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**CENTRE FOR STUDY OF SOCIAL
EXCLUSION AND INCLUSIVE
POLICY**

**Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and
Inclusive Policy
(CSSEIP)**



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A Brief report on the activities

of

CSSEIP during the academic year 2017-2022

Institutional Values and Social Responsibilities

The UGC sanctioned the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), to Andhra University, Visakhapatnam on 20th March 2007. The main objective of the CSSEIP is to undertake interdisciplinary research and address the issues of social exclusion of the deprived and marginalized communities in India such as Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and religious minorities, other backward classes, women, elderly persons, disabled persons, etc., who experience systemic exclusion in the matter of sharing the development gains earmarked by the government for their inclusive growth.

Since its inception, the CSSEIP, Andhra University is embarked on critical research in the areas of social exclusion and inclusive growth. The centre is conducting several activities in the nature of seminars/webinars, workshops, sensitization programmes, lectures on social exclusion, inclusion, community empowerment of socially and economically disadvantaged groups (SEDGs). The centre and its staff are functioning according to the values of Andhra University, a premier higher learning Institution in the country. The centre is socially responsible as it is working on the issues of SEDGs, who represent the vast majority of population and their development in India.

The broad objectives of the Centre are:

1. Conceptualizing discrimination, exclusion and inclusion based on caste/ethnicity and religion.
2. Developing, understanding of the nature and dynamics of discrimination and exclusion.
3. Contextualizing and problematizing discrimination, exclusion and inclusion.
4. Developing an understanding of discrimination at an empirical level.
5. Formulating policies for protecting the rights of these groups and eradicating the problem of exclusion and discrimination.

In accordance with the UGC guidelines, the CSSEIP, Andhra University is actively engaged in innovative and incisive research on the aspects of social exclusion and inclusion.

REPORT OF WORK FROM APRIL, 2017 TO MARCH, 2022

Year: 2017-2018

Total programmes Organized :7

1. One-day National Symposium on “**Youth in Contemporary Society: Aspirations and Challenges**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi, on 22nd November, 2017 at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Ven.Shinsho Furukawa, President Japan-India Bodhi Society, Osaka, Japan addressing the participants at the Symposium on Youth

2. Two –day National Seminar on “**Human Resource Management and Inclusive Growth in 21st Century: Concerns and Challenges**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi, during 27-28th February 2018 at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam



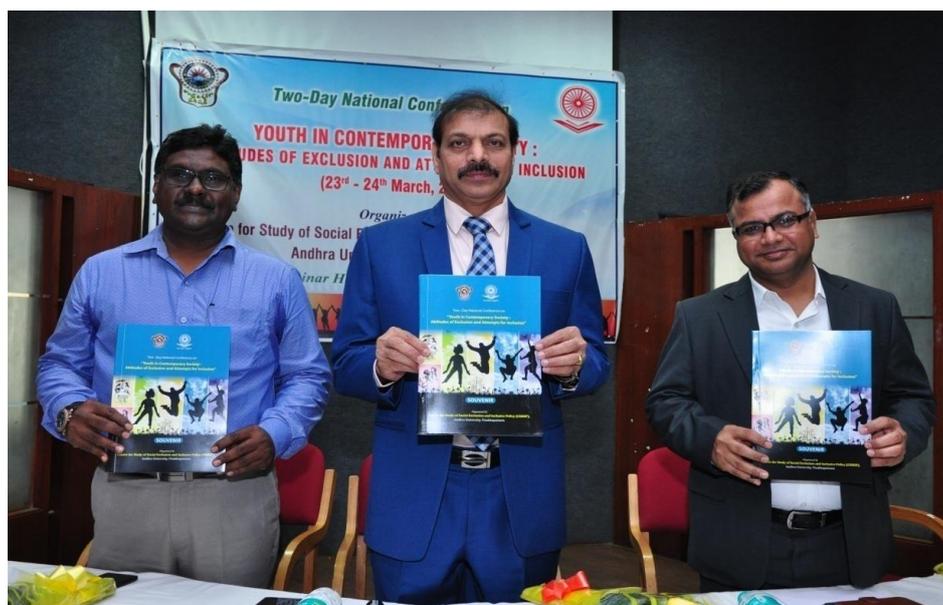
Press coverage of Inaugural session of the National Seminar

3. Two –Day Visual Conference on “**Visualizing Exclusion: Analyzing Documentary Films**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi, during 6th -7th March, 2018 at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



R.R. Srinivasan, Social Documentarian addressing the participants at the inaugural session of the Visual Conference

4. Two –Day National Conference on “**Youth in Contemporary Society: Attitudes of Exclusion and Attempts for Inclusion**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi, during 23-24th March, 2018 at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam



Prof.G.Nageswara Rao, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, releasing the Souvenir of the National Conference on Youth in Contemporary Society

Workshop

One –day Regional Workshop on “**Scheduled Tribes: Issues and Perspectives for Development**” jointly with Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Andhra University on 9th August, 2017 at Seminar hall, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Andhra University



Prof.K.Rama Mohana Rao, Principal, College of Arts and Commerce, A.U. addressing the participants at the Workshop

Public Lectures

1. Public Lecture on **Role of Education towards Social Inclusion**” by Prof. A. Chandra Mohan, Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, and Tamil Nadu on 4th November, 2017 at Seminar Hall, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communications, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Chief Guest, **Prof.K.Gayathri Devi**, Rector, Andhra University speaking at the Public Lecture (Inset Press Coverage)

2. Public lecture on **Economic Thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and their Contemporary Relevance**” by Prof. Aniruddha Bhalchandra Deshpande , Former

Principal, Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune on 19th February, 2018 at Platinum Jubilee Guest House, A.U, Visakhapatnam



Dr. Aniruddha Bhalchander Deshpande, Former Principal, Brihan Maharashtra College of Commerce, Pune. delivering the Guest Lecture on Economic Thoughts of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Research Projects undertaken:

1. Economic Organization among Porja Tribe in Jolaput Panchayat of Munchingputt Mandal, Visakhapatnam district.

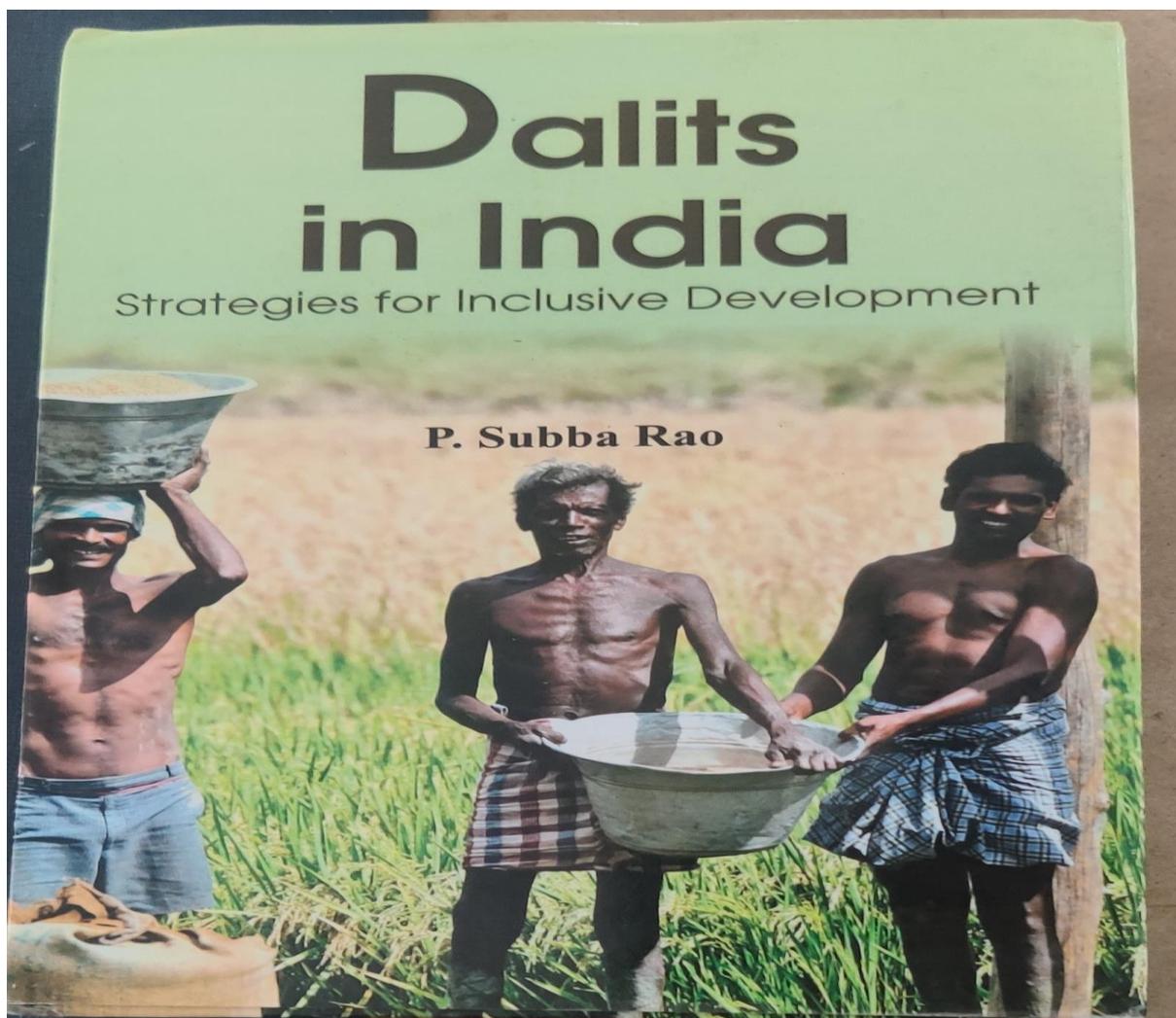
Research papers /chapters Published in journals/books

