

Introduction:

The present economic scenario particularly the world- wide recession, affected the India's trade, economic growth. balanced development vehemently and vigorously, which are the major concerns. It is well known fact that India is one of the fastest growing economies, but the question is that whether the present growth is participatory and grass rooted. A major challenge is being posed here, as to how far the 11th Five year Plan has succeeded in its prime motto "sustainable and inclusive growth". The economic environment worldwide is undergoing unpredictable changes. A variety of driving forces provoke the development process. Internet and telecommunication has shrunk the world substantially. New economic models are emerging due to continuous developments in the information technology and communication sector. International boundaries are fading and the entire world has become a single global village. Public consciousness has become much more sensitive and demanding that the organizations be more socially responsible. All this is posing newer and newer challenges in every sphere of Economics, be it poverty, unemployment, growth model and human resource development. Today, the Indian consumer is economically far better off than his earlier generations. A highly competitive environment, knowledgeable and digitally conscious consumers coupled with the fast paced technology enforce organizations to be on their toes. In emerging economies there is a challenge of financial inclusion. Organizations recognize the critical importance that human capital means for competitiveness, and ultimately survival in the modern era. Organizations are facing problems of hiring the right employee with the requisite skills and to motivate him and finally to retain him. All these factors and forces are giving rise to lot of thinking and rethinking in every sector of Economics and thus the theme of this Refresher Course is "Emerging Challenges in Economics".

Objectives:

The Refresher Course will enable to:

• Provide openings for teachers in service to discuss and share the recent development in

economics and to exchange experience with their peers.

- Provide a forum for serving teachers to keep themselves abreast of the recent advances in frontier areas of economics.
- Create the culture of learning and selfimprovement among the teachers in the academic institutes.
- Provide platforms to further widen their knowledge and to pursue further researches..
- Furnish an introduction to new methods and innovations in higher education and enlighten the teachers in developing their own innovative methods of instruction.

The Refresher course will seek to cover the following sub-themes:

- Traditional occupations and make in India
- Goods and Service tax
- Land reforms and economic development in tribal areas
- Issue of Inclusive growth- different dimensions
- human development Indian scenario & skill development
- Approach of WTO towards developing economies
- Second Generation economic reforms
- Sustainable Development
- Entrepreneurship Development
- Euro zone crisis
- Financial Inclusion
- International Trade
- Poverty eradication programmes in India
- Issues of unemployment
- Computer training for Research Methods
- Case Studies and Group Discussions

About HRDC:

UGC-Academic Staff College (ASC), presently upgraded as Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC) was initially established in Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) during 2009. HRDC is organizing various kinds of training programmes to enhance the professional skills and knowledge of teaching and non-teaching staff. The HRDC has the state of the art ICT

Laboratory equipped with high speed internet & video conferencing facilities. The facilities of Central Library of Vishwavidyalaya equipped with more than one lakh books and journals, Science Direct and INFLIB NET, have been extended to HRDC, which make possible an easy access to books, journals and e-resources for faculties. The HRDC has developed strong linkages with reputed national and international institutes and invites eminent academicians and researchers as resource persons as per the needs of the training programmes. The highly motivated faculty, eminent resource persons, state of the art facilities and excellent logistics are the strengths of HRDC and key to the successful organization of many quality programmes.

About Economics Department:

In the era of Globalization economics has emerged as the most significant and relevant field of study. Accordingly the Department of Economics established in 1989 has the vision to produce the best economist and financial analyst for the academic and corporate world. In this endeavor, quality teaching is the most important objective of the Department. Besides, academicians and eminent economist are frequently invited to interact with faculty and students on relevant issues. The Department is actively engaged in research and developmental activities. Through primary survey & research we have been providing inputs to policy makers, administrators and industrialist. Apart from Central Library. department has its own enriched departmental library which is easily accessible to students.

Seminars, Group discussions, Paper & Article writing, Project writing, Quiz programmes are the regular features over here. Many students have published their research works in various journals of repute and also qualified for NET & SLET. Many have been awarded Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship.

It is also worth mentioning that Department of Economics has organized a number of Seminars, Conferences & Workshops on emerging issues, UGC Golden Jubilee National Seminar, First Annual Conference of Chhattisgarh Economic Association and Three Days National Workshop on Advanced Research Methodology and Computer Applications in Social Sciences, Workshop on the Women Entrepreneurship Programme, are notable among them. The Department has contributed significantly in entrepreneurship development. Passing out students have an excellent placement record and are able to secure jobs in different colleges of various states, reputed companies & owned their own business. The department has young and highly motivated faculty members from reputed institutes across India. We are proud that our collective enthusiasm which is continuously generating a good number of bright students.

Eligibility and Application of Participants:

1. The teachers who belong to Economics, Management and Commerce and allied disciplines, are eligible to apply for the course.

2. University/ College teachers those already attended orientation programme or Refresher Course are eligible to attend a Refresher Course after a minimum gap of one year.

 Selection will be made as per the guidelines of the UGC-HRDC and on first come first serve basis.
The last date of receiving application is 20th May, 2016.

5. Limited number of accommodations are available in Guest House of HRDC.

The candidates need to apply through proper channel in prescribed application format which can be downloaded from university web site: www.ggu.ac.in. A demand draft (Any Nationalized bank) of Rs. 1000/- drawn in favor of UGC-HRDC, GGV, Bilaspur (C.G.) is to be attached along with the application form. Applications without DD will not be considered. The participants will be paid TA & DA as per the norms of UGC.

Bilaspur city of Chhattisgarh is well connected by rail and roadways. Regarding any further queries related to the course and other details, please contact the Course Coordinator and Director.

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