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(SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB)**

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**INDIA IN THE TWENTY-FIRST
CENTURY: EXPLORING THE
EMERGING TRENDS IN SOCIETY,
POLITICS AND ECONOMY**

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ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Panjab University Rural Centre, established at Kauni village of Sri Muktsar Sahib, is the brainchild of Professor R.C. Sobti, former Vice Chancellor, of Panjab University, Chandigarh. Since its inception in June 2010, the Centre has been making its presence felt in its purpose of spreading and encouraging rural education under the dynamic stewardship of The Vice-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh. PURC Kauni is situated approximately 50 km from Bathinda, 28 km from Kotkapura and 17 km from Muktsar and is easily accessible from the Bathinda Muktsar State Highway. PURC Kauni established on approximately 20 acres of lush green, eco-friendly environment campus, providing a pristine and idyllic atmosphere for the education and overall development of rural students. Although, it is challenging to raise the level of education among the rural masses, yet P.U. Rural Centre has successfully risen to the challenge. The institute has a very highly qualified and experienced faculty and infrastructure, with a spacious building and big and airy classrooms. A new multi-crore state-of-the-art building is under construction to meet future requirements and promotes greater interest and provides better facilities for academics, research, and co-curricular activities

About the Seminar

In the twenty-first century, India is passing through the phase of transitions at unprecedented speed and scale. The transformations have reported in the political, economic and social fabric of the country. Since the independence two models of development (i.e. urbanization and modernization) have been largely influenced the social structure of Indian society. It has transformed the nature and boundaries of erstwhile social cleavages (like religion, caste, class, gender etc.) and social identities in the society. As the result of such developments, de-escalating the caste prejudice could be

observed, on the one hand, and arising the religious fundamentalism among the majoritarian sections of the society on the other hand. The steadily improvement of the status of women has been reported in recent years. From the political perspective, the role of people is evolving from being a mere voter to active participant and influencer on the majority of policy issues. Democracy has deepened further in the last seventy-five years in India. The weaker sections especially SC, ST and OBCs' participation and representation have increased manifold thereby consolidating the democratic process. Another trend which can be seen in politics is that media does not accurately represent the voice of the people. Now, the media participates in Indian politics and elections rather than only reporting on them. The nature of party politics, the way agendas are created, the priority of policies, and the people's ambitions have changed significantly. The politics of defection and unholy and unprincipled alliances has destroyed the ideologies of well-known political parties. The political choices are fundamentally shaping the future developmental trajectory. Indian economy is one of the fastest transforming economies in the world. This has become possible because of the liberalization and globalization which integrate Indian economy with the world economy. To further encourage wealth, the nation has also been opening its doors to investors and foreign businesses. Moreover, Indian economy is also facing a number of challenges including high levels of inflation, an unstable rupee, corruption, unemployment, rising inequality, population density, large current account deficit, huge dependence of population on agriculture, and low level of technology etc. These factors present both opportunities and challenges for the country's economic growth in the years ahead. The seminar will try to understand the nature of the policy choices India confronts today, the intersections between them, government's perspective on the way forward, and the broader political economy.

Sub-Themes

Political Institutions: Continuities and Change
Media and Politics
Party System and Party Politics
Election Commission, Electoral Reform and Electoral Politics
Political Participation and Consolidation of Weaker Sections
Communal Politics in India
India's Changing Role in World Politics
Understanding the new Socio-religious Identities
Recent Socio-cultural Transformation in India
Majoritarian Fundamentalism and insecurity among Minorities
Impact of Globalization on Indian Society
Role of Technology in Social Change
Globalization and Indian Economy
Challenges Ahead Indian Economy
Agricultural Crisis in India
Understanding India's Energy Transition in Global Context

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Academicians, Corporates, Research Scholars and Students are cordially invited to submit a soft copy of the research paper (1000-1500 words) accompanied by an abstract with 2-3 keywords and a bibliography in MS Word, Title of the paper in capital, Times New Roman, font size 12, single line spacing and double space between paragraphs on A4 size sheet with 1-inch margin on all sides and clearly mentioning names(s), address,

email id(s), contact number by 21st April on the below-mentioned email id. Author(s) is required to register themselves on the Google link given below along with the online payment of the prescribed registration fee latest by 21st April 2024. Authors are also required to submit a hard copy of the full-length paper on the day of the seminar.

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Research Scholars/Students: 300

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