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on
Sustainable Rural Development in
India : Efforts and Challenges**

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DEAR COLLEAGUES

It is our immense pleasure and privilege to invite you to the Interdisciplinary National Conference on 'Sustainable Rural Development in India: Efforts and Challenges' which is being held at The IIS University, SFS, Gurukul Marg, Jaipur, on 18-19 September, 2012.

India is an emerging economy of the world with three-fourths of the population residing in rural areas. Agriculture, being one of the major sources contributing to the GDP of the country, is a great source of livelihood for majority of people. The census data of 2011 clearly indicates that there is a large gap between need and availability of livelihood avenues in rural areas. The proportion of BPL population is again higher in rural areas. Thus the rural sector in India needs prioritized focus of planners to enhance rural economy on one hand and strengthen human resources on the other hand. Efforts have been made both by the central and the concerned state governments to improve the existing rural scenario. However, there is a wide gap between the existing goals and effective implementation. There are various issues which need to be addressed at various levels with the government and the civil society:

- (i) Is there a programme to transform rural population into rural human resource? People are being lured to cities with job offers for a short period with minimum wages, hardly sufficient for their survival.
- (ii) Whether an effective strategy to ensure sustainability of development oriented works has been outlined?
- (iii) How do we enlist the real beneficiaries? The tragedy with the needy people is that their existence is not even noticed by enlisting agencies, whereas those who are capable of maintaining their survival are being benefited in the name of the poor.

In a nutshell, there are a number of gaps in planning and implementation of rural welfare programmes. The scenario cannot be altered by the Government alone unless viable plans are laid down and their successful implementation is ensured through public support. There is a need to establish a sound public monitoring mechanism for the efficacy of such programmes.

India is a country with widespread regional diversities and hence the specificities of Sustainable Development are more peculiar and need intense attention of scholars. Therefore, the need to understand complexities of Sustainable Development, along with various challenges involved in this process, is essential for finally sketching out a road map for sustainable development. It is a process that has to be dealt with using an interdisciplinary approach and only then can a viable strategy be determined.

SUB THEMES

- Approaches of Rural Development Planning in India.
- Rural Societies: Structure, Needs, Orientation and Expectations.
- Sustainability of Programmes and their Viability.
- Spatial Variation in Prioritization of Public Needs.
- Rural Resources and National Development
- The Real Poor who are to be enlisted as Beneficiaries.
- Deprived States and their Demand for Special Economic Packages
- Agricultural Planning in the Desert Region: Dilemma of Progress
- Role of MGNREGA in Rural Transformation
- Other issues related to Sustainable Development may be covered

REGISTRATION

Category of the Participant	Registration up to 25 August 2012	Registration after 25 August 2012	Spot Registration
• Faculty Member	₹ 600/-	₹ 700/-	₹ 700/-
• Student (PG & Research Scholars)	₹ 400/-	₹ 500/-	₹ 500/-

A request for Registration, in the prescribed form along with the Registration Fee, may be sent to The IIS University by 25 August 2012.

The Registration Fee is payable either by DD in favour of " The IIS University, Jaipur" payable at Jaipur or in cash. No Cheques or money order will be accepted

- Photocopy of the Registration Form may be used
- The Registration Form can also be downloaded from the University website www.iisuniv.ac.in

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

An abstract of about 300-500 words including the title, author (s), and address typed in MS Word in single spacing should be submitted by 20 August 2012. The abstract should include the name of Sub theme along with a brief note about:

- Statement of Problem
- Methodology
- Analysis
- Arguments
- Findings

Candidates should submit their full papers by 30 August 2012. Paper presentation in the conference will be permitted only when the delegate/participant has registered for the conference and has submitted the full paper. No abstract will be taken into consideration for pre-conference publication without registration fee. On spot papers will not be accepted.

A hard copy of the abstract should be submitted along with a CD or through e-mail at srdi2012@iisuniv.ac.in.

PAPER PRESENTATION

- Time of about 10-15 minutes will be given for each presentation followed by a discussion of 5-10 minutes or as instructed in the Final schedule.
- LCD projector facility will be available for making presentations

ABOUT JAIPUR

Jaipur, the Pink City of India, is the starting point for the visitors to Rajasthan. The capital of Rajasthan, Jaipur, casts an unusual spell on the traveler with its royal palaces, forts and monuments, revealing a historic past of chivalrous warriors, aristocratic royal ladies, art & craft, literature and science. Handicrafts like miniature paintings, textiles, blue pottery and jewellery make it a shopper's paradise as well.

ABOUT THE IIS UNIVERSITY

The IIS University is a deemed-to-be-a-university (placed in category A by MHRD, Government of India) under the section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. With over 3500 students and 208 staff members, the University offers UG, PG and Doctoral programmes in Arts, Science, Commerce, Home Science, Management and Computer Science & IT. Started in 1995, as the International College for Girls, affiliated to the University of Rajasthan, the College has crossed many significant milestones in its journey towards excellence in higher education. Besides receiving numerous other accolades, it has been accredited A+ by the NAAC of UGC, recognized as a College with potential for excellence (CPE) by the UGC, and selected as a model College by the state government. In a national survey by AC-Nielsen-ORG MARG in April-May, 2010 for the India Today Magazine, ICG is rated as the top college in the state in Arts, Science and Commerce streams. Ranked among the top 30 institutions of the country in this survey, the college has become a symbol of quality education and women empowerment grooming the young girls into World Ready Women.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

- No travel reimbursement will be made by the organizers.
- Participants are expected to make their own boarding & lodging arrangements

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