



Chandigarh Climate Meet (CCM-3)

International Conference

on

"Society, Environment and Sustainable Development: Emerging Issues and Alternatives"

(March 20 to 22, 2024)

INTRODUCTION

CRRID, Chandigarh proposes to organize an International Conference on "Society, Environment and Sustainable Development: Emerging Issues and Alternatives" from March 20 to 22, 2024 at CRRID, Chandigarh. The International Conference is part of **Chandigarh Climate Meet** (third in the series) which is likely to be organized by Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), Chandigarh with the support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi; Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC), PU, Chandigarh; National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi; Punjab State Human Rights Commission (PSHRC); The Working Group 05 of International Sociological Association (ISA) on Famine and Society; Research Committees- Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies (RC-08), Gender Studies (RC-10), Sociology of Environment (RC-11), Urban Studies (RC-19); Media Studies (RC-20); Political Sociology (RC-21) and Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance (RC-23) of Indian Sociological Society (ISS); Sociological Society Himachal Pradesh (SSHP); Deptt of Sociology, Post Graduate Govt College (PGGC-11), Chandigarh; Academy of Innovation in Technology and Management, Jalandhar; and Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)-Haryana Regional Branch; Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI) and some other institutions are likely to support the organization of events in various capacities as technical and knowledge partners/collaborators.

CALL FOR SESSIONS/ABSTRACTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

The call for sessions/abstracts for International Conference is open. The conference aims to deliberate on interlinked issues of Society, Environment & Sustainable Development. Society has been facing various social, economic challenges which seem to hinder sustainable development. The sustainability seems to be at stake due to un-sustainability of human induced development practices. Achieving many of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be challenging particularly for states, cities and villages due to their weak institutional and fiscal base along with multiple social economic and environmental vulnerabilities. There is a need to protect habitats and safeguard the interests of poor people. The conference is likely to come up with concrete ideas for better future of the planet amid the climate change and gaps in all major areas to be addressed through SDGs.

Since role of habitats & their institutions are crucial for addressing many social, economic,



environmental concerns, the conference will deliberate and discuss the issues, alternatives, innovations and modalities for sustaining the same. The sessions/papers on different contexts of the theme/s are being invited. The sessions and papers on various aspects of environment, sustainable development, climate change, water and forest management, adaptation, resilience, marginalization, poverty, hunger, food, decentralization in local as well as global contexts are welcome and how the same can help in resolving various types of problems in the developed as well as developing societies. The environment and sustainable development have been major concerns around the world and crucial issue for research and action having important social, cultural, political & other linkages & implications. The current challenges of managing pollution & providing health services to the huge population enhance the relevance of these important issues.

The post liberal regimes seem to serve better to the capitalists and rich sections and very negligible to meet the interests of larger sections of the poor populations. The global exploitative systems of colonialism seem to have changed their nature and forms with more modern systems and tools of exploitation. Now own institutions and own people seem to have developed new exploitative tools and procedures to exploit their own people and exploit own institutions. The marginalisation of poor and inequality is on rise. The exclusion of sizeable population is visible in terms of food, shelter, employment, education and health services. The progress of SDGs is very slow. The wealth is being captured by few people in the world. The few powerful and mighty seem to control wealth and power to decide the fate of majority. Climate change and human induced environmental problems are creating another kind of challenges. The air, water & soil pollution is on rise & having tremendous implications on health & therefore big challenges for habitats and their sustainability. The emerging situations need better interdisciplinary understanding and better public responses to reverse the exploitative trends, tools, practices, marginalization, exclusion and environmental stress to check the emerging discontents among the masses and promote sustainable development.

The sessions/abstracts are invited on a wide range of areas, including the following:

- o Society: Challenges, Reconstruction, Reflection, Responsibilities, Transition and Transformation
 - Poverty, inequality & exclusion
 - Marginalization & deprivation
 - Women empowerment/gender issues
 - Atrocities/violence/crime against dalits/minorities/tribes/women and children & their empowerment /mainstreaming
 - Rights based development – social, economic & political
 - Planning, governance & management: macro & micro dimensions
 - Collective action and social movements
 - Participation, organizational democracy and self-management, urban development and e- governance
 - Transition to transformation: social, economic, physical and environmental dimensions
 - Religions philosophies for peace, non-discrimination, love, happiness & environmental protection
 - Caste, class & gender: inequality, discrimination & remedial measures



