity of the human condition, including the roles of gender, race, ethnicity, religion and culture issues.
- ✓ Develop critical thinking, creativity and originality as they may foster excellence in teaching, research and services.

### **2022-23**

- ✓ Rethink the role of the department in teaching, research and public engagement so that its educational culture and research environment encourage students and researchers to address 21<sup>st</sup> century political challenges.
- ✓ Expanding scientific and research collaboration by concluding a partnership agreement with various universities and other research centers at the national, regional and global levels.
- ✓ Ensure monthly presentation by research scholars and promote group discussion.
- ✓ Student's career counseling will be done by the faculty members
- ✓ Camps will be organized to educate the people living in the slum and backward areas about the importance of hygiene, education, right to vote etc.
- ✓ Build strategic partnership with communities, government, industries and schools, colleges and universities

### Activity Calendar (2018-19)

Month	Activities
July, 2018	1. Lecture on Nelson Mandela and his contribution to humanity
August, 2018	1. Lecture on disarmament and arms control in the remembrance of Nagasaki and Hiroshima day 2. Joint workshop on the “Significance of Quit India Movement in Indian Freedom Struggle” and Independence Day
September, 2018	1. Celebration on Teacher’s day and Literacy day 2. A camp will be organized with the help of the students to spread the importance of education in the slum and backward areas
October, 2018	1. Workshop on “Gandhi and Non-Violence” 2. Lecture on “New World Order and Peace” 3. Seminar on UNO and its relevance in the present era
November, 2018	Lecture on “Legal Services in India: loopholes and Relevance”
December, 2018	1. Workshop on India’s Growing Strategic Power to celebrate the Indian Navy Day and Vijay Divas 2. Seminar on Human Rights and Human Security
January, 2019	1. A counseling program on “Role of Youth in Nation Building” 2. Practicum on Voter’s Day and Constitution day
February, 2019	1. Extension Lectures on “Changing Contours in India’s Foreign Policy”
March, 2019	Department’s Annual day celebration