1. Paper titled “**Social Exclusion, Social Justice and Development in Marginalized Communities in India**” Published in **International Journal of Multidisciplinary Advanced Research Trends**, Volume -3, No.8, December, 2017, pp.95-99, ISSN No: 2349-7408
2. Chapter titled, “**Impoverishment and Inclusive Development of Dalits in India: An Assessment**” Published in the Book, “**Status of Dalits in India: Strategies for Inclusive Development**”, (Ed) P. Subba Rao, Uday Publishing House, Visakhapatnam, 2017. ISBN: 978-93-85991- 03-5
3. Article titled “**Gandhi Sarvodaya Philosophy in Society**”, Published in International Journal of Multidisciplinary Advanced Research Trends, Volume -4, No.9, January 2018, pp.74-78 , ISSN No: 2349- 7408
4. Chapter titled, “**The Status of Dalit Women in India: Some Perspectives**” Published in the Book “**Status of Dalits in India: Strategies for Inclusive Development**, (Ed) P. Subba Rao, Sucharita Publications, Visakhapatnam, 2017. ISBN: 978-93—83729- 00-5

5. Article entitled “**Fertility and Family Planning Behavior of Rural Women: Reflections from a Study in Selected Villages of Visakhapatnam District in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh**” Published in **Mahila Pratishtha**, Vol.3, No: 2, (October-December, 2017), p.1-16. ISSN No: 2454- 7891
6. Paper titled “**Health Status of Scheduled Tribes in select areas in India : A Review**” Published in **International Journal of Multidisciplinary Advanced Research Trends**, Volume – 3, No. 1, August – September 2017 ISSN – 2349- 7408, Page No. 120-128, Rishi Publication,Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India.

Book Published

1. **Dalits in India: Strategies for Inclusive Development**, (Ed.Vol), Uday Publishing House, Visakhapatnam, ISBN 978-93-85991-03-5.



Year : 2018-2019

Total programmes Organized :04

1. Two-Day Symposium on “**Decadal Experiences and Journey of Centers for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 27th - 28th, February, 2019 at Seminar Hall, dept of Anthropology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam



A view of participants at the Two-day Symposium

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University organized a Two-day Symposium on the “**Decadal Experiences and Journey of Centres for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy**” during 27th -28th February, 2019 at the Seminar Hall, Department of Anthropology. Director of the Centre, Prof.P.D.Satya Pal presided over the event. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Pal stated that exclusionary tendencies are going deeper while caste, gender and class angularities are becoming sharper. He noted that some of the governmental policies and practices are reinforcing subjugation, deprivation and discrimination of the weaker sections. He referred to the specific instances that are reinforcing institutional exclusion and how Scheduled Tribes in particular are deprived of their resources and affected by displacement caused by construction of mining and other projects. He emphasized the need for undertaking further studies on conceptualizing exclusion and evolving inclusive policies for the disadvantaged sections of Indian society.

Dr.Prashant Bansode, Director, CSSEIP, Gokhale Institute of Economics and Political Studies, Pune, Dr.Pradeep Ramavath, National Law School of India, Bangalore, Dr. Mani, Gandhigram Rural University and Dr.Sreenivasa Rao, Sri Krishna Devaraya University, Ananthapur are some of the participants. The speakers highlighted the need to focus on the issues of Beggary, Urban poor, Agrarian Society, Gender discrimination, health and environmental exclusion. The other aspects that

came up for discussion are the issues of Exclusion based on caste and ethnicity, displacement, livelihoods etc. The House discussed the need for undertaking academic programs and studies on the most marginalized among SCs, STs, (nomadic, de-notified tribes) OBCs, Christian and Muslim minorities. The participants which included the Directors and faculty of CSSEIP from across the southern and western parts of India deliberated on the issues faced by the downtrodden and also for exploring newer areas for undertaking research for framing inclusive policies. Staff of the Centre, Students and Scholars participated in the Symposium.

2. Two- day Workshop-cum-Exhibition of “**Cartoons on Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Exclusion**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 12th -13th March, 2019 at TLN Sabha Hall, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Prof. G.Nageswara Rao, Vice-chancellor, Andhra University, Director, CSSEIP and U. Syam Sundar going around the Exhibition of Cartoons

3. One-day Symposium on “**Muslims in India: Facets of Exclusion and Imperatives for Inclusion**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 25th March, 2019, at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam



Prof. K.S.Chalam, Former Member, UPSC addressing as Chief Guest at the Symposium

Public Lecture

1. Public lecture on **“Identity, Rights and Awareness: The Power of Narrative to transform systems of Oppression and Develop Relationship”** by Dr. Jeremy Rinker, Department of Peace Studies, University of North Carolina, U.S.A. on 1st August 2018 at Platinum Jubilee Guest House, A.U, Visakhapatnam



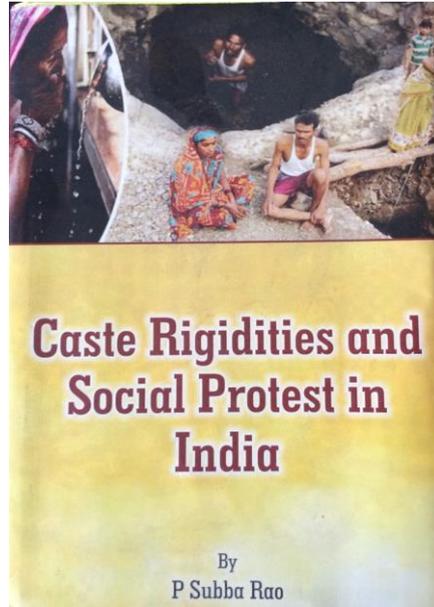
Prof. K.Niranjan, Registrar, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the Lecture session

Research Projects undertaken:

1. Health Care Delivery systems and Exclusions among tribes of Lakshmiapuram Agency
2. Pengu Tribe of Visakhapatnam agency: Aspects of Exclusion
3. Cultural Memory and Depletion of Biodiversity among Pengu Tribe
4. Locales of Exclusion in Educating Tribal Pupils of Munchingput Mandal

Book published

1. **Caste Rigidities and Social Protest in South India**, (Ed.Vol). ISBN 978-93-85991-48-6



Year: 2019-2020

Total Programmes Organized: 3

1. One-day National Seminar on “**Is the Draft National Education Policy Inclusive?**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 1st October 2019, at Seminar Hall, Dept. Political Science, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the Inauguration of the Seminar

Educated Youth must become “Economic Creators” observed **Prof. P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University**. Speaking as Chief Guest at the Seminar on “**Is the Draft National Education Policy Inclusive?**”, organized by Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP) in association with All India Save Education Committee (AISEC), Prof. Reddy stated that the culture of engagement in institutions of higher learning is missing in the recent times. He stressed on the need of the Youth to enhance their life skills and the University is committed to set up Life Skills Laboratory for the benefit of the students and scholars. He called on the youth to believe in Strategy, Learning, Hard work and Honesty for success in the life. In this context, Prof.Reddy felt that the students must be proficient in three languages and stressed on the importance of students’ Communication skills in English. He wanted the students to make use of the technology and read the lessons online.

Presiding over the program, **Director of the Centre, Prof.P.D.Satya Pal** outlined the objectives of the Seminar and stated that the Draft National Education Policy, 2019 aims to address the challenges of access, equity, quality and affordability of the present education

system. He said that the policies are futuristic and in some say they are holistic. He wanted philanthropists and institutions to come forward in promoting education on a large scale.. **Keynote Speaker, Dr. S.Hosimin Thilagar**, Professor of Anna University, Chennai explained the contributions of Iswar Chandra Vidya Sagar and Jyotirao Phule who supported Women's education. He recalled the starting of school by Savitribai Phule and the humiliation she faced during her early days. He called on the need for democratization of education and accessibility of education to all the people regardless of caste and class. The annual budgetary allocations on Education are quite less compared to the military and defence, observed Dr.Hosimin. **Prof.G.Satyanarayana**, Principal, College of Arts and Commerce, Andhra University congratulated the Director of the Centre for organizing a Seminar on a contemporary theme and he mentioned that proficiency in English language is essential for success in the life of the student. **Shri.S.Govinda Rajulu**, Secretary, A.P.Chapter of AISEC in his address stated that the Draft Education Policy seems to undermine the public education system and is encouraging education in private sector. Dr.N.Babavali welcomed the gathering, while Dr.B.Siva Rama Krishna proposed a formal vote of thanks.

