

## NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

“Challenges and Opportunities in  
Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

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On 11th & 12th October 2017



Organised by

**INTERNAL QUALITY ASSURANCE CELL**  
**GURU NANAK COLLEGE, DHANBAD**  
(NAAC Accredited 'B' Grade)  
A Sikh Minority Degree College  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the privilege to inform you that the IQAC, Guru Nanak College Dhanbad is going to organise a two day U.G.C. Sponsored National Seminar on **“Challenges and opportunities in Higher Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”** on 11th & 12th October 2017.

Gone are the days when the institutions of higher learning would be happy delivering three Rs – reading, writing and arithmetic to their students along with a fairly decent knowledge of some subjects. As it obtains today, a country's development is directly linked with the quality of education it delivers to its youngsters. Institutions of higher learning need to provide an education which can keep pace with an increasingly modern workplace. Today new and modern tools – skill set, are required for imparting teaching and training to the students. The youngsters need to develop critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and communication to be relevant in the modern scenario. And the institutions must find ways to deliver these tools which can equip them to meet the challenges.

Another issue, which also merits attention is the fact that the percentage of youngsters (between 18 to 23) who actually opt for higher education is still deplorably low – a mere 24% compared to 50% in advanced countries (only about 16% in Jharkhand). The figure is rising, and so is the supply. The latest figure shows that India now has about 39000 Colleges, 11000 standalone institutions and over 760 Universities.

It is important that the academicians and intellectuals must work out a policy, which can provide the right mix – increasing the GER but without making any compromise with the quality of the mechanism of delivery.

It is proposed to organise the Seminar in eight sessions spread over the above two days, which would have the following sub-themes”

1. The role & Contribution of higher education in national development.
2. Teacher as a role model.
3. The relevance of Humanities and social science in modern higher education.
4. The application of technology in higher education.
5. Building emotional intelligence through higher education.
6. Promoting entrepreneurship through higher education.
7. Institution of higher learning as a socio-academic centre.
8. The role of NAAC in quality assurance in higher education.

**Delegate Fee:**

Teachers	Rs. 1000/-
Research Scholar	Rs. 700/-

**Venue -**

GURU NANAK COLLEGE  
Dhanbad

**Important Dates**

Date of Seminar	11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2017.
Last Date of Submission of Abstract	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2017.

**Call for Papers**

The papers are invited on any of the sub-themes mentioned above. Those interested in presenting papers should send their abstract, typed with double space in Times New Romans-12 Font (Hindi: Kruti Dev 014 Font) in about 300 words composed in MS word with the title of the papers, address and E-mail id of the sender.

A soft copy of the abstract must be sent at:

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