CENTRE FOR HARYANA STUDIES
MAHARSHI DAYANAND UNIVERSITY ROHTAK

About the Centre

Haryana is one of the leading states of the Indian Republic. Prior to its creation as a separate State on November 1,1966, it had not acquired its own entity as a historical region as it was referred to as a “sub-urban” or a “sub-tract”. It did not have a separate geographical, linguistic or a nationality expression.

Even after coming into existence as a separate state, it has an element of heterogeneity in its language, religion, caste and cultural aspects. The rigid caste configuration makes the people live in social ghettos that make them an easy prey at the hands of unscrupulous elements. In Haryana, there is a lack of regional identity as people identify themselves as a Jat, a Brahmin, an Ahir, a Punjabi or a local, but not as a Haryanvi.

The cultural atrophy in Haryana society is all to evident and the instruments that may enrich its socio-cultural life are missing. There are no state level newspapers, periodicals and journals with roots in the soil of the state. There is no notable cultural organization, art-gallery etc. in the state.

Haryana lacks in metropolitan centers. A few towns in the state are nothing better than expanded villages with modern amenities (Gurugram and Faridabad are just suburbs of Delhi). Haryana Grew in the shadows of Delhi and hence its growth remained stunted and it provides largely bus conductors, drivers and policemen and such other regional workers to Delhi and other cosmopolitan cities.

There is a yawning gap between economic development and cultural growth causing numerous distortions in social including the existence of Khap panchayats. Thus, late emergence of the middle class, weak freedom movement in the region, hiatus between economic development and cultural growth etc. are responsible for poor cultural insurgence in the state.

There are some of the areas that need an in-depth probe and systematic research because no authentic work on the historical, cultural, economic and political aspects has been carried out so far.

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The Centre for Haryana Studies is a non-profit Centre for research, study and advocacy on cultural, social, economic and political aspects of Haryana State. It seeks to strengthen the governance through action research, capacity building and to work in close cooperation with the State Government. By taking up relevant research agenda it provides all important inputs to the
policy makers at different levels of the government. It also monitors and evaluates the various developmental policies and programmes.

The Centre seeks to bring to centre-stage the issues of public concern in the discourse on democratic governance. It also tries to establish a link between the research findings of the Centre and public action within the civil society for ensuring social, political and economic justice.

It is in process to have an information unit comprising a multi-media, library, documentation and reference facilities in social and physical sciences.

Objectives of the Centre for Haryana Studies

The main objectives of the Centre are:

- To organize seminars, workshops and conferences to promote constructive debates on important issues;
- To develop a specialized collection of information on various aspects of the state;
- To undertake action research to demonstrate and replicate between management techniques;
- To print books, monographs on important areas of the state for promoting the objectives of the Centre;
- To provide library and documentation facilities.

Areas of Activities

- As a resource centre and clearing house for information on various aspects of the State’s cultural, economy, governance and participatory democracy.
- Providing research support for building and strengthening the local governance institutions and community based organization.
- Making interventions to ensure compliance of human rights and strengthening the working of elected bodies as well as creating a national solidarity in support of participatory governance.
- To function as a Centre of academic excellence.

Intervention Strategies

- Promotion of action oriented research.
- Expert advice to government and other agencies on policies and programmes for economic development and social justice.
- To provide supportive inputs in the policy making, monitoring and evaluating them.
- Organizing meetings, conferences, workshops, seminars for capacity building and public awareness.
- Building alliances, partnership and networks with academic as well as civil society organization in the state.

Focus Area of Study

- Social Organizations
- Economy
• Political Institutions
• Women empowerment
• Folk Music, Performing Art and Culture
• Religious Aspects
• Administrative Institutions
• Local bodies

Clients

Our clients would be:
• State Departments
• Elected Representatives of local and state bodies
• Public Sector undertaking
• Industrial Sector
• NGO’s etc
• Academic Centres

Library

A collection of latest books on various subjects, journals, audio and video CDs/Cassettes on important themes and case studies, state’s budgets, annual and five year plans, statistical abstracts, annual report of different departments, administrative departments, local bodies etc. which can be utilized by teachers, students of University, Colleges and administrative agencies of the state. At present the above knowledge resources are kept in the University’s Main Library.