2. One-day National Seminar on “**National Register of Citizens: Awareness and Concerns**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 16th October 2019, at Seminar Hall, Dept. Political Science, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam



Prof. M.Prasada Rao, Rector, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the Inauguration of the seminar

3. One-day National seminar on “**Child Labour Eradication and Inclusive Development**” Sponsored by UGC, New Delhi on 4th March, 2020 at Seminar Hall, Platinum Jubilee Guest House, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Prof. PVGD Prasad Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the Inauguration of the National Seminar on Child Labour

Research Projects undertaken:

1. Dimensions of Religious Exclusion among the Savara of Pothinavalasa in Seethampet Agency Area in Srikakulam District.

Research papers /chapters Published in journals/books

1. Article entitled “**Nutritional Status among Scheduled Caste Children (1-5 years) in Visakhapatnam Slums** Published in **International Journal of Research in Social Science**, Vol. 10 Issue 03, March 2020, ISSN: 2249-2496.
2. Article entitled “**An Analytical Study on Socio- Economic and Working Conditions of Fishermen in Urban area of Visakhapatnam District**” Published in **Infokara Research**, Vol 8, Issue 12 2019. ISSN 1021- 9056
3. Paper entitled “**Tribal Workers in Coffee Plantations and their Socio- Economic Conditions in Araku Valley Mandal of Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh**” **Social Sciences and Humanities** Vol 9, No. 8 August, 2019 ISSN 2250-0715 (P)
4. Article entitled “**An Empirical analysis of Socio- Economic, Employment Conditions of Construction Workers in Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh**”, Published in **Infokara Research**, Volume 9, Issue -3, 2020 ISSN 1021- 9056.
5. Article entitled “**Existing Facilities on Health, Welfare and Safety in Coffee Plantation and Prevailing Occupational Risks & Its Impact on Health of Tribal Workers in the Plantation of Araku Valley Mandal, Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh**”, Published in **International Journal of Analytical and Experimental Model Analysis (IJAEMA)**, Volume XI, Issue –XI, November, 2019 ISSN NO: 0886-9367.

6. Paper entitled “**A Systematic Review on Compensation Determinants of Informal Tribal Coffee Plantation Workers in Araku Valley Mandal, of Visakhapatnam District in Andhra Pradesh**”, Published in **Think India Journal** Vol-22- Issue-10 November, 2019 ISSN 0971-1260.
7. Article entitled “**An Empirical Study on Working Environment of Tribal Workers in Coffee Plantations of Araku Valley of Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh**” Published in **Think India Journal** Vol-22- Issue- 4,October-December, 2019, ISSN 0971-1260.

Year: 2020-2021

Total Programmes Organized: 9.

1. National Webinar on “**Social Exclusion in India: A Roadmap for Social Inclusion**” on 18th September, 2020



Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration of the Webinar

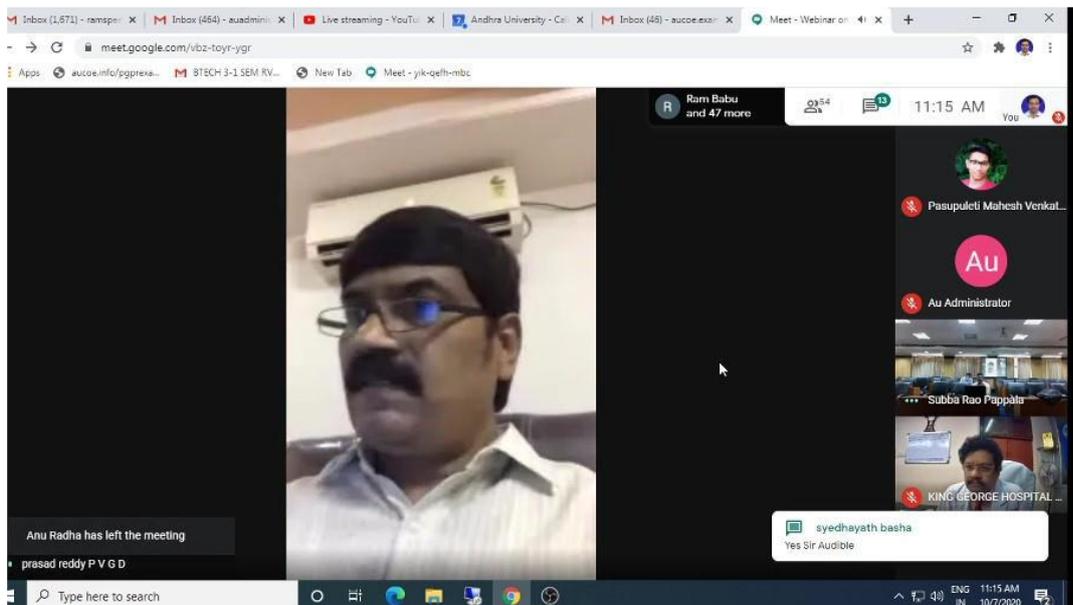
The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University organised this One-day Webinar on 18th September, 2020 at the Senate Hall, Andhra University. The main aim of the Webinar is to deliberate on the different aspects of Social exclusion in India and sensitize the participants on the theories, models, processes of exclusion and policies aimed at achieving social inclusion and development of socially excluded groups. The Webinar provided a platform for the participants, who include the faculty members, scholars and students registered for the program online and was live-streamed on Google Meet between 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Inaugural Session

Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University inaugurated the Webinar. Addressing the participants, Prof. Reddy mentioned that Social Exclusion can be eliminated only through the inclusionary

policies of the governments at the state level and the Centre. The policies would bring in a sea change in the lives of the poorer and downtrodden sections of the people and priority must be given to address the issue of poverty, added Prof. Reddy. He lauded the initiatives of the Government of Andhra Pradesh particularly full-fee reimbursement scheme for students such as, Vasathi deevena program (direct cash transfer to the mothers of hostel students') Amma Vodi (direct financial assistance of Rs.15,000/- annually to poor students by remittances to their mothers' accounts), Aarogyasri (free medical care) Rythu Bharosa (welfare scheme for famers), YSR Aasara (loan scheme for women), Cheyutha scheme (for women from minority communities) and housing for the poor. These welfare schemes, Prof. Reddy stated are intended to develop and benefit the poorest of the poor and the weaker sections of society and this would enable in achieving the inclusive development of the State.

2. National Webinar on “Navaratna Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh: Marching towards Inclusive Development” on 7th October, 2020



Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration of the Webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University organised a National Webinar on “Navaratna Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh: Marching towards Inclusive Development” and live-streamed on Google Meet between 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. This webinar provides a platform to sensitize the community on the novel welfare schemes introduced by the Chief Minister of Andhra

Pradesh, Sri.Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy and make the people avail the benefits of such schemes.

Inaugural Session

Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy**, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University inaugurated the Webinar. Addressing the participants, Prof. Reddy stated that the Navaratna welfare schemes such as Rythu Bharosa, Fee Reimbursement, Arogyasri, Jalayagnam, Ban on Alcohol, Amma Vodi, Asara, Cheyutha, Housing and Enhancement of Pensions are benefiting the poorest of the poor in the State. He lauded the efforts of Y.S.Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh who has introduced new policies in addition to continuing the policies of his father, Late Y.S.Rajasekhara Reddy, Former Chief Minister. Prof. Prasad Reddy mentioned that these schemes are novel and stand as an example to other States to implement and some of them are following the Andhra Pradesh model. The implementation of these schemes in the State is bringing cheers in the lives of the poor and needy people, said Prof. Reddy. Referring to the government reforms in education sector, Prof. Reddy explained about complete fee reimbursement for students and how the scheme is being implemented in the State to reach all the poor and weaker sections. He expressed the hope that these welfare measures would transform the lives of the poor people in due course and make the State to march towards progress.

3. National Webinar on “**Social Exclusion of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in India: Measures for Inclusion**” on 1st December, 2020



ఎయిడ్స్ పై అవగాహన అవసరం

వీరి ఆచార్య ప్రసారం

విశాఖపట్టణంలో ఎయిడ్స్ ప్రాధికారం పెరుగుతున్నందున వారిపై చికిత్స అందించడం అవసరం. కేంద్ర సంస్థలు ద్వారా వీరి సుఖాన్ని పెంచుతున్నారని తెలిపారు. ఎయిడ్స్ మానవ ఆరోగ్యంపై తీవ్ర ప్రభావం చూపుతోంది. ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా అందుతున్న సేవలపై ఎయిడ్స్ సీనియర్ మెడికల్ డాక్టర్ వెం. రంజిత్రెడ్డి, సికిం కేంద్రం చికిత్సాధ్యక్షులు ఆచార్యులు డి.ఆర్. రామారావు, తదితరులు ప్రసంగించారు.

వార్త, విశాఖపట్టణం, బుధవారం 2 డిసెంబరు 2020

సమాఖ్యలో ఆసోసాలు రూపుమాపి, అవగాహన పెంచాలి

ఆంధ్రప్రదేశ్, డిసెంబర్ 1, ప్రజాశక్తి వార్తాపత్రికలో ఎయిడ్స్ ప్రాధికారం పెరుగుతున్నందున వారిపై చికిత్స అందించడం అవసరం. కేంద్ర సంస్థలు ద్వారా వీరి సుఖాన్ని పెంచుతున్నారని తెలిపారు. ఎయిడ్స్ మానవ ఆరోగ్యంపై తీవ్ర ప్రభావం చూపుతోంది. ప్రభుత్వం ద్వారా అందుతున్న సేవలపై ఎయిడ్స్ సీనియర్ మెడికల్ డాక్టర్ వెం. రంజిత్రెడ్డి, సికిం కేంద్రం చికిత్సాధ్యక్షులు ఆచార్యులు డి.ఆర్. రామారావు, తదితరులు ప్రసంగించారు.

Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration of the Webinar (Inset Press coverage)

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on **“Social Exclusion of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in India: Measures for Inclusion”** on the eve of WORLD AIDS DAY. **Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University, Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy** inaugurated the program. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Prof. Reddy explained how the HIV/AIDS infected persons suffer from stigma, discrimination and social exclusion. The disease impacts the relations at the social and family level in addition to the household financial condition, observed Prof. Reddy. Further, he mentioned the prejudices that exist against the victims of this disease and stated that the other parameters, such as economic, educational backgrounds are responsible for exclusion and referred to some real situations of a student in a school suffered discrimination due to contracting of disease in a family. **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP welcomed the Chief Guest, speakers and other participants. He outlined the aim of the webinar and stated that HIV/AIDS is a serious health condition which causes severe damage to the human immune system.