- Work, employment & capability formation/poverty alleviation
- Education, health, social welfare & inclusion & sustainability
- Media, art and culture

o Environment & Related Issues

- Environment: Concepts, Theories & emerging realities
- Climate Change (IPCC, UNFCCC, COP 28 etc)
- Global initiatives-local impact
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, national energy missions/ plans and local actions
- Nature-based approach to climate change
- Critical review of Paris and other agreements and other initiatives like COP 28.
- Managing river basins and related issues
- Global water governance
- Climate change, water, energy and food: Interlinkages and issues
- Hydro based development in Himalayan and other mountain regions
- Carbon management and green technological interventions
- Natural disaster management
- Social dimensions of climate change
- The role of environmental NGOs in response to climate change
- The role of citizens in response to climate change
- The role of enterprises in response to climate change
- Towards safe and sustainable human settlements.

o Sustainable Development: concepts, contexts, issues & goals

- Sustainable development: concept, theories and realities
- Local contexts of macro frameworks of SDGs/Localizing SDGs
- SDGs as Holistic Macro Framework for all countries: Efforts, initiatives, linkages and best practices
- Who takes the lead: Role of Governments and other key stakeholders
- Financing the SDGs at sub- national and local levels.
- Role of cities and local governments in sustainable development goals
- How to overcome over-urbanization, growth of slums, poverty and ever increasing inequality
- Eco mobility and environmental refugees
- Challenge of affordable housing, slum development and poverty alleviation
- Urban transportation and environmental pollution
- Improving Eco-efficiency and Green Growth
- Issues and alternatives in water, sanitation, SWM etc.
- Building a sound-material-cycle society through 3 Rs
- Environmentally sustainable transport
- Culture, traditional wisdom and identity
- Challenges against cities in the context of New Urban Agenda
- Strategy on prevention of natural and manmade disasters
- Improvement of educational, cultural and social welfare facility
- Improvement of housing quality, basic services and livelihood
- Green growth of cities- smart innovations and inclusive initiatives
- Addressing urban concerns to promote Social Solidarity Economy (SSE)
- Meeting demands of energy, water and food
- Smart and sustainable development amid globalization, liberalization and privatization

The focus of the conference is to understand social, environmental development related issues and alternatives and how the same are likely to influence sustainability. In this context



what alternatives are emerging to cope with the emerging challenges to achieve sustainable development across various continents, will be deliberated upon during three days conference. It aims to provoke questions in different contexts vis a vis many of the above aspects is concerned and explore various alternatives to manage the growth and development in juxtaposition with increasing pressure on society due to growing inequalities, poverty, social exclusions, deprivations and climate change/environmental stress.

The social issues and environmental capturing the full import of the acronym FAMINE (Food insecurity as a consequence of severely diminished purchasing power of vulnerable groups in society, Alienation on account of discrimination based on Caste, Color or Creed; Marginalization on account of severely diminishing real incomes; Inequality based on dysfunctional social systems and travails of the workers in Informal Sector, Negative impact on vulnerable groups of natural calamities & man-made disasters such as civil wars and economic shocks caused by market volatility; & Exclusion from mainstream society based on social and economic ostracization resulting in social conflict, unrest and violence) in the context of the environment & sustainability are also likely to be discussed in the conference.

SESSIONS AND LANGUAGE

The official language of the conference sessions/papers will be English. The three-day conference will consist of three plenaries/symposiums on the conference themes and approximately 18 technical sessions. The welcome and valedictory sessions will be in the Main Conference Hall of CRRID. The audio visual and LCD screens will be provided in all the halls. The technical and skilled assistance will also be provided by the volunteers.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES AND OTHER DETAILS

The final date for submitting session proposals and abstracts for the conference (up to 500 words in MS Word format) is February 29, 2024. The abstracts/proposals will be reviewed by the organizing/ academic committee. The acceptance of all the sessions/abstracts of papers will be conveyed before March 5, 2024 but efforts will be made to convey acceptance within 2 to 3 days of submissions to enable the participants to make their travel, visa and other related arrangements. The full papers (between 3500-6000 words in MS Word format) will have to be submitted on acceptance of abstract before March 15, 2024. The abstracts may be submitted to the Conference Coordinator Dr. Manoj Kumar Teotia at the email address: mkteotia@gmail.com/ chandigarhclimatemeet2019@gmail.com. The last date for registration for the conference is also March 10, 2024. On the spot registrations (10% extra) will only be available in case the delegates send formal requests. For details please visit the conference website and <http://chandigarh-climate-meet-2019.site123.me/> and CRRID website (<http://www.crrid.res.in/> in Upcoming Events) to see the updated details of the conference. The selected papers may be published in edited book form with ISBN number. The abstracts of the papers should include the following information:



