



Regional Workshop

on

**Relevance of
Raja Ram Mohan Roy**

in

Women Empowerment & Transformation in New India

Commemoration of 250th Birth Anniversary of

Raja Ram Mohan Roy

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BACKGROUND

Raja Ram Mohan Roy (1722–1833) was a social reformer and identified as India's greatest feminist. He was at the forefront to liberate women against social injustices such as female infanticide, child marriage, polygamy, purdah, and sati. He was the founder of the Indian Renaissance Movement and his efforts led to the banning of "Sati Pratha", the granting of inheritance rights to women, and the promotion of women's education as being equally essential to that of males. Also, he was a freedom warrior, the creator of the Indian language press and the Brahmo Samaj, and a reporter for the *Jana Jagaran*. Recognizing his social contributions, the British Government bestowed him with the title "The Father of the Bengal Renaissance". Likewise, King Akbar Shah II, the Mughal Emperor of Delhi, awarded him with the title "Raja" and Nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore referred to Raja Ram Mohan Roy as "Bharat Pathik." Raja Ram Mohan Roy's contributions to social reforms of women, their education, and empowerment are still very relevant today and also are the founding aspirations of the Indian Constitution. Against this backdrop and also to commemorate the 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, a National Conference on "Relevance of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in Women Empowerment and Transformation in New India" is being organized by Anaya Institute for Development Research and Social Action, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in collaboration with Maharaja Agrasen University, Baddi, Solan, Himachal Pradesh under the auspices of Ministry of Culture, Government of India, New Delhi to discuss and deliberate upon the pertinent issues, dimensions and aspects of women empowerment and transformation in India in the context of commemoration of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.

PROFILE OF PARTNERING INSTITUTIONS

Anaya Institute for Development Research and Social Action, Lucknow is well-established non-government organization working mainly for academic purposes. Ever since its establishment in 2005, it is regularly publishing two international journals – Indian Journal of Development Research and Social Action, being published by Global Research Publications, New Delhi; and Journal of Asian Business Management, being published by International Science Press, Gurgaon. It has also credit of publishing more than three dozen reference books in association with established publishers of New Delhi, Gurgaon and Lucknow. It has successfully carried out many national seminars in association with other established NGOs and academic institutions. Besides, it has successfully carried out policy impact assessment research studies and consultancies.

Maharaja Agrasen University was founded in 2013 and inaugurated by Late Shri Pranab Mukherjee (India's 13th President), is nestled in the foothills of Kasauli (Atal Siksha Kunj, Baddi, Solan, Himachal Pradesh), providing visitors a pollution-free environment. The university aims to be the first choice for prospective students, faculty and researchers. It aspires to assist students in development of well-versed personalities capable of critical thinking, effective communication, instilling values and global competencies in a dynamic environment. The university is comprised of 5 schools which offer undergraduate, postgraduate and Ph.D. courses in various disciplines.

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

- To highlight the concept of social reforms of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and its impact on modern India
- To examine the role and contribution of Raja Ram Mohan Roy in the eradication of women-related social unjust and the resultant women's development and transformation
- To highlight gender perspective in the development and governance of modern India
- To examine the status of women and their participation in the development process, decision-making, and socio-economic and educational empowerment of women
- To examine the government policy initiatives, schemes, and programs for the empowerment of women as well as their main-streaming in development and governance

SUB THEMES OF WORKSHOP

- Life Sketch of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Socio-cultural and Religious, Educational and Economic Ideas/ philosophy of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and its relevance in contemporary India
- Gender Equality and Women Empowerment
- Women Centric Reforms,Socio-cultural, Educational, Economic, and Political Status of Women
- Shifting of paradigms and approaches for gender mainstreaming, women development, empowerment, and engendering development
- The Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act
- Women Centric Policies and Programs with an insight to Gender Responsive Budgeting
- New Education Policy and Participation of Women in Higher Education \
- Rural and Urban Transformation through policy initiatives , legal provision and Missions, Programs, and Schemes
- Social Welfare, Social Security, and Poverty Alleviation
- Women Entrepreneurship and Skill Development
- COVID -19 Pandemic – Women-related Policy Initiatives and Self-Reliant India
- Quality of Life and Gender Development Indices

WORKSHOP VENUE

Seminar Hall, Block-B, Maharaja Agrasen University, Atal Shiksha Kunj, kalujhanda, baddi, Solan(H.P.)-174103

PARTICIPANT

Academicians, research scholars, and students from higher education Institutes, Universities including academic and higher educational institutions and colleges, other Government and private organizations and corporate houses, officials from various Ministries/ Department, institutions / organisation people's representatives of various Institutions, and local Government.

PUBLICATION

In view of commemoration of 250th Birth Anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and highlight the role and contribution of great social reformer, thinker, father of modern India and great socio-political philosopher of India, we are planning to bring out special edited volume (both in Peer Reviewed Journals and Edited Book) by reputed publishers, hence papers/ articles and academic write ups are being invited from academicians, research scholars, development professionals and those who are interested on the theme. The paper should be 10-20 pages with 1.5 spaces (Times New Roman), an abstract of 250-300 words and complete references, used in the text, in the last of paper. The paper will be subject to plagiarism check and therefore, it should be with limit of 10 percent

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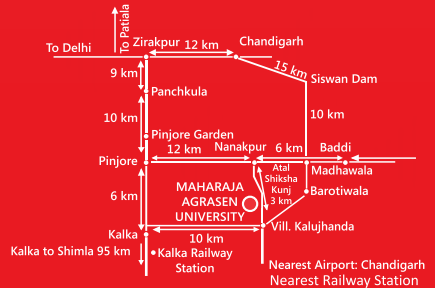
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