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THE PREMIER NATIONAL INSTITUTION FOR WOMEN'S EDUCATION

It was on October 6, 1935, that Smt Ratan Shastri and Pandit Hiralal Shastri founded Banasthali Vidyapith to fill up the vacuum caused by the sudden death of their highly promising daughter Shantabai. They had high expectations that she would work for women's cause. The spontaneous idea that the vacuum could be filled by educating daughters of their friends and relatives on similar lines resulted in creation of Banasthali Vidyapith. Thus, Banasthali is a spontaneous creation from 'SHUNYA' rather than a planned one as is the case with most of the academic institutions. Here the spirit of Shantabai has been and will continue to remain the guiding and motivating force behind all the thinking and action.

Over the last eight decades Banasthali has developed into a Premier National Institution for Women's education and has achieved the status of institution deemed to be university. Late Smt. Indira Gandhi inaugurated the university on October 31, 1983.

Presently about 14,000 students from all over the country and outside speaking different languages and belonging to different castes, creeds and religions are receiving education at the Vidyapith. It is the only fully residential institution for women education located in rural surroundings providing educational facilities from nursery to Ph.D. level in one campus amidst the ambience of Indian Ethos. Its Five Fold Educational Programme (Panchmukhi Shiksha) comprising of Physical, Practical, Aesthetic, Moral and Intellectual aspects aiming at holistic development of



"Banasthali is enshrined in my heart" -
1946

Mahatma Gandhi
- Mahatma Gandhi

"If I had been a girl I would have come to
Banasthali for my education" - 1945.

"Banasthali helps in process of national
integration".

"I am sure this work is of national
importance" - 1963.

Pandit Nehru
- Pandit Nehru

personality, and informal family like culture are the other distinguishing characteristics which make it a unique institution. The institution provides wide spectrum of educational facilities in a large variety of traditional and modern disciplines in the faculties of Social Sciences, Humanities, Education, Fine Arts, Home Science, Mathematical and Applied Computer Technology, Management. Law, Design, Commerce Life Sciences and Earth Sciences.

The institution has been re-accredited with highest grade 'A' by NAAC, recognized as a 'Nation Builder' by India Today, University of the year by FICCI, Categorized under 'A category' by MHRD, Ranked 17 among Indian Universities by Nielsen-India Today and 5th among non-government universities by MHRD NIRF Universities Ranking.

National Seminar on
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The Department of Economics, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banasthali Vidyapith is pleased to announce the 'National Seminar on Indian Agriculture in Post Reform Era: Issues and Challenges' to be held during September 10-11, 2016.

Indian economy has exhibited a remarkable economic growth during the post-reform period. However, the benefits of reforms have largely bypassed agriculture sector which showed low growth in spite of the fact that agricultural growth was deemed central to the attainment of inclusive growth. Despite trade liberalization, the agricultural sector in India neither experienced any significant growth nor did it derive the expected benefits. As a matter of fact, when compared with the immediate pre-reform period, agricultural growth in India recorded a visible deceleration during the post-reform period. Though the contribution of agriculture to GDP had declined to below 14 per cent it still constitutes an important sector of Indian economy providing employment to around 50 percent of the workforce. It is high time now that we focus on rejuvenation of agriculture and view the sector as a vehicle of growth for the non-farm sector.

We hope to have useful discourse on the issues and challenges concerning Indian Agriculture during post reform period so as to help formulate suitable policies.

You are cordially invited to participate in the seminar. It will be our pleasure to welcome you at Banasthali. We shall put in every effort to make the seminar fruitful and see that your stay at Banasthali is comfortable.

The Seminar Themes are:

- Theme I : Agricultural Growth and Productivity in Post Reform Period
- Theme II : Agricultural Export Performance in Post Reform Era
- Theme III : Agricultural Diversification in India
- Theme IV : Institutional Reforms for Reinvigorating Indian Agriculture
- Theme V : Capitalizing Women Participation in Indian Agriculture
- Theme VI : Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change
- Theme VII : Role of Technology in Revamping Agriculture

Those who are interested in contributing a paper should send it by email to: banasthalieco@gmail.com, typed in MS Word, font - Times New Roman, 12 points, regular spacing - 1.5. Abstract should not exceed 300 words and the paper 15 pages (A4) size. Selected papers after peer reviewing shall be published in an ISBN numbered edited book.

Important Dates :

Submission of Abstracts	July 31, 2016
Notification Regarding Acceptance of Abstract	August 6, 2016
Submission of Full Paper	August 20, 2016

Registration Fee :

1. Research Scholars and Students	Rs. 700/-
2. Faculty Members and Others	Rs. 1000/-

* The registration fee covers the cost of seminar kit, breakfast (only for those staying in Guest House), lunch, dinner and accommodation (AC and TV) on twin sharing basis at the Vidyapith Guest House during the seminar days. No TA and DA will be paid.

** The duly filled registration form along with a demand draft drawn in favour of 'Banasthali Vidyapith' payable at Jaipur/Banasthali Vidyapith should be forwarded to Prof. Siddharth Shastri, Mahendra Pragma Mandir, Banasthali Vidyapith - 304 022 (Raj.) so as to reach latest by July 31, 2016.

*** The registration fee may also be paid in cash at the registration counter in Banasthali Vidyapith. However, those desiring accommodation at the Vidyapith's Guest House will have to communicate in advance latest by August 15, 2016 so as to ensure accommodation. It may not be possible to provide accommodation to those who fail to provide prior intimation. It may be appropriate to send a scanned copy of registration form (at banasthalieco@gmail.com) in advance to furnish all relevant details pertaining to arrival, departure and number of persons. Only registered participants are entitled for accommodation.

About the Department :

Established in 1943 the Department of Economics is one of the oldest in Banasthali. It runs B.A., M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes. The faculty has adequate representation in Conferences, Seminars and Workshops and has number of publications in the form of Papers and Books. The department organises Prof. P. N. Mathur Memorial Lectures. The event has been graced by eminent economists including Prof. V. R. Panchmukhi, Prof. Ruddar Dutt, Prof. A. M. Khusro, Dr. Manmohan Singh, Prof. B.B. Bhattacharya and Prof. Bibek Debroy. The Department has successfully organized the Annual Conference of Rajasthan Economic Association twice. The Association was formed at the initiative of Late Prof. Prem Narayan Mathur, Vidyapith's former Vice President, an eminent economist and a social scientist.

Organising Committee

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How to reach Banasthali

Railway Station: Banasthali-Newai W.R. (Jaipur - Sawaimadhapur line). The distance between Railway station and Banasthali is 9 kms. Institution's mini bus runs in between railway station and Vidyapith campus on nominal fare.

Road link : 72 kms. from Jaipur. 8 kms. Off Jaipur - Kota Road. Several buses of Rajasthan State Road Transport Corporation runs in between Jaipur (Sindhi Camp) and Banasthali Campus.

Persons travelling by bus from Kota will have to disembark at Newai and take connecting bus. The distance between Newai and Banasthali is 11 kms.

Air link :

Sanganer (Jaipur) is the nearest Air-port for Banasthali. It is 60 Km. from Vidyapith Campus.

REGISTRATION FORM

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STD Code: _____ Tel. No. _____

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Whether presenting a paper: Yes/No. _____

Title of the Paper: _____

Expected date & time of arrival: _____

Expected date & time of departure: _____

Whether accommodation is required: Yes/No. _____

(Number of accompanying persons _____)

Registration Fee details: Crossed demand draft

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Date: _____

Place: _____

Signature of Participant

Note: If required registration form can be photocopied