1. The title of the Paper
2. The name, affiliation, mailing address and e-mail address(es) of the proposer(s)
3. A description of the Paper (not exceeding 500 words)

TRAVEL GRANTS

Some selected paper givers may be provided full or partial travel grant depending upon availability of the funds. The committee will allocate the grants based on the need, qualification, quality of papers and the nationality of the candidates (based on the World Bank development indicators). The grants will be paid only to those selected authors who submit their original and unpublished research papers within stipulated time. The application for grant should be made with the full paper and with a half page statement of motivation/interest. In addition, some of the invited speakers will be paid economy airfare and board and lodging facilities at the guest house of CRRID, Panjab University or the Hotel.

REGISTRATION FEE

The authors and session chairs will have to register for the Conference. The pre conference workshop applicants will have to register for both the events. There will be a registration fee for taking care of food, accommodation, local travel and kits. The registered delegates will be supplied with the conference program and other literature in a kit on their arrival at the conference site. In addition, we plan to arrange information desks, manned by students and staff. CRRID plans to utilize its student volunteers, researchers and volunteers from other institutions for local arrangements. The registration fees should be deposited before March 10, 2024. On the spot registrations (10% extra fee) may be allowed with a prior request by the delegates.

REGISTRATION FEE# FOR CONFERENCE:

| Sl No | Category of Participants / delegates | Category A* Countries | Category B* Countries | Category C* Countries |
|-------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Delegates (Teachers, Researchers, Practitioners, NGOs, Govt. Officials, Policy Makers etc) | 300 USD/ (F) Rs 21000 (I) | 200 USD/ (F) Rs 14000 (I) | 100 USD/ (F) Rs 7000 (I) |
| 2. | Students (on the production of Identity card) | 150 USD/ (F) Rs 10500 (I) | 100 USD/ (F) Rs 7000 (I) | 50 USD/ (F) Rs 4000 (I) |
| 3. | Industry (extra charges for exhibition of products/ technology) | 400 USD/ (F) Rs 28000 (I) | 300 USD/ (F) Rs 21000 (I) | 200 USD/ (F) Rs 14000 (I) |

F=Foreign delegates and I=Indian delegates

Important: # Registration fee includes access to all sessions, welcome reception, souvenir, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, tea/coffee breaks and accommodation during the conference.

* Categories of countries based on World Bank classification: **Category A:** High income. **Category B:** Upper middle income. **Category C:** Low and lower middle income (Source: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/about-isa/membership/table-of-economies-by-category/>).

Bank details for payments: The payment of registration fee can be made online in case of foreign delegates by using SWIFT Code and through Local Cheque /Pay Order/ Demand Draft favoring CRRID, Chandigarh 160019, India or online in case of Indian delegates (Name



of the Bank: State Bank of India; Branch Code: 3246; Account Number: 55049348238; IFSC Code: SBIN0003246; SWIFT Code: SBININBBP141).

THE HOST INSTITUTION

Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID), an autonomous research institute, is among the 27 research institutes in the country supported by the **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, New Delhi. It enjoys the distinction of being the only one of its kind in the northwestern states of Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and the UT of Chandigarh. CRRID was accorded the "national status" in 1984 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, in recognition of its contribution to the cause of social science research in the broader national perspective. CRRID has a Population Research Centre, Urban Governance and Development Unit, RBI Chair and formerly SBI Chair, SAIL Chair and HUDCO Chair etc. CRRID's primary focus has been on carrying out socially relevant research on rural and industrial development in the wider social, economic and political context. CRRID is located in centre of the city and is at a distance of about 13 kms from the Chandigarh Airport, 4 kms from the Interstate Bus Terminal and 9 kms from Railway Station. It is well networked with innumerable universities and educational institutions. The institute is old, renowned and prestigious and has a vibrant intellectual, cultural and social ethos. Please visit website of CRRID for more information: <http://www.crrid.res.in/>

COLLABORATING, SUPPORTING AND KNOWLEDGE PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) was established in the year of 1969 by the Government of India to promote research in social sciences in the country. ICSSR provide grants for projects, fellowships, international collaboration, capacity building, survey, publications etc. to promote research in social sciences in India. Documentation center of ICSSR - National Social Science Documentation Centre (NASSDOC) - provides library and information support services to researchers in social sciences. ICSSR has developed ICSSR Data Service to serve as a national data service for promoting powerful research environment through sharing and reuse of data among social science community in India. Please visit website of ICSSR for more information: <http://icssr.org/>