Dr.S.Chandra Reddy, Senior Medical Officer, ART Centre, Government Chest Hospital, Visakhapatnam mentioned that AIDS is the final stage of HIV and that the Government is taking various measures to eradicate the disease by 2030, and that 1100

Suraksha Clinics are offering different kinds of services for the infected persons. He stated that the State Aids Control Societies that were formed were doing tremendous service in reaching the infected; there is an increase in extending counseling, testing and medical facilities for the affected patients, He further stated that the services of ART Centers have been extended in almost all the regions across the country and stated that the Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHWAs) are brought under Aarogysri scheme. **Prof.K.R.Rama Mohan**, Head, Department of Anthropology and Dean, School of Human Sciences, Central University of Sikkim, Gangtok, in his address that the HIV/AIDS is the most studied subject across the world and much expertise has come in to address this public health issue. He mentioned that although today the disease appears to be manageable by extending the victims' lives; it is still threatening the society. He called on all the members of the society to introspect and to give some social space for the PLHWAs to access the various entitlements, particularly health, education, employment to live with human dignity enjoying all basic human freedoms. He further underlined for social transformation of PLHWAs accepting all these people in the society.

4. National Webinar on “**Social Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**” on 4th December, 2020



Prof.K.Samatha, Rector, Andhra University addressing the participants as Chief Guest at the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on **One-day National Webinar on “Social Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities”** on 4th December, 2020. Prof. K.Samatha, Hon’ble Rector, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event.

Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Samatha stated that the Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) represent the most vulnerable segment of human population who face social exclusion and discrimination. She stated that caste, class, gender, religion, age, are other factors that are impeding the fuller participation in society and resulting in marginalization of the PWDs. Today, there are millions of people across the world suffering from disabilities, observed Prof. Samatha.

Dr.P.Subba Rao, Director, CSSEIP, welcoming the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, Keynote speaker and participants, stated that disability inclusion is an essential condition to upholding human rights, sustainable development, peace and security. Further, he stated that inclusion is central to the promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to leave no one behind. He felt that an integrated approach is necessary to ensure PWDs are included in every facet of human life. He stated that disability inclusion in a COVID 19 response and recovery that better serves everyone, more fully suppressing the virus, as well as building back better. Dr.K.Sita Manikyam, Associate Professor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law and Member, Cell for Differently Aabled, Andhra University graced the occasion as Guest of Honour and addressed the participants. According to her, about 15 per cent of world's population are with some form of disability and there are some successful stories of great personalities who had overcome disabilities by their determination. In this context, she quoted Stephen Hawking, Helen Keller and others. The PWDs need to be included; they need to be given access to health, education, employment and justice, noted Dr.K.Sita Manikyam. She discussed the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and UN Conventions. Keynote Speaker, Dr.M.Swarna Latha, Dept. of Sociology and Social Work, Kakatiya University, Warangal delivered keynote address and highlighted various developmental models for integration of PWDs in the society.

5. National Webinar on “**Religious Minorities: Identity, Social Exclusion and Inclusion**” on 30th January 2021



Prof.V.Krishna Mohan, Registrar, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest and
Dr.P.Subba Rao, Director, CSSEIP at the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on “**Religious Minorities: Identity, Social Exclusion and Inclusion**” on 30th January, 2021. **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that discrimination and exclusion of any class of people is not desirable and it leads to under-development of the nation. Social exclusion of people based on caste, religion, gender, or ethnicity breaches human dignity and is against the spirit of universal brotherhood and equality, added Prof. Krishna Mohan. Every individual irrespective of caste, region, and religion must be brought into the mainstream development process and social harmony need to be promulgated in tune with the Constitutional principles, added Prof Mohan. He stressed on providing equal opportunities to all categories of people, removing inequalities, unify all the people and make them contribute for the Inclusive Growth of the nation.

Jaha Aara, Senior Advocate, District Court, Visakhapatnam addressing the webinar participants stated that a country can survive long only when the democratic principles of equality are enforced. Referring to the meaning of Minorities in India, she preferred to call them as “Non-Hindu religious communities” and that Muslims are a majoritarian minority community. She highlighted the issues faced by the minorities, such as persecutions, criminalizing the conversions of people to certain religions in some States. There is under-representation of Muslims and other minority groups to less than 5 per cent in All India Services and in public employment, noted Aara. **I.M.Ahmed**, Senior Advocate, District Court, Visakhapatnam addressing the participants referred to the Articles 14, 15, 16, 25, 29, 30 and Article 51 of the Indian Constitution which are intended to protect the minorities’

interests. Despite all the development over the years since independence, the Referring to the levels of education of Muslims was less and the only 10 per cent of urban Muslims go to schools, said Ahmed. He called on the Government to implement the Minorities Protection Act for their development. Earlier, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP outlined the aims and objectives of the Webinar. Staff of the Centre attended the event.

6. National Webinar on “**Domestic Workers: Social Security and Empowerment**” on 10th February, 2021



Prof.V.Krishna Mohan, Registrar, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the webinar (L) and **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP (M) and **Dr.V.Sreemannarayana Murthy** (R) , Head, Dept. of Sociology are seen

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on “**Domestic Workers: Social Security and Empowerment**” on 10th February, 2021. **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that the domestic workers have no adequate job and social protection. There are no accurate figures of the number of domestic workers as they constitute the bulk of the unorganized sector. The NSSO provided the number of domestic workers to be at around five million according to the estimates in 2005, although the exact number would be much higher. The domestic workers have no defined work, the employers enjoy the unfettered right to engage and dispense with their services, and their employment is dependent on their whims, noted Prof.Krishna Mohan. Prof.Mohan pointed out that the

labour machinery must be strengthened to enforce the laws in place. He also explained how some businesses were successful with the engagement of domestic workers in Ahmedabad by making papads etc. and how they were empowered. Addressing the participants, **Dr.N.Nirmala**, Professor (Retd.), Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University, stated that the domestic workers are the most exploited and vulnerable sections of the society who come from the margins of the society, being poor, and mostly belong to the oppressed and disadvantaged sections of society. They have low bargaining and often could not negotiate with the employer for better and decent conditions of work, added Prof. Nirmala. She stressed that there is a need to extend minimum wages to this unorganized workers. Prof. Nirmala wanted the Social Security laws, such as the Act of 2008, the bill which was made 2017 to be enacted. **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP outlined the aims and objectives of the webinar. He wanted the social security laws to be implemented in India in a manner that provide adequate wages, regulated hours of work, and prevent the exploitation of domestic workers. Another Speaker, **Dr.V.Sreemannarayana Murthy**, Head, Department of Sociology, Andhra University in his address highlighted the jajmani system in agrarian India, the issues of emigrant labour to Gulf countries to render domestic work. He explained the implementation of laws, and wanted the social security laws to be implemented. Dr.Murthy also underlined the need for bringing an attitudinal change among the employers towards the domestic workers. Staff of the Centre, Faculty members registered attended the program.

7. National Webinar on “**Marginalized Communities in India: Social Justice and Empowerment**” on 20th February, 2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University and **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP addressing the participants at the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on “**Marginalized Communities in India: Social Justice and Empowerment**” on 20th February, 2021. **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Samatha stated that Indian society consists of numerous castes across the country, and the social system is hierarchical, graded, rigid, divided into different castes and their status, high or low is ascribed by birth. As a result, she noted that in India, the castes in the lower order of hierarchy face exclusion and marginalization. She further said that discrimination and subjugation is experienced by women, disabled, religious minorities and the poor etc. She underlined the need for empowerment of these communities and referred to the contribution of Dr.B.R.Ambedkar.

Speaker on the occasion, **Prof.D.S.Prakasa Rao**, Chairman, Faculty of Law, Andhra University in his address traced history since the Vedic period and noted that there was no mention of ‘caste’ in Rigveda and there was transformation of matriarchal societies to patriarchal societies. He further stated that the concept of marginalization and exploitation came into being during the British period. Prof. Prakasa Rao highlighted the contributions of Social Reformers in India and described that Dr.Ambedkar was a multi-faceted personality who provided solutions for the ‘social ills’ in Indian society. Prof. Rao explained the tenets of social, economic, political, and distributive and corrective justice. Another Speaker **Dr.V.Rajya Lakshmi**, Hony. Professor, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University in her address explained the conceptual analysis of Marginalization. She highlighted who are marginalized, what constitutes marginalization and its effects. Marginalization is a social phenomenon, noted Prof. Rajya Lakshmi. She stated that marginalization is manifestation of social exclusion and social justice must prevail to protect the disadvantaged groups. The speaker highlighted the types of disadvantages suffered by these categories of people and maintained that Equity and Equality must go together for ensuring ‘Social Justice.’ Earlier, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP outlining the aims and objectives of the webinar stated that this program on ‘Social Justice’ is being organized in view of the **World Justice Day**. Dr.Rao stated that Justice is the core concern of all the people and the marginalized sections are denied of their due share in all respects and Justice-in particular. He stated that Social Justice must be provided for them in addition to Economic, Political and other entitlements. Staff of the Centre and participants attended the webinar.

