Background of the Venue and Rationale of the Subject for National Seminar

Himachal Pradesh University Centre for Evening Studies, Shimla 171001, popularly known as Evening College, Shimla is one of the premier institutions in imparting education from where, students after seeking education, have gone on to become renowned entrepreneurs and sectors and have excelled in various fields. The Centre was established in July 1962 as Punjab University Evening College, on the recommendation of the University Grants Commission to provide the facility of continuing education for working people schooling. The effective contribution made by this first Evening College of Himachal Pradesh inspired starting of Evening classes in Government Colleges at several District Headquarters, but over time Evening classes elsewhere became unviable. This is the only full-fledged Evening College of Himachal Pradesh which has continued to grow from strength to strength as an integral part of Himachal Pradesh University. In July 2001 this institution was renamed Himachal Pradesh University Centre for Evening Studies to reflect more clearly its status as a constituent of Himachal Pradesh University since the founding of this University on 22 July 1970. The institution is located in a prime location in a historic structure at Bantony Hill, near the scandle point Shimla. The institution has the distinction of being the institution of Himachal Pradesh University where, education of science, law, public administration, business administration and other post graduate courses were started which, later on, continued in the main campus or other locations of the University.

At present, under graduate and post graduate courses of languages, humanities and commerce are running in the institution. This is the institution which is most preferred by business entrepreneurs to seek education of commerce as it suits them in terms of institution for learning. Micro, Small and Medium enterprises are the major source of employment generation, export, foreign exchange and contributors in the Gross Domestic Product. A need has been felt to invite scholars and researchers to think and discuss the different dimensions responsible for decline in interest of the potential entrepreneurs in this sector. Special emphasis will be placed upon brainstorming and correlation of MSMEs and Institutional finance as paucity of finance is considered as the major constraint in establishment and growth of any business enterprise. However, other dimensions like trends in growth of MSMEs, involvement of different communities including women in business, historical regimes known for entrepreneurship and many others are the issues most of which are connected with the intentions of the entrepreneurs to look at the financial outcome and opt for MSMEs as their occupation.

The National Seminar is an integrated attempt to seek the scholarly views irrespective of their stream or field. In order to achieve the objective of the National Seminar, researchers from languages, humanities, commerce, management and other areas are invited to contribute. The indicative/sub-themes of the National Seminar are:

- Issues in Growth of MSMEs in the Contemporary Regime.
- MSMEs and Community Development
- Involvement of Women Entrepreneurs
- Role of Women in Socio-economic Development
- Financial Institutions and Industrial Growth
- Other related sub themes may also be considered.

However, it is the prerogative of the Organizing Committee to accept or reject papers.

Location of the Seminar Venue

The venue of the National Seminar is H.P. University Centre for Evening Studies, The Mall Shimla which is near to Scandal Point and adjacent to the General Post Office, Shimla- 171001.
Objectives of the Seminar
The objectives of the seminar are:

- To provide participants a critical understanding of the role of Financial Institutions in the growth of MSMEs.
- To discuss the current status and growth of MSMEs.
- To provide an opportunity to the delegates to enrich their knowledge as well as to interact with eminent speakers and corporate representatives.
- To suggest policy and governance reforms and other measures to boost up the role of Financial Institutions to encourage entrepreneurs to opt for MSMEs.
- To provide a platform to the students of the Centre to develop knowledge of entrepreneurship and its correlation with financial institutions for seeking financial assistance.
- To summarise major conclusions and suggestions and submit to the competent authorities.

Recommended Format of Paper

Front Page:
Name, Address, Title of the Topic, E.Mail ID, Phone No.

First Page after Front Page
Title, Name, Abstract

Key Words: (4-5) Address with affiliation.

Second Page Onwards
Script including Introduction, rationale, objectives, methodology, analysis and discussion, conclusion and findings, references/bibliography.

Presentation of Paper
The presenters should prepare slides on Power Point not more than 10 for presentation. Timing of presentation will be given special attention. Every presentation should not exceed 10 minutes. Lengthy and theoretical presentation will not be preferred. Crisp, clear and short presentation as per the direction of the Jury will be given due appreciation. The focus should mainly be to present the pin-pointed objectives, methodology, findings, conclusion and suggestions.

Registration Fee
To be paid at the time of registration on 29th April till 10.00 A.M. or before the date in cash or through other modes in favour of Principal HPUCES.

The detail of registration fee is:
Students of the H.P.U. Centre for Evening Studies:  NIL
Research Scholars and students:  Rs. 500/-
Teachers and Corporate Entrepreneurs:  Rs. 1500/-

Recommended Style
Submissions in MS Word, neatly typed in 1.15 spacing on A4 size paper, having margins 1.5 inches on the left and 1.0 inch on the right. Font name: Times New Roman in font size: 12. Bibliographical referencing should be in alphabetical ascending order and be made on a separate sheet at the end of the paper.

ξ The length of the abstract should be 150-200 words with 4-5 Key Words.
ξ The length of the full paper should be between 2000-3000 words including references and charts.
ξ The name of the author(s), title of the paper, correspondence address and e-mail ID should be on a separate cover page. The abstract for peer review should contain only the title of the paper.

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