Working Group 05 of International Sociological Association (ISA) on Famine and Society: The Thematic Group of ISA on “Famine & Society” was founded in 1985 and Prof. T.K. Oommen was its founder-President. *In 1998, “Famine & Society” became a Working Group (WG05).* Besides organising a large number of Inter-Congress Conferences, Famine & Society has organised multiple sessions and its members have presented various *papers at World Congress assemblies organised by the ISA in Delhi (1986), Madrid (1990), Bielefeld (1994), Montreal (1998), Brisbane (2002), Durban (2006) Gothenburg (2010), Yokohama (2014), Toronto (2018), Melbourne (2023) and ISA Forums in Buenos Aires (2012), Vienna*



(2016) and Porto Alegre (2021). Please visit the website for more information: <http://www.isa-sociology.org/en/research-networks/working-groups/wg05-famine-and-society/>

Asia Climate Change Education Center (ACCEC), Jeju, South Korea: ACCEC was established jointly by Jeju Local Government and the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea in 2009 to respond to climate change needs of governmental organizations and other stakeholders to contribute to the solutions of the problem of climate change through education. ACCEC runs courses of education on climate change and its related issues-General and Professional Courses. ACCEC runs a creative and responsible climate change education with a goal to be accredited by United Nations as a world-class professional climate change educational institute. Please visit website of ACCEC, Jeju, South Korea for more information: http://www.jeju-accec.com/pages_e.php?p=1_1_1_1

National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi: National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) is a premier institute for research, capacity building and dissemination of knowledge for the urban sector in India. It conducts research on urbanization, urban policy and planning, municipal finance and governance, land economics, transit oriented development, urban livelihoods, environment & climate change and smart cities. The institute was set up to bridge the gap between research and practice, and to provide critical and objective analyses of trends and prospects for urban development. NIUA has assisted in policy formulation and programme appraisal and monitoring for the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), state governments, multilateral agencies and other private organizations. It contributed to the National Commission on Urbanisation, participated in drafting the 74th Constitutional Amendment of 1992, prepared the Draft National Urban Policy and other documents for the roll out of the JNNURM, PMAY, SCM, AMRUT, SBM mission mode programmes. It also guided the discourse on municipal finance by framing the Model Municipal Law. Please visit website of NIUA for more information: <http://www.niua.org/>

Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster (CRIKC) was initiated at Panjab University in 2013, where institutions in Chandigarh region agreed for the creation of a Knowledge Cluster whose mandate is to use Science, Technology and Innovation for Socio-Economic development in the region. The regional impact can then be transformed to national and global goals to align with the UN SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). The Institutes which are part of CRIKC include Medical Institutes like PGIMER and GMCH-32, Chandigarh; Engineering Institutes like IIT (Ropar), PEC, NITTTR, CCET at Chandigarh, C-DAC, Mohali; Higher Education Institutes like Panjab University, Chandigarh; IISER, NIPER, Chitkara, Rayat-Bhara University Mohali, Desh Bhagat University, Gobindgarh and Maharaja Agarsen University, Baddi and Research and Development Institutes like CSIR-IMTECH, DRDO-SASE, DRDO-TBRL, PSCST, IDC, CRRID, Chandigarh and DBT-CIAB,



DBT-NABI, DST-INST, SCL in Mohali. Please visit website of CRIKC for more information: <https://crikc.puchd.ac.in/>

Punjab State Human Rights Commission (PSHRC): Punjab State Human Rights Commission (PSHRC): The PSHRC was set up and started functioning in 1997 under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (Act No 10 of 1994). Section 21 (2) of the Act makes provision for constitution of State Human Rights Commissions to work on the matters relating to human rights in the States. The PSHRC, during its functioning from 1997 onwards, has played a momentous role in alleviating the violations of human rights within its jurisdiction, and it is an active watchdog of human rights in the State of Punjab. Please visit website of PSHRC for more information: <http://pshrc.net/Home/Index>

Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The ISS was set up in Bombay with the initiative of Prof. G. S. Ghurye, Head of the Department of Sociology, University of Bombay. The Society was registered in December 1951 under the Societies Registration Act. The Society started a biannual journal Sociological Bulletin from March 1952. It held seminars/workshops occasionally on selected themes but did not organize large conferences. With the initiative taken by Prof. R. N. Saxena, from the year 1955 onwards six All India Sociological Conferences (AISC) were held in different parts of the country. The Indian Sociological Society as a professional body has come of age. The Society stands as a shining example of how academic affairs of a social science discipline could be organised and how Sociologists, young and old from different regions of India having academic interest in diverse fields of specialization could be brought on one forum. There are 28 research committees of ISS which promote scholarship, dialogue and discussion in various important themes of sociology. Please visit website of ISS for more information: <http://www.insoso.org/>

North West Indian Sociological Association (NWISA): The NWISA promotes study of sociology and sociological problems in the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir and the Union Territory of Chandigarh. It also aims at promoting interaction and exchange of ideas among scholars carrying out sociological studies in the states and the Union Territory. Please visit website of NWISA for more information: <http://www.nwisa.in/>

RC 08 on Inequalities, Stratification and Exclusion Studies, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): RC08 of ISS was created to promote understanding of emerging realities related to inequality, stratification and exclusion studies and learn various concepts, theories and ideas. Another purpose was to create a network of sociologists to work on these issues and study various dimensions of Indian society to evolve the socially relevant policies for the marginalized and excluded.



RC10 on Gender Studies, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The Research Committee on Gender Studies (RC-10), under the auspices of the Indian sociological society, New Delhi, plays a pivotal role in the advancement of gender studies in India. By organising technical sessions on gender issues at All India Sociological Conferences and conducting mid-term conferences and seminars, the Committee provides a rich platform for academic discourse and research dissemination. It places a strong emphasis on encouraging research scholars and young faculty to delve into the field of gender studies.

RC11 on Sociology of Environment, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): Research Committee 11 on Sociology of Environment of ISS is dedicated to work on the environmental dimensions of society and development. The RC is committed to work to prepare professional environmental sociologists who can work on different aspects of human interactions, including; population and demography, organizations and institutions, science and technology, health and illness, consumption and sustainability practices, culture and identity, and social inequality and environmental justice.

RC19 on Urban Studies, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The RC 19 on Urban Studies of ISS was created to promote understanding of emerging urban realities and learn concepts, theories and carry research in urban studies and while doing so create a network of thinkers to promote the field. Currently India is urbanizing and urban society is undergoing profound changes and hence it is important to understand the same by developing network of scholars and thinkers studying various dimensions of urban society and enable policy makers to evolve the policies for the marginalized, homeless, segregated, and in distress.

RC20 on Media Studies, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The RC-20 plays a crucial role in the advancement of media studies in India. It organises technical sessions on issues related to media studies at All India Sociological Conferences and Mid-term conferences and collaborating with other quality seminars. The Committee provides a rich platform for young budding students and scholars for academic discourse. It places a strong emphasis on the importance of media as the fourth pillar in the society.

RC21 on Political Sociology, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The RC-21 is an important platform for debate on shaping and transforming politics and society in India and making better world for every human being. This RC keeps organising academic events on various issues related to polity and society in All India Sociological Conferences and keeps conducting mid-term conferences and seminars. The RC provides a rich platform for academic discourses for and research and encouraging young scholars and young faculty to delve into the field of political sociology.

RC23 on Sociology of Law, Crime and Deviance, Indian Sociological Society (ISS): The RC-23 focusses on sociology of law, crime, and deviance and related issues in Indian society and how it influences the various social processes, institutions and communities. How various social policy paradigms interplay with law, crime and deviance and how they help in coping with these social problems are also subject matter of the RC. Currently various SDGs are trying to address some of these concerns directly or indirectly and any emerging solutions at



micro and macro level in the society and how various social institutions react and respond to the problems are also matter of debate and discussions in the RC.

Adhoc Group- 2 on Sociology of Sanitation, Indian Sociology Society: The Indian Sociological Society approved Adhoc Group- 2 on Sociology of Sanitation in 2023. The discipline that investigates the social causes and consequences of health and illness was inspired by the health and sanitary reforms that the relations between sociology and sanitation are extremely intimate. This theme will help solving the problems of society regarding sanitation, environment, social deprivation, water, public health, hygiene, poverty welfare of the children, and empowering knowledge for environment and sustainable development.