8. Two-day National Webinar on “**National Education Policy 2020: Equity and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in Higher Education in India**” during 23rd and 24th March, 2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University (L) and **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP, (R) addressing the participants at the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University is organizing a Two-day National Webinar on “**National Education Policy 2020: Equity and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in Higher Education in India**” during 23rd and 24th February, 2021. **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event today. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that the aim of the National Education Policy, 2020 is to make education creative, innovative and multidisciplinary. The policy proposes a holistic multidisciplinary bachelor’s in undergraduate programs with multiple exit options and appropriate certification within this period” noted Prof. Krishna Mohan. According to him the other major changes in the Policy on Higher Education include among other things are establishing the Academic Bank of Credits and Multidisciplinary Education and Research Universities etc. Speaking as Guest of Honour, **Dr.P.V.Sudhakar**, Principal, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam appreciated the Governmental initiative of introducing a National Policy on Education and hoped that it will achieve its objective of increasing the gross enrolment ration in higher education.

Prof. H. Purushotham, Former Chairman and Managing Director, National Research Development Corporation and DPIIT-IPR Chair Professor, Andhra University shared his thoughts on the importance of importance of Intellectual Property rights and the need of higher educational institutions (HEIs) to encourage the academics and scholars in obtaining patents. Earlier, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP outlining the aims and objectives of the webinar stated that this program in view of the contemporary importance of the National Education Policy in India. He stated that India is a rapidly changing country in which inclusive, high-quality education is of utmost importance for its future prosperity and it is right time that the NEP-2020 that was approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2020 embraces the views and perspectives of all the stakeholders, particularly the academics and student community. **Dr.A.K.Paricha**, Professor (Retd.), Dept.of Political Science, Berhampur University, Berhampur gave a talk on Promotion of Gender equality in NEP-2020 with particular reference to remote rural areas. **Prof.K.R.Rama Mohan**, Head, Dept. of Anthropology & Dean, School of Human Sciences, Central University of Sikkim, Gangtok spoke on “Institutional Context and Educational Needs of Tribal Vulnerable Groups: Implications for New Education Policy, 2020. **Dr.Swati Chakraborty**, Dept. of Human Rights and Women Studies, Schoolguru Eduserve Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai and International Fellow, KAICIID, Vienna, Austria, spoke on “Promotion of Gender equality in NEP-2020 with particular reference to Girls from low income families” and expressed their views vividly. Staff of the Centre, Faculty of University Departments attended the webinar.

9. National webinar on “**Seasonal Migrants in India: Issues and Challenges**” on 30th March, 2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University (L) speaking at the inauguration of the webinar. Dr.P.Subba Rao, Director, CSSEIP (M) and Prof.D.V.R.Murthy, Head, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication (R) are seen.

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a National Webinar on “**Seasonal Migrants in India: Issues and Challenges**” on 30th March, 2021. **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event today. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that migration of workers seasonally to urban centres for work in industries, hotels is an old phenomenon and it is happening since independence. He pointed out the plight of migrant workers who walked on foot for thousands of kilometers from their places of work to their home places during the lockdown imposed due to Coronavirus, (Covid-19). Prof. Mohan emphasized that migration is due to poverty and unemployment in rural areas and people belonging to the marginalized sections of the society seek their livelihood in urban areas for a steady income. He emphasized the need to contain migration of workers to urban centres and felt that this could be done by encouraging village and cottage industries, small, micro and medium enterprises in villages. Some of the best examples, according to him are to encourage animal husbandry, seasonal and food processing industries. Referring to the quote of the Former President, Late Abdul Kalam, Prof. Mohan stated that urban amenities are to be provided in rural areas also. **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP, outlined the aims and objectives of the webinar. He stated that seasonal or circular migration has raised a number of concerns such as economic, social and political marginalization. He stated that the migrant workers have low negotiation skills in demanding wages and live in subhuman conditions without proper health facilities.

Prof.D.V.R.Murthy, Head, Dept.of Journalism and Mass Communication and Dean, U.G.Examinations, Andhra University in his address stated that migration is caused by poverty and availability of surplus labour in villages. Prof. Murthy noted that in addition to

surplus labour, lack of income in villages, expansion of labour demand in cities and to clear their debts in villages, and to make some remittances to their family at home, people migrate from villages. He stated that these migrants work in most hazardous conditions in factories. The rise in migration of people could be correlated to industrialization. **Prof.V.Vijay Lakshmi**, Nodal Officer (Legal Cell) and Chairperson, Board of Studies in Law, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University in her address stated that as agricultural is seasonal and most of the people in the villages dependent on it seek employment in urban industrial areas during lean season to sustain families. **Prof. Lakshmi** expressed with concern the horrid plight of the migrant workers in industries and their families' health situation. She lamented that the workers' neglect their personal and family health and offered some suggestions. Staff of the Centre, Participants and Faculty of Departments attended. **Dr.B.Siva Rama Krishna** moderated the sessions, while **Dr.Babavali** proposed a formal vote of thanks.

Research Projects undertaken:

1. A Study on Jagananna Thodu Scheme in Andhra Pradesh: A Big Push to Hawkers and Street Vendors.
2. Prologue Of English Medium In Government Schools Of Andhra Pradesh: A Study On Selected Schools In Visakhapatnam City.
3. Navaratna Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh: Marching towards Inclusive Development.
4. A Study of YSR Asara Scheme in Selected Wards of Visakhapatnam City.
5. Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Social Impact Assessment: A Study in Visakhapatnam Slums.
6. A Study of Visakhapatnam Slums: Mapping the Impact of Old age Pensions.

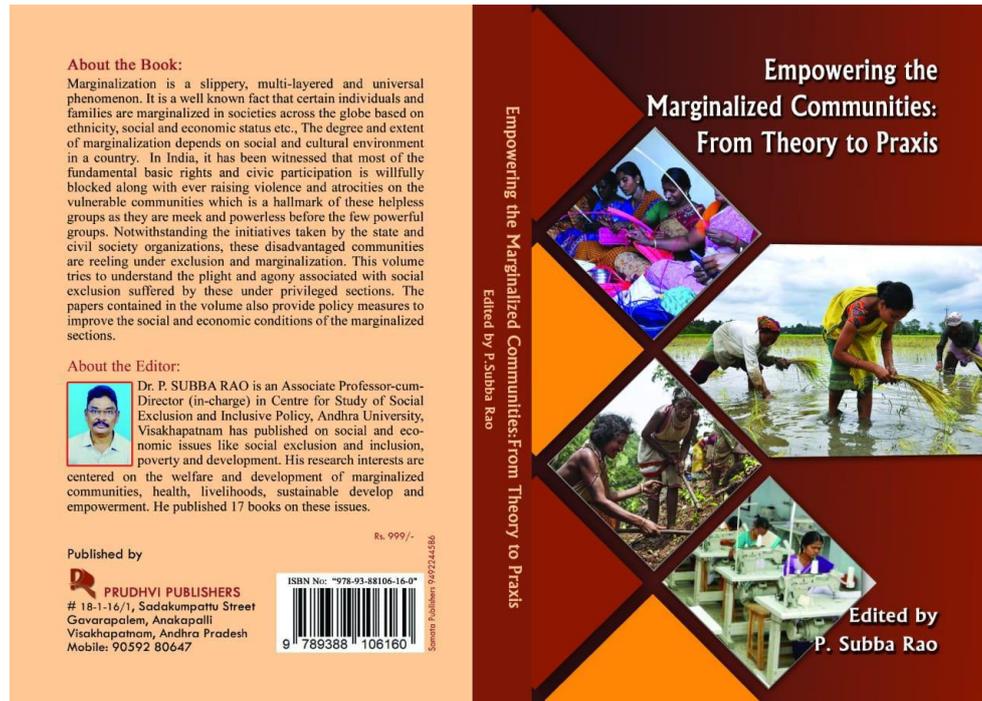
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1. Chapter titled “**Socio-economic Status of Scheduled Castes and Tribes in India: An Assessment**” Published in the Book **Empowering the Marginalized Communities from Theory to Praxis**, Ed. by Dr.P.Subba Rao, 2021, ISBN 978-93-88106-16-0, Prudhvi Publisher Visakhapatnam.
2. **Covid-19: An Evaluative Study with Specific Reference to Andhra Pradesh**,

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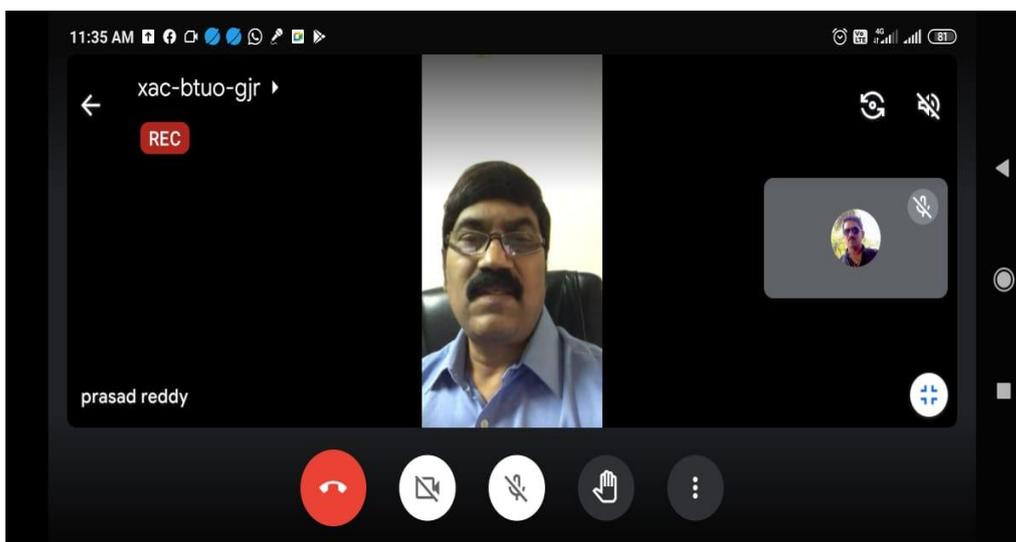