Computer Lab

The Centre for Haryana Studies is in the process of establishing a lab which shall be equipped with all essential infrastructural facilities. It would cater to the research needs of the faculty, training needs of the participants. Exposure in computer application shall also be given to the students of the University and elected representative of the local bodies.

Publication

The Centre has prepared report on the projects it has undertaken on various social issues and it is in the process of publishing all its important reports based on field studies and presentations made at the seminars and conference. It may also bring out a yearly digest on the research conducted in various institutes and academic centres in Haryana as well as the thrust areas requiring extra attention of the researchers.

The Research Journal

In the year 2010 the Centre for Haryana Studies has initiated to publish its own Journal to showcase the work of the scholars and other activists.

The first edition of the journal was published in April 2010 and still publishing biannual journals regularly.
### Journal of People & Society of Haryana (ISSN 2248-9029)
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Establishment of Sir Chhotu Ram Gallery

DGHE, Panchkula, Haryana has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 20.00 lakh for establishment of Sir Chhotu Ram Gallery within the sanctioned budget of the University. Following items will be created under this proposal:

- Purchase of books on the ideology of Sir Chhotu Ram
- Availability of reports and documents on the ideology of Sir Chhotu Ram
- Collection of news reports from Teen Murti Library New Delhi as well as from National Archives, Punjab and Haryana and other similar sources
- Pertaining material/documents/reports from Lahore, Pakistan
- Copies of the interviews of the contemporaries of Sir Chhotu Ram from various sources and also to conduct fresh interviews of the person who have been close to Sir Chhotu Ram
- Organization of Seminars, Workshops, conferences in different parts of Haryana and in different states of the country
- Publishing of books, preparation of documents, audio/video material for distribution in the educational institutions and also in the villages and social organization
- Conducting Research Projects on the working, ideology and life style of Sir Chhotu Ram
- Setting of an Art Gallery containing paintings depicting the working life styles and important events from the life of Sir Chhotu Ram

Positions

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OTHER ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED BY THE CENTRE

The Centre for Haryana Studies has been conducting various activities to attain its objectives. Some of the activities of the Centre are listed below:

- One National Seminar organized on August 6, 2007 on the topic ‘Role of Haryana in India’s Freedom Movement, 1857.
- Organized Debate on ‘Haryana Desh Ka Number Ek Rajya Bangya Sai’ on Haryana Day November 2, 2007.
- Organized a Painting Competition on Haryana Day on November 2, 2007.
- Local Finance and Fiscal Decentralization: A Core Group Discussion with the members of 3rd SFC at HIRD, Nilokheri on August 8, 2008.
- Organized a debate on – Relevance of SEZ in Haryana on November 1, 2008.
- Organized a National Seminar on Ch. Chhotu Ram Life and Achievements on November 24, 2009 at Rohtak.
- Interacted with the students of Govt. College Dujana on ‘Democratic Decentralization & DPC on Jan 24, 2010.
- Organized debate on ‘Female Feticide: who is Responsible: Man Or Woman on March 8, 2010.
- Seminar on ‘Sir Chhotu Ram: Life & Achievements on Feb., 7, 2011 jointly with Chhotu Ram Chair.
- Workshop on ‘Consumer Protection and Services’ on 31.3.2011 sponsored by Centre for Consumer Affairs, IIPA, New Delhi.
Seminar on ‘Right to Information’ on 24.4.2011 jointly organized by Centre for Haryana Studies and SETU.

Celebrated ‘Sir Chhotu Ram Jayanti’ on 28.01.2012 in the MDU Rohtak.

Seminar on ‘Sir Chhotu Ram: Life and Ideology’ on December 10, 2012 jointly organized by Centre for Haryana Studies and Dept. of Public Administration, MDU, Rohtak.

One day seminar on Corruption and RTI on 28.03.2012.

Two days Regional Seminar on Democratic Decentralization and District planning committees in North – West India sponsored by ICSSR, N.W. Region, Punjab University Chandigarh on March 21-22, 2013 MDU, Rohtak.

One day seminar on Sir Chhotu Ram: Life and Ideology on Nov. 22- 2014.

One day Seminar on “Swaminathan Report on Agriculture” on March 16, 2015 jointly organized by Centre for Haryana Studies and Department of Public administration, MDU, Rohtak.

