



National Seminar

on

Inclusion of the Socially Excluded: Role of Tri-sector

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About the Seminar

“Social exclusion” is defined as the involuntary exclusion of individuals and groups from society’s political, economic and societal processes, which prevents their full participation in the society in which they live (UN, 2010). The Constitution of India envisages the right to equality irrespective of race, religion, caste, gender and prohibits all forms of exploitation of citizens of India. However, despite several constitutional provisions, policies, some sections in Indian society still remain socially excluded i.e the Scheduled Tribes (ST), Scheduled Castes (SC), differently abled, women in sex work and so on. Poverty is associated with socially perceived deprivation with respect to basic human needs. As per the 2011 Census of India, 31.5 percent of Schedule Castes were under below poverty line in rural areas (Panagariya & More, 2013). Further, the research studies carried out on the socially excluded sections have highlighted the need for special focus on such communities to realize the core principles of social equality and justice in the country.

Socially excluded in India constitute a significant portion of population. As per the 2011 Census, SC and ST population is 16.6 percent and 8.6 percent respectively. Similarly, the census data estimated that 2.21 percent of Indian population is suffering from one or the other kinds of disability. To cite a few, the census data 2011 highlighted that there are about 4.88 lakh transgenders in the country, where as the transgender activists estimated the actual population of transgenders would be around six to seven times more than the actual estimates, and manual scavengers around 7,94,000. According to the estimates of the women and child welfare department, there were about 3 million female sex workers in India and out of these, 35.7 percent of them were young girls below the age of 18 years. As per the annual report (2015-16) of National Aids Control Organization, the total number of People Living with HIV in India is estimated at 21.17 lakhs. Thus, all kinds of socially excluded communities put together constitute approximately 25 to 30 percent of Indian population.

Government, NGOs and Civil society organizations have been playing a significant role in addressing the inequalities through their target oriented and innovative interventions. While India targets to reach out towards the higher GDP growth and technological advancement, it is the need of the hour to look back to the reality and to create equal opportunities for the socially excluded sections in the country.

Social work as an academic discipline and practice-based profession promotes equity and justice where every individual gets an opportunity to live with dignity, develop and participate in various processes of the society. Social work profession with its humane approach evolved several strategies to work for inclusion of socially excluded

With this backdrop, the Department of Social Work, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, under UGC-DSA Programme proposes to conduct a National Seminar to provide a platform to share the experiences of academicians, researchers and practitioners on different forms of exclusion and formulate inclusive programmes, so as to enable them to bring to the main stream of society. In this direction, the role of government, private sector and civil societies is onerous in partnering with different stakeholders for the development of vulnerable and marginalized sections.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To create a platform to academicians, researchers, administrators and practitioners to reflect on the social exclusion and its consequences
- To understand, analyse and document the experiences and role of social work practitioners and civil society organisations with respect to inclusion of excluded
- To come up with appropriate policy recommendations for better social inclusion processes in the society

Sub themes of the Seminar

- Social exclusion - Forms and its predicament
- Policies, programmes and legislations related to social inclusion and their impact on socially excluded sections:
 - Scheduled Castes
 - Scheduled Tribes
 - Scavengers
 - Transgenders
 - Families infected and affected with HIV
 - Sex workers and their children
 - Disabled - Physical (Locomotor, Visual, hearing etc.); Intellectual; etc
- Interventions and initiatives of Tri-sector on social inclusion
- Role of Professional social work in social inclusion process
- Role of government, NGOs and corporate organizations in addressing the issues of social exclusion

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About the Andhra University

Andhra University established in 1926, located at Visakhapatnam in north-east coastal region of Andhra Pradesh, is one of the oldest premier universities in India. It was headed by stalwarts like Dr. Cattamanchi Ramalinga Reddy, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan etc. The University imparts education to large number of students in various branches of Arts & Commerce, Science and Technology; Law; Engineering and Pharmacy. In recognition to its outstanding performance, the University has been accredited 'A' grade with 3.6 points (out of 4 point scale) in its third cycle of accreditation in 2016 by NAAC.

About the Department

The Social Work Department of Andhra University established in 1957 is one of the oldest departments of Social Work in India. The Department is offering M.A., M. Phil., and Ph.D. Programs in Social Work and consultancy services in specialized fields. It carries active and extensive research in the field of Family, Child, Gerontology, Human Resources Development, Human Rights, Developmental Studies, Criminology, Gender Studies, Self-Help Groups etc.

About the Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam is the largest smart city, both in terms of area and population in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It is a breathtakingly beautiful coastal city on the east coast of India and modern industries like Hindustan Shipyard, BHEL, HPCL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, NTPC etc., make Visakhapatnam a vibrant city. The city hosts several outstanding Non-governmental organizations like, PSI, Laya, Don Bosco, SOS, Green Valley, Nature, Navajeevan Health Centre, Manasu, HelpAge India and many other working in rural and tribal areas of the district. The city is well connected by air, rail and road with other cities in India.

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Call for Papers

Research papers based on primary and secondary data, with an abstract, are invited from the academicians, researchers, NGOs and government organizations working in the field of social inclusion, development and social work. The research papers should be in alignment with the sub themes as mentioned above.

Guidelines for Authors

Abstract not exceeding 300 words and a full paper with the length of 4500 to 5000 words including tables, diagrams, charts, illustrations and references typed on MS word format in Times New Roman with font size 12 with 1.5 spacing for the text, along with the title, name of the author (s), complete address, telephone numbers and email address. The abstracts and full papers should be sent by mail to **au.sw.dsa.seminar2017@gmail.com** or **gplatha10@gmail.com**

The author (s) should follow American Psychological Association (**APA**) format for references and other citations.

Last date of submission of abstract	25. 02. 2017
Acceptance of notification	04. 03. 2017
Last date for submission of full paper	11. 03. 2017

A committee will review the abstracts submitted and acceptance will be communicated to the author (s) subsequently. Selected papers will be revised and published in an edited volume with ISBN.

Registration Fee

Academicians and Practitioners	Rs. 1000
Local participants and Research scholars	Rs. 500

The participants have to send filled - in registration form, along with registration fee, in the form of DD drawn in favour of **Coordinator, UGC-DSA programme, Department of Social Work, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam** payable at State Bank of India, Andhra University campus, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Travel and Accommodation

The participants are requested to meet their travel from their respective institutions / organizations. However, sleeper class train fare by the shortest route will be given to accepted out-station paper presenters (one author only) as per the university rules, subject to availability of funds. Moderate accommodation on sharing basis to the paper presenter and local hospitality will be provided to outstation participants. The participants are requested to inform their arrival and departure dates in advance for making necessary arrangements.