

# Call for Papers National Seminar

on

## **Mission 370 and Beyond: Contemporary Narratives of Jammu and Kashmir**

Rajdhani College, University of Delhi is organizing a National Seminar, sponsored by the ICSSR, New Delhi, to be held on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the college premises.

In this context, I would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone to contribute your paper and participate in the seminar.

### **Important Dates:**

Last Date of Abstract Submission	6th January, 2020
Notification of Acceptance of Abstract	13 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020
Last Date for Submission of Full Paper	20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020
Seminar Date	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020

### **CONCEPT NOTE**

The independence of India was accompanied with unforeseen challenges. The merger of princely states was one of the biggest challenges, and it was effected with the intelligence and prudence of Sardar Patel, the then Home Minister of India. The State of Jammu and Kashmir, Junagarh and Hyderabad were the most problematic in terms of their integration with India. The Nawab of Junagarh left his State and took shelter in Pakistan. Later on Junagarh was integrated with India. The Nizam of Hyderabad surrendered and the state was acceded to India. The State of Jammu and Kashmir was acceded to India after the signing of the Instrument of Accession with India and was accorded a special status under Article 370 of the Constitution of India. Since the inception of the Article 370 till its constitutional death, it has been celebrated as well as criticized. This Article got further boost by the insertion of Article 35 A in the year 1956. It empowers the state legislature to define the permanent residents of the state. Article 370 underlines certain privileges to Jammu and Kashmir like allowing the state to have a separate constitution, a state flag and autonomy over

the internal administration of the state. The government of India revoked this special status on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The abrogation of Article 370 led to the emergence of two stand points, one in support of it and another set of people who opposed the move. The central government took this decision with the primary objective of ensuring “One Nation One Law”. There is a counter narrative that depicts this as a hasty move. The unprecedented step of central government, positions of various political parties and leaders, social activists etc. will have greater implications over society, economy, polity and cultural practices of Jammu and Kashmir. The question of Jammu and Kashmir becomes very relevant today in this respect because it could be taken as a unit of analysis to rethink the fundamental issues of parliamentary and federal form of governance of the Union of India. To revisit the complex nature of federal character and the Centre-State relations in contemporary political scenario, the post 370 J&K issue has become a very pertinent question to discuss and debate at the academic platforms.

*The conference themes include the following topic:*

- **Reorganization of states in India and role of Sardar Patel**
- **Politico-administrative apparatus of J&K in post 370 scenario**
- **UT status , governance and development in Ladakh**
- **Question of resettlement of Kashmiri Pandits**
- **Contribution of Dogri Language in the Culture of Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Representation of Jammu and Kashmir in literature and films**
- **Environmental Issues and the question of land Rights**
- **Tourism in Jammu and Kashmir**
- **Implications on security and the issue of terrorism**
- **Cross-border Trade and implications on Indian economy**
- **Impact on Indo-Pak relations**
- **Repeal of Article 370 and its implications on electoral politics**
- **Integration of Junagarh**
- **Integration of Hyderabad**

An abstract (**500 words appx.**) of the proposed presentation may be sent to the Convenor of the Seminar latest by **6<sup>th</sup> January 2019** for the consideration of the Seminar Committee. The paper may be presented either in English or Hindi. The selected Papers for presentation will be notified by **13<sup>th</sup> January 2019**. The date of the Seminar is 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. **The email id is [suman.kumar@rajdhani.du.ac.in](mailto:suman.kumar@rajdhani.du.ac.in)**. Any clarification, if needed, may be sought by contacting the Convenor. M- 8076771867/ 9868229336.

**The Programme Schedule of the Seminar will be sent through email after the selection of the Abstracts.**