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INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Investigating the Impact of Socioeconomic Environment on Academic
Research and Outcomes: A Policy Oriented Approach**

24th January, 2025

09.00 A.M. to 06.00 P.M.

Venue

**Green Technology Auditorium,
University of Mumbai, Vidyanagari
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Mumbai – 400 098**

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ABOUT UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

The University of Mumbai (known earlier as University of Bombay) is one of the oldest and premier Universities in India. It was established in 1857. The University of Mumbai was accorded 5 star status in 2001 & 'A++' grade status in April 2017 by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The University of Mumbai has jurisdiction over all the coastal districts of Maharashtra. Currently there are 904 affiliated colleges and more than 56 Post Graduate departments. University of Mumbai offers programmes in the faculties of Humanities, Science & Technology, Commerce and Management and Interdisciplinary Studies.

ABOUT WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE

The Indian Council of Social Science Research, an autonomous organization, was established by the Government of India in 1969. It, in turn, established the Western Regional Centre at Vidyangari, University of Mumbai, with the approval of the Government of Maharashtra in January 1973, in collaboration with the University of Mumbai.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WESTERN REGIONAL CENTRE (WRC)

The WRC, in pursuance of its aims and objectives, conducts Research Methodology Courses, Academic Writing Programmes, Public Lectures, Seminars and Workshops, receives foreign scholars, administers Study Grants and Minor Research Projects. In addition to the seminars and lectures conducted by social scientists, WRC organizes and supports seminars, workshops, regional conferences, lectures etc. besides granting financial assistance to regional language journals in social sciences and related areas in different parts of the western region.

CONFERENCE BACKGROUND

The WRC/ICSSR is organizing a one day National Level Conference on 'Investigating the Impact of Socioeconomic Environment of Academic Research and Outcomes : A Policy-Oriented Approach' on 24th January 2025 from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm. at Green Technology Auditorium, University of Mumbai, Vidyangari, Kalina, Santacruz East, Mumbai 400098.

Research in social sciences is often criticized for lacking objectivity, leading some to view it as ineffective. However, the interpretative nature of social science research, when grounded in objective data, can provide valuable insights to guide decision makers and policy makers in promoting societal welfare. Employing both qualitative and quantitative data through mixed method approaches ensures a balanced and meaningful interpretation of findings, contributing to effective policy formulation and implementation. To enhance its impact, social science research should focus on topics that align with national development goals. It is therefore, crucial to guide researchers in selecting topics that address societal needs and add tangible value.

THEME

It is important that social science research focuses more on driving societal benefits and contributing to policy formulation. Numerous organizations, including non-governmental organizations (NGOs), are actively working to uplift marginalized sections of society. The dedicated efforts of these NGOs and service-oriented organizations (सेवाभावी संस्था) have yielded positive outcomes, empowering beneficiaries by providing them with livelihoods and vocational opportunities.

The WRC/ICSSR will identify and invite the organizations, NGOS, service-oriented organizations (सेवाभावी संस्था) to showcase their efforts, share experiences and discuss future plans. The commitment of these organizations that have addressed specific societal needs will drive the conference bringing critical issues to the forefront.

This platform will provide young scholars, researchers and research guides the opportunity to examine these subjects using scientific methodology that can help to shape the focus of research in social sciences.

Discussions will explore how the said efforts will contribute to data and insights on persistent problems and explore potential solutions. The ensuring debates and dialogues can inform government policymaking and inform how social science research can provide valuable inputs to enhance the process of policy making towards the well-being of society.

SUB THEMES

- **Rural Development**

National development must be inclusive, ensuring that citizens in remote and rural areas are not left behind in the process of progress and transformation. Projects aimed at rural development, capacity building, fostering cooperative movements, and equipping youth with skills to achieve their life goals will be showcased. These initiatives will be presented to researchers and research guides to identify potential case studies, explore opportunities in these areas, critically analyze similar cases, and lay the groundwork for policy formulation and development.

- **Skill development**

Skill development for youth and women has been a key focus of some NGOs, enabling capacity building and empowerment. Projects centered on skill development, capacity building, fostering cooperative movements, and equipping youth and women with the skills needed to achieve their life goals will be showcased. These initiatives will be presented to researchers and research guides to identify potential case studies, explore opportunities in this domain, critically analyze similar efforts, and uncover possibilities for developing a foundation for policy formulation and implementation.

- **Urban Poverty**

Urbanization in India is progressing rapidly, with cities and metropolitan areas attracting citizens in search of better livelihoods and opportunities. However, urban regions face challenges such as resource scarcity and a lack of occupational skills among the workforce. Educational qualifications alone often fail to secure employment, as many urban youths lack the specific skill sets required for available jobs. Projects and organizations addressing these issues will present valuable research opportunities for researchers, offering insights into skill development and employment solutions in the context of urban areas.

- **Government Schemes**

The Government of India, along with state governments, offers numerous schemes focused on livelihood, welfare, and safety. These schemes are announced and implemented through the government machinery to reach the intended beneficiaries. Evaluating the effectiveness of these schemes and measuring their impact can serve as key objectives for research, providing valuable insights that can be explored by social science researchers.

RELEVANCE TO SOCIETY

Researchers, social workers, NGO members working in various fields, and faculty members appointed as research guides and supervisors in Social Science and Humanities research are invited to participate in the conference. Participants will gain valuable insights and guidance for future research projects aimed at achieving impactful outcomes. Research supervisors and guides will get information on how to refine research topics directed towards evaluation of government schemes and reforms important for nation building.

CONTRIBUTION TO POLICY MAKING

Data analysis, and insights derived from social reforms initiatives can provide concrete evidence of progress, inclusion, and sustainability efforts. This will also facilitate the replication of successful models in other regions and states. Perceptions on the above will be presented at the conference thus providing research guides and students information on themes and areas for research.

DELEGATES

PhD research guides in universities and colleges will be benefitted and assisted in identifying potential research topics by participating in the conference. Prospective researchers, PhD students, PG students interested in pursuing research as well as those with an interest in social science research are encouraged to participate in the conference.

Members of NGOs (सेवाभावी संस्था) will be present for discussion. The letters of intent to collaborate with them for research could culminate into :

1. Case studies for teaching
2. Topics for PhD research
3. Evaluation research for government schemes
4. Opportunities for field projects, Research project, On-Job Training, Community engagement programs. Etc.

PARTICIPATION & PRESENTATION BY FOLLOWING NGOs.

1. Seva Sahyog Foundation, Pune
2. Swa-Roopwardhinee, Pune
3. Dindayal Seva Pratishthan, Yavatmal
4. Sampoorana Bamboo Kendra, Amravati
5. Savitribai Phule Mahila Ekatma Samaj Mandal, Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar
6. Bhatke Vimukta Vikas Parishad, Latur
7. Gramayan Pratishthan, Nagpur
8. Pragati Pratishthan, Jawhar, Palghar
9. Seva Bharati, Kokan Prant, Mumbai
10. Devi Ahilya Mandir, Dhantoli, Nagpur
11. Sevawardhini, Pune
12. Parivartan Mahila Sanstha, Palghar

REGISTRATION

Participants can register online. Limited seats are available. Hence participation will be on first come basis. The registration link will be open till 20th January 2025.

The registration fees of Rs. 300/- is non-refundable. The registration fees will include food, Certificate and Conference kit.

Those interested can fill the online Google form using the following link.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdlV8ag85B2Q44hAgaXFvVAA6rLTbjEgw0F-ZtJpfy5jTa7CA/viewform?usp=header>

by making payment of Rs 300/- on following QR code.

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Last date for Registration is 20th January 2025

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