



## National Seminar On

# Social Development in India: Issues and Challenges

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### About the Seminar:

Widening social and economic inequality within most countries and across the world is now well-documented and unarguable (UNDP, 2013). According to UN Report, 'inequality does not affect only the poor, but can be detrimental to growth, stability and well-being in general' (UN DESA, 2013). Social development is defined as a process of systematic change (Values, attitudes, institutions and practices) purposefully initiated through the instruments of social policy and planning for the enhancement of the levels of living and quality of life of the people especially the weaker sections in an eco-friendly, socially just and participatory environment. Social development is inclusive of economic development but it emphasizes the development of the society in totality that is, in its economic, political, social and cultural aspects (Gore, M.S; 1993). The Copenhagen Social Summit, 1995 defined Social Development in terms of 'Social harmony; Employment generation & Poverty eradication'. Amartya Sen says social development is equality of social opportunities.

India had made notable progress in achieving poverty reduction and some of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by initiating poverty alleviation and other developmental programmes, through various five year plans and also the Constitutional commitments, policies & legislations to protect the interests of the poor and marginalized sections. However, this progress has been uneven and millions of people still continue to remain trapped in extreme poverty.

The poverty rate is declined only 1.36 and still 29.5% people are under below poverty line (Planning commission, 2011-12). The Human Development Index value of India is 0.609 and could achieve 130<sup>th</sup> rank in World. (UNDP, 2015). India is positioned 55 in the ranking order of Global Hunger Index. Unemployment, gender inequality, social unrest, violation of human rights, issues related to health and education etc., are the major obstacles in hindering the development process and reduction of poverty.

Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. In its first report on Global Agenda for

Social Work and Social development (2014), the focus has been given on promoting social and economic equalities; Promoting the dignity and worth of peoples; Working towards environmental and community sustainability and Strengthening recognition of the importance of human relationships.

Against this back ground, this National Seminar is intended to provide a platform to discuss the issues and challenges of social development in India.

### Objectives of the Seminar:

- To provide a platform to academicians, researchers and practitioners in the field of social work and social development in India.
- To critically review the policies and programmes of social development in India.
- To examine the emerging challenges and issues that impact on social development in India and
- To document innovative social work practices in social development in India.

### Sub themes of the Seminar:

- Poverty and Unemployment
- Human Resources and Development
- Health Issues, Inequality and Gender
- Social, Financial Inclusion and Economic Growth
- Family, Women, Youth and Child Development
- Senior Citizens, Differently abled Citizens and other marginalized groups
- Migration, Displacement and Indigenous people
- Policies and Programmes for the Poor and Marginalized sections
- Ecological and Environmental Issues and Sustainable development
- Information and Communication Technology and Development
- Social Work Practice and Social Development
- Role of Government, Corporate Sector and Civil Society Organizations

### Call for Papers:

Full papers with an abstract are invited from the academicians, researchers, NGOs working in the field of Social work and Social Development on anyone of the above sub themes of the seminar.

### Guidelines for Author (s):

Abstract not exceeding 300 words and full paper (4500 to 5000 words) including tables, diagrams, charts, illustrations and references, typed on MS Word format in Times New Roman with font size 12 and 1.5 spacing for the text, along with title, name of author (s), complete address, telephone number and e-mail of the author should reach the Director of the Seminar by e-mail. Author (s) should follow American Psychological Association (APA) Format for References and other citations.

Last date for submission of Abstract : **15-03-2016**

Acceptance of Notification : **17-03-2016**

Last date for submission of full paper : **24-03-2016**

• Abstracts and full papers can be sent to:  
au.sw.dsa.seminar2016@gmail.com;  
drkvrao05@yahoo.co.in; gplatha10@gmail.com

• A committee will review the abstracts submitted and acceptance will be communicated to the authors subsequently. Selected papers will be reviewed, revised and published in an edited volume with ISBN.

### Registration Fee:

Academicians and Practitioners	Rs. 500/-
Research Scholars & Local Participants	Rs. 300/-

The participants have to pay the registration fee in the form of DD drawn in favour of Co-ordinator, UGC-DSA Programme, Dept. of Social Work, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam payable at State Bank of India, AU Campus, and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

### Travel and Accommodation:

Sleeper class fare (to and fro) will be given to out-station participants (for one author only) whose papers are accepted for presentation. However, the actual cost of travel for the eligible author (drawing UGC pay scales) presenting a full paper would be reimbursed up to 3<sup>rd</sup> AC class (Non Rajadhani category) rail fare by the shortest route on production of confirmed tickets, subject to availability of funds. The participants are requested to meet their travel from their institution/organization. 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 Andhra University:

Andhra University established in 1926 located at Visakhapatnam in north-east coastal region of Andhra Pradesh, is one of the oldest premier universities in India. It was headed by stalwarts like Dr. Cattamanchi Ramalinga Reddy, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan etc. The University has been imparting education to a large number of students in various branches of Arts & Commerce; Science and Technology; Law; Engineering and Pharmacy. Since the day of inception, the university has indeed been keeping up its tradition of national interface. Besides its routine contribution in cultivating, nurturing and grooming up of the top-notch intellectuals for the nation, its unique presence is strongly felt even in the international scenario for its research and innovations especially in the fields of Science, Engineering and Technology. In recognition to its outstanding performance, the University has been accredited 'A' grade with 3.6 points in its third cycle of accreditation in 2016 by NAAC.

### About the Department:

The Social Work Department of Andhra University which was established in 1957 is one of the oldest departments in South India to start Social Work course. The Department has been offering M.A., M. Phil., and Ph.D. programs in Social Work and carrying out and extensive research in the fields of Family, Human Resources Development, Human Rights, Developmental Studies, Gender Studies etc. The department is offering specializations such as Community Development, Medical and Psychiatric Social Work, Family and Child Welfare, Personnel Management & Labour welfare etc.

### About Visakhapatnam:

Visakhapatnam is the largest and smart city in the state of Andhra Pradesh. It is a breathtakingly beautiful coastal city on the east coast of India with green hills and beaches dotting the seafront and has many tourist attractions and holiday spots. Splendid ancient temples and modern industries like Hindustan Shipyard, BHEL, HPCL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, NTPC etc., make Visakhapatnam a vibrant city. It is the headquarters of Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy.

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