



National Seminar Social Science Research in India: Potential, Prospects and Priorities

29 February - 01 March 2024
(Thursday and Friday)

Organised by
Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh

At the time we are celebrating 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav', it gives us an apt opportunity to reflect upon rapidly changing social realities of the country and opening up of new avenues alongside persistent challenges both in the past and for the future. Major factors responsible for changes at global level such as artificial intelligence, the experience of the recent pandemic, rising inequalities on multiple fronts, climate change, and other anthropogenic activities, etc. are making social realities more complex and simultaneously opening up new and innovative vistas of research. This has created unique and innovative challenges for academia. The diversity and complexity of India makes it a unique case study for understanding the impact of these processes on societal structures and institutions. Social science research in India over the years has been instrumental in shaping public policy on issues such as education, healthcare and employment by providing policymakers with evidence-based data to make informed decisions for benefit of society. In India, the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, along with the University Grants Commission (UGC) and other alike institutions, has been instrumental in providing institutional platforms for amalgamation of diversity of social science research, giving voice to different approaches with similar aims and objectives of not only understanding society in India but also providing concrete policy inputs for benefit of its people.

Given the significance of social science research in India, the major themes of the seminar are:

- Institutional framework for social science research in India: Role and contributions of ICSSR;
- Emerging methodologies of social science research;
- Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research;
- Technology and society interface;
- India@75: Development, change and disparities;
- Climate Change and Sustainable Development; and,
- Policy formulation and implementation based on concrete data, information and analysis.

Thorough discussions generated on these themes would highlight the dynamism and complexity of social science research in the country. Paper presented and recommendations of the Seminar shall be published as an edited volume.

Important Dates

31 January 2024: Last date for submission of abstract at crridevents@gmail.com

(Mention the title of the seminar and complete contact details of the participant in the abstract)

05 February 2024: Confirmation of acceptance of abstract and participation

26 February 2024: Submission of full paper.

Registration Fee: INR 500/- (on the spot).

Food and Accommodation: The selected outstation participants will be provided accommodation on twin sharing basis at the CRRID guest house and food at nominal charges of INR 1000/- per person per day.

Convenors: Dr. Vikash Kumar, Dr. Jatinder Singh and Dr. Gurinder Kaur, Assistant Professors, CRRID.

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