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1. National Webinar on “**Senior Citizens: Problems and Welfare Measures**” on 21.8.2021



Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University
speaking as Chief Guest at the inauguration of the Webinar

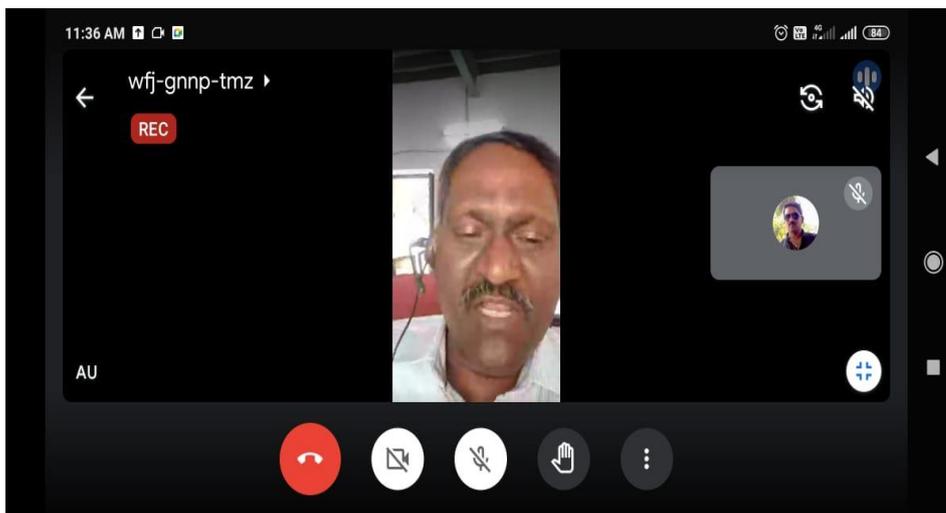
The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University organised a National Webinar on “**Senior Citizens: Problems and Welfare Measures**” and was conducted on YouTube and Google Meet on 21st August, 2021 between 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. This webinar provided a platform to raise awareness in the community about the issues faced by the senior citizens and analyse them. This program is organised to sensitize the scholars, students and the public on the need to accord due respect to the senior citizens, recognize their contributions on this day, i.e. 21st August, which is observed every year globally as the ‘**World Senior Citizens Day**’. The webinar would also offer suggestions to improve the overall conditions of senior citizens for their better living.

Inaugural Session

Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy**, Hon'ble ViceChancellor, Andhra University inaugurated the webinar. Addressing the participants, Prof. Reddy stated that India has the second largest global population of elderly and in the coming years, their number is most likely to increase further. Prof.Reddy stated that the senior citizens face discrimination, mistreatment at family and societal level and face exclusion. He further added that they have several health issues and a majority of them being poor finds difficult to maintain without adequate financial support. There is a need to create better health infrastructure in remote and rural areas to cater to the needs of the senior citizens, noted Prof.

Reddy. Further, he mentioned as to how the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Sri Y.S.Jaganmohan Reddy has been implementing the pension scheme, Aarogya Sri and several other schemes (Navaratnalu) for the benefit of senior citizens and other categories of people living in poverty. He also stated that the Chief Minister has increased the pension amount from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2,250/-p.m. as an election promise. Prof. Reddy explained the plight of the senior citizens, such as isolation and the feelings of loneliness, when their off-spring has left homes to pursue education or for employment at different locations.

2. National Webinar on “**Informal Sector in India during COVID-19 Times: Issues and Perspectives**” on 25.9.2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University speaking at the inauguration of the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organised a **National Webinar on “Informal Sector in India during COVID-19 Times: Issues and Perspectives”** today. **Prof. V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan explained how the pandemic, COVID-19 had impacted and caused misery to the human lives. Even in the normal times, the informal workers do not receive proper wages; work in poor conditions without any rights, insurance, pension etc. The informal sector and those engaged and dependent on this sector is the worst hit during the COVID times, noted Prof. Mohan. He mentioned that 80 per cent of the workforce employed in the informal sector found difficult to meet their both ends. He stated that the informal workers had depended and continued to sustain themselves on the welfare schemes launched by the Governments at the Centre and the States during the lockdown imposed due to COVID-19. The voluntary organisations also came to the rescue of the people in the informal sector that includes the workers and petty traders by supplying food items during this critical period, added Prof. Mohan.

Presiding over the program, Prof. **Prof.P.Rajendra Karmarkar**, Principal, College of Arts and Commerce, Andhra University stated that the informal sector workers have several problems like social security, low and irregular wages and often they are less than minimum wages fixed for a worker. He pointed out the webinar is quite relevant today, as these workers are passing through a difficult phase and are yet to completely recover from the effects of COVID-19. Director of the Centre, **Dr.P.Subba Rao** welcomed the gathering and outlined the objectives of the program. Referring to the Economic Survey estimates (2018-19), he noted that around 93 per cent of the workforce (42 crore) are in the informal sector, who are still exploited by the employers and are neglected. He referred to the reports of some agencies like the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), and stated that overall, 121.5 million jobs were lost in India and out of it 91.2 million were informal jobs such as small traders, hawkers, daily wage labourers etc. **Prof.K.Sekhar**, Coordinator, RGNIYD, North-Eastern Regional Centre, Arunachal Pradesh in his address highlighted the plight of the informal sector workers and small petty businesses like flower vendors, vegetable vendors tea stall owners, street and snack food vendors with some Case studies in Chandigarh and Chennai. **Prof.Anil Kumar Mohapatra**, Department of Political Science, Fakir Mohan University, Nuapadhi in his address felt the need to extend social protection to informal sector and noted that the works under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme be extended to agricultural workers for 200 days in a year. He highlighted how the Supreme Court of India is interpreting “the right to livelihood” and the States must ensure implementation of these judgments. The program concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr.N.Babavali, CSSEIP.

3. National Webinar on “**Poverty and Malnutrition in India: Issues and Challenges**” on 29.10.2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University addressing the participants at the webinar.

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on “**Poverty and Malnutrition in India: Issues and Challenges**” on 29th October, 2021. **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Samatha stated that India has around 84 million people living in [extreme poverty](#) with around 6% of its total population as of May 2021. She felt that the novel Coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic has pushed an additional 90 million to 115 million people into extreme poverty this year, with the total rising to as many as 400 million by 2021. Prof.Samatha in her virtual address stated that in India, around 44 per cent of the children are under-weight and majority of the population lives in abject poverty. She observed that the government and non-governmental organisations have initiated several programs to alleviate poverty by providing free/subsidised food and other necessities, increased access to loans, promoting education and healthcare. **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP outlined the aims of the webinar. In his address, he stated that the majority of the population in India are poor and noted that lack of food is the main reason for malnutrition. Explaining the initiatives of the government and non-governmental organizations in addressing poverty and malnutrition, Dr.Rao maintained that a ‘dietary shift’ is required among the poorer sections.

Resource Person on the occasion, **Dr.P.V.Sudhakar**, Principal, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam in his address highlighted the issues of poverty and malnutrition. He expressed with concern how children under the age of 5 years are wasted and stunted. The rate of obesity is rising among adult women and men, noted Dr.Sudhakar. He stated that Indian economic situation slipped to what it was 45 years ago after the pandemic. He explained the challenges facing the country, such as low literacy rate, unemployment, rapid urbanization, growing urban slums, homelessness; population explosion which has a relationship with malnutrition and needs to be addressed. **Prof.Sanghamitra Sheel Acharya**, Chairperson, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in her virtual address highlighted the issues of poverty and malnutrition and its impact on health and nutritional status of the people across all social groups. She referred to the National Family Health Surveys and statistically explained the literacy, social, economic and demographic characteristics, viz. Sex ratio, Infant Mortality Rate and Maternal Mortality Rate etc. of the oppressed sections with other social groups. Prof.Acharya stated that the investment in human capital, education, employment creation and health would go a long way in addressing poverty and malnutrition in India. The program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr.N.Babavali, CSSEIP. Staff of the Centre, Faculty of the University departments, Students, Scholars constituting around 75 attended the virtual event.

4. National Webinar on “**Fishery Sector in India: Challenges and Opportunities**” on 25.11.2021



Resource Persons **Dr.Sai Kumar Chintalapudi (L)** Formerly Senior Research Analyst, A.P. State Planning Board, and **G.Venkateswarlu (R)**, Instructor, Fishing Technology, Central Institute of Fisheries and Nautical Engineering Training (CIFNET) addressing the participants at the webinar.

5. National Webinar on “**Caste Census among BC Communities in India: Strategies for Inclusive Development**” on 27.12.2021



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University speaking at the inauguration of the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a One-day National Webinar on “**Caste Census among BC Communities in India: Strategies for Inclusive Development**” on 27th December, 2021.