In order to celebrate the Golden Jubilee Year of the Haryana State, the Centre for Haryana Studies organized the Essay Writing, Short story writing and Poetry writing competition from January to March 2016.

One day Workshop on “SWANG: From SAANG to Modern Theatre” organized by The Centre for Haryana Studies and Surya Kavi Pt. Lakhmi Chand Ji Chair, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak on November 26, 2016.

One day Workshop on “Cashless Transaction” at Nindana Village of Rohtak District was held on 07 March, 2017.

One day Workshop on “Cashless Transaction” at Sampla Village of Rohtak District was held on 24 March, 2017.

Workshop on Creative Writing organized by Centre for Haryana Studies and Surya Kavi Pt. Lakhmi Chand Ji Chair, MDU, Rohtak on March 27, 2017.

One day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” at Nindana Village of Rohtak District was held on 10 March, 2018.

One day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” at Kansala Village of Rohtak District was held on 19 March, 2018.

One day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” at Bhambhewa Village of Rohtak District was held on 24 March, 2018.

One day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” at Jagsi Village of Sonepat District was held on 29 March, 2018.

Sir Chhotu Ram Jayanti on 26 November, 2018.

One Day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” at Maraudhi Rangran Village of Rohtak District on 14 December 2018.

- Extension Lecture by “नैतिक मूल्यों का सामाजिक जीवन में महत्व” on 27.08.2019.
- One Day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” was held in Village Nindana, District on 08 February 2020.
- One Day Workshop on “Skill Development and Entrepreneurship” was held in Village Dhana, Jhajjar on 18 February 2020.
- Online Workshop on “Menstrual Hygiene and Skill Development” was held on 23 June 2020, wherein online training was also imparted by the Vijay Lakshmi Foundation (NGO) to make sanitary pads at home.

### Projects completed by the CHS during the session 2016-17

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### Competitive Activities (2019-20)

The Centre for Haryana Studies, M D University, Rohtak organized the following competitive activities for the students of the affiliated colleges, and University Teaching Departments of all State Universities of Haryana:

1. Short Story Writing Competition in Hindi, English and Haryanvi languages
2. Poem Writing Competition in Hindi, English and Haryanvi languages
OFFICE ORDER

The Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to re-constitute the Advisory Body of the Centre for Haryana Studies, Maharsi Dayanand University, Rohtak, for a period of two years. The re-constitution of the Advisory Body is as follows:

1. Vice-Chancellor, Maharsi Dayanand University, Rohtak CHAIRMAN
2. Director, Centre For Haryana Studies, Maharsi Dayanand University, Rohtak Vice-Chairman
3. Three Senior Professors of the University appointed by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director, Centre for Haryana Studies for a period of two years:
   i) Prof. Nov Rattan Sharma, Department of Psychology, MDU, Rohtak
   ii) Prof. Surendra Kumar, Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit, MDU, Rohtak
   iii) Prof. Harish Kumar, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, MDU, Rohtak
4. Three distinguished scholars nominated by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Director, Centre for Haryana Studies for a period of two years:
   i) Prof. T. R. Kundu, Department of Economics, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra
   ii) Prof. Raghuvendra Tanwar, Director, Haryana Academy of History and Culture, Kurukshetra
   iii) Prof. S. Inayat Ali Zaidi, Department of History & Culture, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
5. One Professor of Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) to be nominated by the Director General, Haryana Institute of Public Administration.
6. Director General, Higher Education, Haryana or his nominee.

Endst. No.CH/2021/1470-79
Dated: 07.07.2021

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7. PA to Director General, Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) for kind information of the Director General-HIPA, 76 HIPA Complex, Sector-18, Gurugram, Haryana
8. PA to Director General, Higher Education (for kind information of the Director General, Higher Education), Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Ground Floor, Sector-5, Panchkula, Haryana
9. Deputy Registrar, Establishment Branch, M D University, Rohtak
10. OSD to Vice-Chancellor (for kind information of the Vice-Chancellor), MDU, Rohtak
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The Vice-Chancellor has been pleased to re-constitute the Advisory Board and Editorial Board for the “Journal of People & Society of Haryana”. The re-constitution of the Advisory Board and Editorial Board of the Journal is as follows:

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Prof. Jaiveer S. Dhankhar
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5. Prof. Ashish Dahiya, IHTM, MDU, Rohtak

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