



**Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP)
Andhra University, Visakhapatnam – 530003**

**Two-Day National Seminar on
“Social Inclusion, Equity and Empowerment of
Disadvantaged Communities in India”**

(24-25, March, 2023)

About the National Seminar

Social Inclusion is assumed as the process of improving the terms of participation of the excluded on the basis of origin (caste or race), ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, economic or other status through enhanced opportunities, access to resources and respect for rights. It presupposes “Social Exclusion” which is a multi-dimensional concept and that it exists in some form or the other in all the countries across the world. It is segregation of a group of the people from the social, political, economic and cultural arenas and is a process by which individuals or households experience deprivation either of resources or of social links to the wider community or society. The term, “Social Exclusion” was first used by Rene Lenoir in the mid- 1970s to refer to the situation of certain groups of people – “the mentally and the physically handicapped, suicidal people, invalids, abused children, drug addicts, delinquents, single parents, marginal, asocial persons, and other social misfits”– whom he estimated to comprise one-tenth of the population of France and who were considered vulnerable. Later, this phrase gained popularity in Europe, America and other developed countries and today, it occupied a significant place in the academic and policy documents of all the countries. The list is only illustrative. Individuals may also be excluded by their denial of proper education, livelihood, employment, credit and access to assets such as housing and land etc. In India, exclusion revolves around institutions that discriminate, deprive subordinate groups on the basis of identities like caste, ethnicity, class, religion, gender, disability and age, etc. which are prevalent in various spheres of our society, polity, and economy. “Social Inclusion” is the converse of Exclusion. Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar was conscious of the social and economic inequalities, the historic injustices and the discriminatory practices against the disadvantaged sections, which made him, provide various inclusive provisions in the Indian Constitution for their social and economic empowerment.

Notwithstanding the seven decades of independence, the sanctimonious and egalitarian declarations envisaged in the Indian Constitution, the developmental plans, the

situation of the disadvantaged groups have not improved to a desired extent. Caste based discrimination is predominant and continues even today. Thorat (2008) notes that the unequal assignment of rights in the Indian social structure led to social, economic and educational exclusion of the disadvantaged sections such as, the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, Religious Minorities, Elderly and Women. The castes located at the bottom of the caste hierarchy, such as the Scheduled Castes (SCs) have been subjugated and suffered the most. The Scheduled Tribes suffer from extreme poverty, isolation and exclusion due to their ethnic backgrounds. Women face gender based exclusion. The Religious Minorities face discrimination and their issues are manifold and varied. The Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) the Elderly, the Sexual Minorities and other categories also suffer from exclusion in different forms. The multiple forms of discrimination and the issues faced by each group needs to be addressed in achieving “Social Inclusion and Empowerment”. These groups need to be given adequate opportunities for their social, economic and political empowerment.

In this backdrop, the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Andhra University proposes to organize a Two-day seminar at the national level to examine the historical and causative factors that discriminate the disadvantaged communities from having access to social participation, resources, education, health, rights and other entitlements. The Seminar provides a platform for all the Academics, Scholars, Executives, Professionals and NGOs to discuss the existing socio-economic inequalities being faced by the disadvantaged communities in India.

THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

- Social Exclusion and Inclusion in India: Conceptual Analysis, Origin and Growth.
- Social Exclusion and Inclusion of Disadvantaged social groups: Indian Constitution and Legal Framework.
- Social Exclusion and Inclusion of SCs, STs, OBCs, Women, Religious Minorities, PWDs, Elderly and other disadvantaged communities
- Social Exclusion and Inclusive Development of Marginalized Communities vis-a-vis Injustice, Factors and Causes for Marginalization and Rights Approach.
- Social Exclusion and Inclusion in India: Health, Education, Employment, Housing and Livelihood Issues of Marginalized sections.
- Any other issue on Social Inclusion, Equity and Empowerment of these vulnerable sections in India.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited from participants on any of the themes mentioned in the thrust areas.

MODE OF PRESENTATION

Resource persons are invited to make presentations on any key theme. The duration of the presentation for selected papers will be for 15 minutes.

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

- Abstract not exceeding 300 words and Full papers not exceeding 5000 words typed on MS Word format (Times New Roman), font size 12 with title, name of author(s), complete address, mobile number and e-mail address of the author should reach the Director of the Seminar, by an e-mail attachment by 18th March, 2023. In case of Co-authors, these details should also be provided for each co-author.
- A Committee will review the abstracts and full papers submitted and acceptance will be communicated to the authors subsequently by mail.
- The selected papers will be published in an edited book.
- The authors are requested to send their abstracts and full papers to the e-mail:

socialinclusionseminar2023@gmail.com

REGISTRATION FEE

- Academicians: Rs.700/- . Research Scholars: Rs.300/- Students: Rs.200/- and Others: Rs. 1,000/-.The participants can pay the registration fee at the Seminar Venue and obtain a receipt.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Sleeper class train fare by shortest route will be given to outstation participants who submitted and presented that paper at the Seminar. However, the participants are requested to seek sponsorship of their institutions for their travel. Moderate accommodation and local hospitality will be provided to outstation participants. In case of multi-authors, only one author will be paid travel charges. Multi-authors will be given certificates only on payment of registration fee. The participants are advised to make their own travel arrangements and inform the arrival and departure time and dates for making necessary arrangements.

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