Prof.V.Krishna Mohan, Officer on Special Duty, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that the BCs are lagging behind socially, economically and politically and enumeration of caste based census would help in designing appropriate policies for their development. He emphasized the need for undertaking such enumeration based on the population size and by region and around 50 percent of the population belong to BCs and the policies must be devised to reach the bottom of the social ladder. He expressed the view that the constitutional guarantees must be enforced and laws must be evolved to bring parity and equality among all social groups. Guest of Honour, **Prof.V.Subramanyam**, Former Member, BC Commission and Emeritus Professor, Department of Anthropology, Andhra University in his virtual address stated that caste is a unique feature of Indian social system and each individual over the years is identified with a particular caste in which he/she is born and castes are structured and hierarchically arranged in the order. India represents numerous castes and religious groups and caste system is rigid in India and the principles of endogamy are observed, noted the Guest of Honour. He stressed on the conduct of caste based enumeration of Backward Communities in India.

Keynote Speaker, **Prof. Y.Chinna Rao**, Director, Centre for Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in his address gave an historical account of Castes as they existed in India during the early nineteenth and twentieth centuries', the conduct of Census 1931 and observed that the Census data on Caste is nothing but "repackaging of social identities." He referred to the celebrated works on Caste and Census by Herbert Risley, Gail Omvedt, Sumith Guha and other contemporary scholars and highlighted the Reports of Kaka Kalelkar and B.P.Mandal. Kalelkar Commission prepared a list of 2399 backward communities in the country 837 of them were classified as "Most Backward" and submitted its report in March, 1955. Prof. Chinna Rao noted that Caste based census among BCs is the need of the hour as it would bring out the social, economic and educational indicators in comparison with other upper/forward castes. Earlier, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP welcomed the participants, guests and outlined the aims of the webinar. In his address, Dr. Rao mentioned that the webinar is on a contemporary topic and felt the need to identify the extent of social and economic backwardness among the BC Communities and to undertake periodical surveys that help in formulating inclusive policies. Staff of the Centre, Faculty of the University Departments, Scholars and Students attended the event. **Dr.N.Babavali**, CSSEIP proposed formal vote of thanks.

6. National Webinar on "**Marginalized communities in India: Strategies for Social Empowerment**" on 16.2.2022



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University (R) speaking at the inauguration of the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organised a **National Webinar on “Marginalized Communities in India: Strategies for Social Empowerment”** today. **Prof. V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University inaugurated the event. Speaking on the occasion as Chief Guest, Prof. Krishna Mohan stated that “Social Equality and Empowerment” can be possible only when the marginalized and oppressed sections of Indian society are brought into the mainstream developmental process. He noted that as large percentage of Indian society comprises of the impoverished and marginalized sections, India can achieve the social and economic progress only when they are developed in all facets of human development, social, economic, educational and health. In his address, Prof. Mohan mentioned that the best practices need to be adopted and welfare schemes of the government must continue to address the issues of marginalisation in future and he further stressed on “social and economic equality” on an equitable bases. He referred to the seminal work of C. K. Prahlad’s, “Bottom of the Pyramid” and stated that the bottom of the social ladder must be made to scale heights.

Director of the Centre, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, welcomed the guests and participants and outlined the aims of the program. In his address, he stated that the concept of “Marginalization is of several kinds, it may be due to caste or social origin, ethnicity, gender, religion or even language etc. He mentioned the experiences of marginalization and social exclusion suffered by the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Economic Backward Classes, Women, religious minorities etc, who represent the bulk of Indian population.

Resource Person on the occasion, **Dr.Shubamitra Das**, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in her virtual address, stated that Empowerment is referred as a process and outcome that involves enabling individuals, groups and communities to obtain resources that increase their social and economic strengths. She lamented that “Caste” which is an age-old institution in India continues to Pimpede social and economic progress leading to the marginalization of downtrodden sections.

Resource Person on the occasion, **Dr.A.Rama Naga Hanuman**, Head, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, College of Engineering, Andhra University in his address stated that Caste lies at the heart of the country’s segregation and this evil has been in the fundamental fabric of Indian culture since time immemorial. He termed caste as an oppressive institution. He referred to the Mulk Raj Anand’s famous novel, “Untouchable” published in 1935 and highlighted the protagonist in the work, Bakha an 18 year old dalit boy’s agony. He referred to Dr.B.R.Ambedkar and his contributions in making of Indian Constitution and his social reform movements advocating the need to eliminate caste in India by inter-caste and inter-religious marriages. He emphasised the need to introspect on Caste and its impact on the Society. Staff of the Centre expressed their thanks to the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor for his encouragement.

7. National Webinar on “**Human Rights and Development of Vulnerable Communities in India**” on 3.3.2022



Guest of Honour **Prof. V.Vijay Lakshmi**, Principal, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University addressing the participants at the webinar

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organised a **National Webinar on “Human Rights and Development of Vulnerable Communities in India”** today. **Prof. V.Vijay Lakshmi**, Principal, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University and **Prof.D.S.Prakasa Rao**, Chairperson, Faculty of Law and Former Principal, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar College of Law, Andhra University was the Guests of Honour on the occasion. In her address, Prof. V.Vijay Lakshmi stated that the concept of human rights is evolving and is based on the assumption that human beings are born equal in dignity and rights. She noted that a new set of rights are emerging constantly with the changing needs and times and they are essential for a human being to attain social and economic progress. She highlighted the need to honour and implement these rights for all human beings, particularly for the protection and advancement of vulnerable communities in India, like Scheduled Castes, Tribes, Backward Classes, Women, etc

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. D.S.Prakasa Rao, explained the evolution of human rights, tracing it to the earliest times, 500 B.C., the Roman, Greek, Ancient India and the medieval period and the perspective of rights in relation to the State and the people. He mentioned the emergence of “social contract theory”, popularised by great philosophers like Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and stated that as men are self-interested, there is a need to balance the claims that conflict the weak and the poorer sections of the society. In his virtual address, Dr. Rao referred to the Rawl’s Theory of Justice, Amartya Sen’s Ideas of Justice and how Dr.B.R.Ambedkar has provided for human rights in the form of fundamental rights and other provisions intended to ensure social and economic justice. Earlier, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP explained the aims and objectives of the webinar. He stated that the fundamental rights enshrined in the Indian Constitution are meant for the development of the socially disadvantaged and vulnerable communities and that they are intended to afford protection and security to them. He stated that Dr.Ambedkar envisioned the need for creating constitutional machinery, like National Human Rights Commission, etc. Keynote Speaker on the occasion, **Dr.Benarji Chakka**, Professor of International Law and Dean, VIT-AP School of Law, (VSL), VIT-AP University, Vijayawada in his virtual address stated that the concept of human rights is ever widening and described the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is a “precursor for all the rights” in the modern sense particularly in the mid-1940s. All the rights of the human beings are reaffirmed by the UN Charter, with the main purpose to achieve international peace and justice, noted Prof. Benarjee. He expressed the view that the international community recognized the right of self-determination and explained the United Nations General Assembly Resolutions, etc. Staff of the Centre, students, scholars attended the virtual event. **Dr.B.Siva Rama Krishna** moderated the session, while **Dr.N.Babavali**, proposed a formal vote of thanks.

8. Two-day National Seminar on “**Food Security and Development of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups in India**” during 29-30, March, 2022



Chief Guest on the occasion, **Prof.V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University speaking at the inauguration of the National Seminar on Food Security.

Research Projects undertaken:

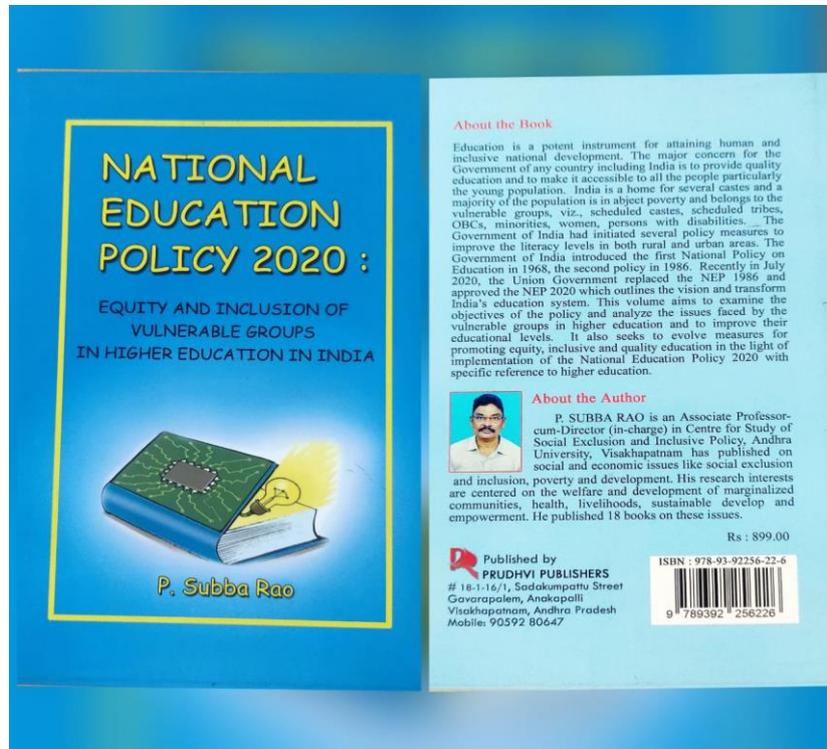
1. Poverty Alleviation and Welfare Schemes: A Study in Selected Slums of Visakhapatnam City.
2. The Role of YSR Mathsyakara Bharosa for Development of Fishermen Community: A Study in Visakhapatnam City.
3. Exclusion of Women and Child in Health Care: A Study of Dulia Tribe in Visakhapatnam Agency”.
4. Social Exclusion of SAVARA Tribe in Seethampet Agency in Srikakulam District.

