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Travel and Accommodation

The participants are requested to meet their travel from their institution/organization. Sleeper class train or Super Luxury (Non A/C) bus fare (to and fro) will be given to out-station participants (for presenter only) whose papers are accepted for presentation. However, the actual cost of travel for the eligible participants (drawing UGC pay scales) presenting a full paper would be reimbursed up to 3rd AC class (Non Rajadhani category) rail fare by the shortest route on production of confirmed tickets, subject to availability of funds. Moderate accommodation with twin sharing and local hospitality will be provided to outstation participants. The participants are requested to inform the arrival and departure dates in advance for making necessary arrangements.

About NSS

The National Service Scheme (NSS) is an Indian government-sponsored public service program conducted by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports of the Government of India. Popularly known as NSS, the scheme was launched in Gandhiji's Centenary year in 1969. Aimed at developing student's personality through community service, NSS is a voluntary association of young people in Colleges, Universities and at +2 level working for a campus-community (esp. Villages) linkage.

About Bhumika Women's Collective

Bhumika Women's Collective is a NGO working on Gender Based Violence and running a toll-free Helpline for women in distress, based in Hyderabad. One of its various focal areas is building youth volunteers as a safety net to the survivors of gender based violence.

About 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.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

YOUTH AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT : PERSPECTIVES AND PROSPECTS

22nd & 23rd March, 2019



Organized by :

NATIONAL SERVICE SCHEME
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About the National Seminar

The greatest wealth and potential strength of any nation is its youth. They are the powerhouse and storehouse of infinite energy. Harnessing this powerhouse of the nation in the right perspective will determine the course of developmental trajectory of a nation as youth make up about 34 percent of the total population of the country. Development is a constructive process of engaging all citizens in building social cohesion, economic prosperity and political stability of a nation for an inclusive growth. The involvement of youth in national development through civic engagement is a necessity as they are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also the partners of today.

Civic engagement of the youth fosters participation in community service and develops idealism and patriotism impacting positive outcomes and there is a need to weave together leading to social change. Young people become empowered by their participation in the developmental process that can lead to positive change in the community. Social change is effected by encouraging intergenerational and multicultural collaboration in policy change and institution building. Community engagement of youth will set in motion interplay between youth development, community development and social change.

Although the younger generation is living in a very different form as compared to the past they are well informed, connected to systems and structures, thanks to the booming information technology. This has to be harnessed and tapped in the right way, otherwise the youth can tip over the other side and become destructive and dangerous for the society. Various forms of crime including cyber crime are protruding and the indulgence of youth in these anti social activities result in social unrest. Failure to capture their energy and mould it in the right direction can cause harm to the society. Engaging youth in civil society promotes stakeholdership and builds safety nets.

There is a need to understand the diverse perspectives to discuss youth participation in today's society, the models and methods of its practice, the roles of youth and adults in a diverse democracy.

National Service Scheme (NSS) emerged as a platform for participatory programming for young people and has constantly thrived on the lines of civic engagement of youth. The college students, who are at the fence of adolescence and adulthood, who are mandated with social service and who come with enthusiasm and energy to be the change-makers are the most suitable stakeholders in the various programmes and campaigns

taken up. They are well positioned to engage with younger adolescents and their peers, with the parents, communities and influencers as also with service providers. Empowering and engaging the NSS volunteers on issues related to adolescent boys and girls to transform them as change agents for themselves and their communities has been the hall mark of NSS. These volunteers are expected in turn to promote the rights and entitlements of adolescents through peer education, social mobilization and networking with service providers. NSS has inspired the youth and initiated them in civic engagement through which they have contributed to eliminating society's greatest challenges: explosive urbanization and migration, HIV and AIDS, economic turmoil, climate change, disaster risk reduction, humanitarian crises and help break the inter-generational cycle of multiple deprivations. In addition they are the perfect medium to address problems and issues that are peculiar to their generation

The National Service Scheme of Andhra University Cell in collaboration with Bhumika Women's Collective is organizing a two day National Seminar on 'Youth and Civic Engagement: Perspectives and Prospects' on the 22nd & 23rd March 2019. The seminar will serve as a platform to discuss and deliberate the various perspectives that are in vogue in theory and practice and examine the prospects of effective methods of youth and civic engagement to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference.

Objectives of the National Seminar

- To create a platform for the academicians, researchers, administrators and practitioners to make a dialogue on perspectives, issues and prospects of youth and civic engagement
- To better understand the initiatives and policy issues taken by the central and state governments of India in relation to the youth
- To encourage the sustainable methodologies adopted to effectively address the issues of the youth
- To understand, analyze, and document the experiences and role of professional social workers and non-government organizations in promoting youth welfare
- To come up with appropriate policy recommendations for empowering the youth through civic engagement

Sub Themes :

- Role of youth in nation building
- Youth participation in community development

- Role of NSS and NYK in harnessing the skills of youth in promoting community service
- Impact of social media on youth
- Youth in conflict with law
- Youth and the differently abled
- Engagement of youth against substance abuse
- Youth and Gender
- Youth unrest in relation to intolerance and dissent
- Youth and Employability Skills
- Protection of youth from various forms of sexual exploitation and indulgence
- Role of professional social workers and NGOs in the youth development processes

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 youth engagement. 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 the 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 youthseminarnss@gmail.com

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

Last date of submission of abstract

2nd March, 2019

Acceptance of notification

8th March, 2019

Last date for submission of full paper

16th March, 2019

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. 1,000/-

Local participants and Research Scholars

Rs. 500/-