



CALL FOR PAPERS



National Seminar on

**Revitalizing Farm Sector and MSMEs for
Income and Employment in India**

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**Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma Institute of Democracy
New Campus, Jankipuram
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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Institute was founded by the initiative of Late Dr. Girilal Gupta and Mrs. Vimala Sharma (wife of Late Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma, former President of India) in 2007 at the Second Campus of the University of Lucknow. Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma has been an alumnus of this University who served as a faculty member in Law. The funds were provided for this Institute by the Vinod Gupta Charitable Fund, New Delhi at the initiative of Mr. Vinod Gupta (son of late Dr. Girilal Gupta, an alumnus of the University of Lucknow). Now, this Institute is running on its own as a prestigious Institute of the University of Lucknow in a very well furnished building in the New Campus. Dr. Shanker Dayal Sharma Institute of Democracy, University of Lucknow is a futuristic Institute that focuses upon governance issues and public policy as these are the elements to take any nation, particularly India, forward while benefitting all segments of the society. We are running courses at the graduate level (BA Honours in Public Policy - A three year/6 semesters programme) and master level (MA in Public Policy - A two year/4 semesters programme). There is a Ph.D. programme in Public Policy in the Institute as well. We are planning to expand the activities of the Institute further.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Gradual transformation of Indian economy from the traditional to modern; agrarian to non-agrarian and from rural to urban has not been consistent across as well as within the sectors. Agriculture is not crop production as popular belief holds - it's the production of food and fibre from the world's land and waters. In a developing country like India, agriculture sector and rural economy have a significant role in providing livelihoods, ensuring food security and providing impetus to the growth of industries and service sectors.

Farm sector in India has gone through many structural changes since independence. There have been several institutional reforms like land reforms in early stages which was followed by gradual implementation of green revolution as a major visible technological reform. Thus the structural changes in the farm sector paves way to broaden the range of activities related to agriculture and make way for sustainable growth in the farm sector for output growth. Although the shift of workforce from agriculture (primary) sector to secondary and tertiary sectors is a normal phenomenon of the development process, what is atypical of India is that the fall in employment share was not commensurate with declining GDP share. Some of the measures taken by the Government to ease the pressure on agriculture, through development of

secondary and tertiary sectors. Furthermore, with a view to improve the employability of workforce, various skill development measures are being taken. Still, the farm sector is now suffering from underemployment, low income syndrome, poor farm credit and the syndrome of indebtedness besides low living standards in many ways.

Owing to this the Government of India recognized the importance and potential of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector for the growth and development of the national economy and for generation of employment. In fact, both the farm sector and the MSMEs are very crucial for providing employment in India. However, these two major sectors have suffered a lot during the process of economic reforms when the growth rate of the economy has been showing accelerated trend. Therefore, it gets important to make a detailed discussion to understand the causes of their marginalization. In this context the proposed two-day national seminar would be of immense help in having a intensive pool of scholars for a detailed discussion and policy suggestions.

Accordingly, following set of sub-themes is being suggested for the participants and the resource persons:

- ❖ Pattern of economic development at the national level.
- ❖ Pattern of farm sector development in India
- ❖ Pattern of farm sector development at sub-national level
- ❖ Food processing and farm marketing challenges
- ❖ Role of non-farm sector development in rural economy
- ❖ Pattern of MSME development in India
- ❖ Changing scope of the MSMEs for employment and income generation
- ❖ Role of various recent initiatives in MSME development
- ❖ Biases of the industrial policies in downsizing of MSMEs
- ❖ New options for farm sector development
- ❖ Distributional effects in the Farm sector and MSMEs
- ❖ Marketing and finance issues for the MSMEs

Abstract and Paper Submissions:

Papers from the interested candidates are invited; the interested candidates may send an extended abstract of around 1000 words or a draft paper latest by **18.03.2020** for consideration. Language of the seminar would be English & Hindi.

The paper may be submitted in Word format on email:
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Academicians and Others	Outstation	₹ 1500
Research Scholars and Students	Outstation	₹ 1200
Academicians and Others	Local	₹ 1000
Research Scholars and Students	Local	₹ 800

Registration fee includes seminar kit, tea, lunch, etc. during the seminar. Accommodation may be provided at moderate level on first come, first get basis. However, we may guide the delegates for hotels as per their requirements in Lucknow on self-payment basis.

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