Research Papers Published in Journals/Books:

1. Book Chapter titled, “**National Educational Policy2020: Equity and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in Higher Education in India**”, Published in National Educational Policy2020: Equity and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups in Higher Education in India, pp157-172 ISBN 978-93-92256- 22-6, 2022, Prudhvi Publishers, Visakhapatnam.

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Plan of action for the next academic year (2022-23)

The Centre organized the following programmes

1. Guest lecture on “**Entrepreneurship Skills among the Socially Disadvantaged Youth in India**” by **Prof . A .Chandra Mohan , Dean, School of Commerce and Business Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu Tiruvarur** on 20th June, 2022 at Seminar Hall, Dept.of Foreign Languages, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.



Prof.K.Samatha, Rector, Andhra University addressing the participants as Chief Guest at the Lecture session

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organized a Guest Lecture on “**Entrepreneurship Skills among the Socially Disadvantaged Youth in India**” on 20th June, 2022. **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Samatha stated that entrepreneurship skills are essential for the success of any business venture and the socially disadvantaged youth need to equip those skills, and capture opportunities for starting their own businesses. The youth are facing several barriers from turning their ideas into projects, noted the Chief Guest. She further mentioned that the socially disadvantaged youth have more issues, such as acute unemployment, lack of proper skills and education, live in extremely complex environments and have major gaps in financial, human and shortage of capital, etc. She observed that there is an element of risk associated with entrepreneurship. The youth must take advantage of the governmental schemes and obtain finances from

institutional lenders by exploring the profitable and the right ventures and start their own businesses, added Prof.Samatha.

Presiding over the program, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP in his address stated that there is a need to foster an entrepreneurial mindset among the socially disadvantaged youth which would also help in the national development. He mentioned that there are several opportunities for undertaking businesses for the youth and though they are educated, they could not find right jobs. He explained the issues faced by the small entrepreneurs during the Covid-19 pandemic times as a result of lockdown and how the small businesses had to be shut resulting in reduced incomes and even losses. He emphasised the need for providing training in life skills and entrepreneurship for the youth.

Delivering the Guest lecture on the topic, **Prof.A.Chandra Mohan**, Head, Department of Management & Dean, School of Commerce and Business Management, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur stated that Entrepreneurship is to be seen as a means to encourage youth and their talents and skills must be explored to cash their business acumen. He stressed on the importance of communication skills, leadership skills, motivation, and they need to be goal oriented, and being honest would help the socially disadvantaged youth to overcome their barriers. **Prof.P.Rajendra Karmakar**, Principal, College of Arts and Commerce, Andhra University graced the occasion as Special Invitee and distributed certificates to the participants. **Dr.G.Santha Rao**, Research Associate, CSSEIP introduced the Speaker to the audience. **Dr.N.Babavali**, welcomed the gathering and **Dr.B.Siva Rama Krishna**, proposed a formal vote of thanks. Staff of the Centre, Faculty of the Departments, Students, Scholars, numbering around 90 participated in the event.

2. As a social responsibility measure, the Centre organised a Sensitization programme on “**Sanitation, Hygiene and Public Health for Slum Dwellers in Visakhapatnam City**” in one of the slums at Peda Jalaripeta, on 17th August, 2022 at GVMC Primary School, Pedajalari Peta, Visakhapatnam.



Prof.V.Krishna Mohan, Registrar, Andhra University speaking as Chief Guest at the Sensitization Programme

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University has organised a Sensitization Programme on “**Sanitation, Hygiene and Public Health for Slum Dwellers in Visakhapatnam City**” today at G.V.M.C. Primary School, Pedajalaripeta. **Prof. V.Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University inaugurated the event. Speaking as Chief Guest on the occasion, Prof. Krishna Mohan explained the importance of maintaining health by every person and that it leads to national growth. He mentioned how the pandemic, COVID-19 had impacted and caused misery to the human lives which is a matter of great public health concern. He laid emphasis on the need for sensitizing the communities particularly the poor and slum dwellers on the importance of sanitation, hygiene and public health. He stressed on nutritious food, cleanliness and healthy life styles. Prof. Mohan added that healthy families, cleaner environment etc. make a prosperous nation. He exhorted the parents to see that their families are not affected by communicable diseases. He added that teachers’ have a major role to play in this regard.

Resource Person, **Dr.Y.Padmasri**, Professor and Head, Department of Community Medicine, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam in her address highlighted the need for proper sanitation, hygiene and how they must be maintained at individual level. She explained how cleanliness helps in sustaining health and demonstrated washing of hands, the time to be taken at least 30 seconds for “hands wash” preferably with soap before and after taking food. She also mentioned how people are affected by “food poisoning” and the need to thoroughly clean the vegetables before cooking and of fruits before human consumption in order to keep them away from chemical substances or agents. She also added that fruits and

vegetables be cleaned with water in moderate heat and not to use water stored for long duration. She highlighted the need for nutritious diet, healthy life styles, substance abuse etc.

Resource Person **Dr.V.Soumya**, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, Andhra Medical College, Visakhapatnam in her address explained the precautions to be taken against water borne and vector diseases. She also mentioned that stagnation of water be avoided as it leads to breeding of mosquitoes, which will harm the public health by dengue, malaria, cholera, chickungunya etc. She also asked the people to be conscious of “dog bites”, the need for urgent medical attention in such cases against ‘rabies’ by proper vaccination. She wanted the public to take the necessary health care and assistance by public health personnel. **Shri M.Ravi Siddartha**, General Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Municipal Teachers’ Federation in his address called on the slum residents to make use of this program and be benefited by practising the clean habits in their daily life. He called on parents of the school students to regularly monitor the health and hygiene of their children.

Earlier, Director of the Centre, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, in his presidential address explained the aim and objectives of this sensitization program. He stated that this program would benefit the public during this rainy season as the poor citizens in slums are most likely in general to be affected by the seasonal diseases. **Dr.N.Babavali**, welcomed the gathering, while **Dr.G.Santha Rao** proposed formal vote of thanks. Staff of the Centre and Head Master and Staff of G.V.M.C. Primary School, Pedajalaripeta and around 100 slum residents participated in the event.

3. Organized Two-day National Seminar on “**Elderly Persons in India: Social Inclusion and Welfare**” during 2nd and 3rd, December, 2022, at Seminar hall, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Andhra University



Prof.K.Samatha, Rector, Andhra University, Chief Guest addressing the participants at the Inaugural Session of the National Seminar on Elderly.

The Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Andhra University is organising a Two-day National Seminar on “**Elderly Persons in India: Social Inclusion and**

Welfare” during 2nd and 3rd December, 2022. **Prof.K.Samatha**, Rector, Andhra University inaugurated the event. Addressing the participants as Chief Guest, Prof. K.Samatha stated that ageing is an inevitable and irreversible process; it leads to decline of physical strength. There is an enormous increase of older population and it estimated that by 2050, there would be around 20 per cent of the total global population, noted the Chief Guest. She felt that ageing brings with it several issues such as isolation, discrimination, mistreatment and abuse. According to her, these are apart from the health problems they face, older persons belong to the category of socially excluded and have several vulnerabilities. Further, Prof. Samatha stressed upon utilization of knowledge and wisdom of the senior citizens for the benefit of the younger generation.

Guest of Honour, **Prof. V. Krishna Mohan**, Registrar, Andhra University in his address stated that elderly persons are facing discrimination at family level and the children are mistreating the parents. He referred as to how the elders were treated in good old days with honour in India and the strong foundations of the family system. There was a great change in the attitudes of the young towards the senior citizens and referred to some specific instances where children neglected and even abandoned their parents after divesting them of their property, noted Prof.Krishna Mohan. He called upon the youth to rethink the causes of change and reorient them for affording better care towards the elderly. He further mentioned that there is a need for strong policy framework with robust implementation mechanism for the welfare of the older persons. Guest of Honour, **Dr.N.S.Raju**, Palliative Care Physician and Managing Trustee, Sneha Sandhya Age Care Foundation, Visakhapatnam in his address explained the specific cases of Palliative Care and instances where geriatric care to be provided. He also stated the Geriatric Care is gaining popularity in India and cited his live examples as a Physician and Trustee of a Not for Profit Organisation. Keynote Speaker, **Ch.Prabhakar**, Consultant, Share India (Rtd.), Hyderabad in his address mentioned the need for a robust healthcare delivery mechanism and stated 80% of the young people have fear of becoming old. Presiding over the program, **Dr.P.Subba Rao**, Director, CSSEIP, Andhra University explained the aims and objectives of the seminar and mentioned that there are around 60 papers were received for presentation. Staff of the Centre, Faculty members of Departments, around 90 participants attended. Dr.N.Babavali, CSSEIP welcomed the gathering, while Dr.B.Siva Rama Krishna, CSSEIP proposed formal vote of thanks.

In addition to these, the Centre proposes to organize the following programmes such as:

1. Sensitization programme on open defecation and related issues in slum areas of Visakhapatnam.
2. National seminar on the aspects of social exclusion of marginalized communities will be organized during the month of March, 2023.

And research projects on the following topics such as

1. Welfare Schemes in Andhra Pradesh and Social Impact Assessment: A Study On Urban Slums In Visakhapatnam.
2. Livelihoods and Inclusion of Two Wheeler Motor Bike Mechanics In Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Limits.
3. Social and Health Status of Widows among Scheduled Tribes: A Study in Alluri Seetharama Raju district.
4. Social Inclusion and Empowerment of Persons with Physical Disabilities- A Study in Visakhapatnam City.

Edited Books to be published:

- 1. Food Security and Development of Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups in India**
- 2. Elderly Persons in India: Social Inclusion and Welfare.**