Department of Environment Studies, Punjab University (PU), Chandigarh: It is one of the important departments. Panjab University is very prestigious university of India and it has long history. It is ranked number one amongst Universities in India and Ranked 363 in the Thomson Reuters-powered 'Best Global Universities Rankings 2016' by US News and Global Report. PU has 78 teaching and research departments and 15 Centers/Chairs for teaching and research at the main campus located at Chandigarh. The Department of Environment Studies of PU runs M.Sc. and PhD programme. The department has achieved good visibility in India and abroad. The Department has its own library with latest books and reading material, laboratory facilities with many analytical equipment for teaching, demonstration and research. The facility of Visual aids like LCD projector, Slide and Over-head projectors are available for imparting instructions to the students. The department also has equipments like HPLC, UV-VIS Spectrophotometer, BOD Incubator, Air Quality Monitor, Thermo-hygrometer, Dust track, and Gas Analyzer. Please visit website of Department for more information: <http://devs.puchd.ac.in/index.php>

Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Chandigarh: Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) is an independent think tank, which works in macro-economy, politico-economy, public policy, banking, agriculture, infrastructure, energy, international trade, manufacturing sectors. CEPR helps government in shaping the policy, via sector reports, stakeholder's consultations, policy briefs etc. Along with this, CEPR also helps organisations to understand the public policy and the market scenarios. CEPR fills up gap between industry and policymakers and strives to make both ends meet. Nationally, CEPR is network of odd professionals and economists, who are regularly contributing to make the work more meaningful. At present we operate out of two offices, Noida in Delhi NCR and Chandigarh. Please visit website of CEPR for more information: <http://cepr.in/>

Academy of Innovation in Technology and Management: Academy of Innovation in Technology and Management (AITM), under the aegis of PAHAL Society, organizes different academic programs on different topics relevant to academicians and professionals working in different domains. The program includes various types of conferences, short term



courses, training, tailor made training programs, etc. Please visit website of AITM: <https://www.aitm.co.in/home>

Sociological Society Himachal Pradesh (SSHP): SSHP is registered not for profit association of people working for sociology at different levels. Its members include sociologists, social scientists consisting of academicians, PG, research scholars, public servants, consultants, NGO people, social researchers etc. SSHP is committed to promote sociology and develop sociological thinking and committed to facilitate sociological teaching and research and enhance the professional development of its members. SSHP aims to work for sociology in Himachal specifically and in India and world in general by providing a network of sociologists at all levels. Please visit website of SSHP: www.sshp.co.in

Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)-Haryana Regional Branch: IIPA was set up to build capacity among public servants through training and research and impart knowledge and soft skills required for managing the tasks of governance at the Centre and State level. In order to promote the ideology and mandate of IIPA, its governing body established Regional Branches in most of the States and Union Territories of the country. IIPA, Haryana Regional Branch is located at Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurugram and has been acting as a flag bearer of the initiatives and agendas of IIPA in Haryana. All the members of IIPA residing in Haryana State are the members of IIPA HRB. IIPA HRB has been organizing various workshops and conferences on the current issues in Administration and Governance. Please visit website of IIPA-HRB: <http://iipahrb.com/>

Global Research and Educational Foundation India (GREFI): Dealing with the challenges of today requires problem-solvers who bring different perspectives and are willing to take risks. GREFI emerged out of a pursuit to inspire and support the community, and a desire for actions to speak louder than words. Established in 2000, it is an organization driven by progressive ideas, bold actions, and a strong foundation of support. Please visit website of GREFI for more information: <https://www.grefiglobal.org/>

Post Graduate Govt. College Sector 11 (PGGC-11): PGGC-11, now a co-educational Institute, was established in 1953. Over the years, its illustrious students have carved a niche for themselves in fields as diverse as Politics, administration, business, law etc. It offers a broad curriculum and a range of opportunities for all our students to achieve excellence in academic, creative, social, cultural, sporting and community endeavours. There are as many as 30 departments. Please visit website of PGGC-11 for more information: <https://www.gc11.ac.in/>

MCM DAV College for Women, Sector 36 (MCM DAV-36): MCM DAV-36, which is also known as Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College or simply as MCM Chandigarh is one of the most reputed college for women in Chandigarh. Founded in year 1968, MCM DAV College has become one of the most sought after college in Chandigarh for various courses among female students. Women not just from Chandigarh but also from neighboring states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh etc. seek admission at MCM DAV College in Sector 36 due to its good reputation & high educational standards.



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- ❖ Dr Murli Manohar Joshi, Former Minister, Human Resources & Development, Govt of India (Padma Vibhushan Awardee-2017) & currently President, CRRID Society (Chief Patron)
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