

INVITATION

Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP),
Andhra University, Visakhapatnam is organizing a

National Webinar

on

***“Social Exclusion of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in India:
Measures for Inclusion”***

Date: 01.12.2020

Time: 11.00 AM to 1 PM

Platform: Youtube

Stakeholders (participants): Students, Scholars and Academicians

Chief Guest: Prof. P.V.G.D.Prasad Reddy,
Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Andhra University

will inaugurate the Webinar.

Speakers: Dr.S.Chandra Reddy,
Senior Medical Officer, Government Chest Hospital, Visakhapatnam.

Prof.K.R.Rama Mohan,
Head, Department of Anthropology, Central University of Sikkim.

Registration: Free and you can register on or before 29th September 2020 on the below link

E-certificate will be issued to the participant(s) after participation

Participants are requested to Login 15 minutes before the program time.

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One-day National Webinar
on
“Social Exclusion of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in India: Measures for Inclusion”
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Background

HIV/AIDS is a serious health condition found among the people across the world, which when untreated may prove fatal. HIV is a type of virus infection that has a great impact on society, both as an illness and is a source of discrimination and AIDS is the final stage of HIV infection, which causes severe damage to the immune system. This infection threw global challenge and it drew the attention of governments, healthcare providers and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) worldwide. India has 2.1 million people living with HIV, the third largest next only to South Africa and Nigeria. Additionally, it is estimated that there were 88,000 new infections, 56 per cent of adults were on antiretroviral treatment and 69,000 people have died of HIV/AIDS related causes.

In India, the first cases of HIV/AIDS were reported in the mid 1980s among commercial sex workers in Mumbai and Chennai and injecting drug users in the northeastern State of Manipur. In India, HIV prevalence among adults (aged 15-49) was estimated at 0.2% in 2017. The report released by NACO in 2019 indicated that Mizoram stands at the top in respect of HIV infections with 2.04 per cent, followed by Manipur (1.43 per cent), Nagaland (1.15 per cent), Telangana (0.78 per cent), and Andhra Pradesh (0.68 per cent).

The people infected by HIV/AIDS experience a greater degree of social exclusion, stigma and discrimination and find themselves marginalized in the community. The disease is mostly contracted by people of high risk behaviors and it impacts the relations of Persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLHWAs) at social and family level, their household financial condition, in addition to making them exposed to different psychological issues, such as, anxiety, disorder, depression, suicidal tendencies etc. The Governments at the Centre and the States, NACO, the Civil Society

Organizations, the World Health Organization have been playing a pivotal role in creating awareness through various educative campaigns, taking the support of peer educators, funding the health sector to treat and prevent the spread of the disease. The Constitution of India and the recent legislation, The HIV AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017 enacted by the Government of India is protecting the rights of the persons infected with HIV/AIDS. Against this backdrop and as an observance of World AIDS Day, the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, (CSSEIP), Andhra University is organizing a **One-day National Webinar** on “**Social Exclusion of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS in India: Measures for Inclusion**” on 1st December, 2020 with an aim to examine the issues such as exclusion and discrimination faced by the PLHWAs and to arrive at some policy measures for their social inclusion.
