



National Seminar on

Persons with Disabilities Perspectives, Problems and Protection

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About the National Seminar

Disability is an impairment that may be cognitive, developmental, intellectual, mental, physical, sensory, or some combination of these. Disability continues to be perceived as a tragic aberration with multiple disparities. People with disabilities are vulnerable, as the disability affects the sustenance of person's life activities.

It is estimated that about 15 per cent of the world's population have one or other form disability (WHO, 2015). In India out of the 121 Crore population, 2.68 Crore persons are 'disabled' which constitutes 2.21 per cent of the total population. Among the disabled population 56 per cent are males and the rest are females. The percentage decadal change in disabled population during 2001-2011 is 22.4, whereas for the total population, the percentage decadal change is 17.7 (Census, 2011). The primary responsibility for ensuring respect for the rights of persons with disabilities rests with the government. Indian Constitution guarantees equal rights to each individual. India is one of the signatories to United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and as such the provisions of the Convention have to be implemented in letter and spirit. The Central and State Governments have achieved various landmarks by doing laudable work by implementing various policies and legislations such as National Policy of Education (NPE) 1986, Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI), and National Policy on Persons with Disabilities (2006) and followed by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPWD) Act 2016. According to the RPWD Act 2016, disabilities have been extended from existing 7 to 21 categories and thereby the number of persons with disabilities in India would be more than the census figures of 2.68 crores.

Lack of information, publicity, advocacy, parity and absence of a single window approach lead persons with disabilities deprivation and inaccessible to the benefits and schemes which are meant exclusively for them. To mitigate this problem international agencies, central and state governments, national institutes for the disabled, NGOs etc. have to play a significant role to protect and ensure the rights of the disabled. The social work profession is committed to maximise the wellbeing of individuals, families, groups, communities and society. Social workers understand that people with disability, despite of their impairments, are a diverse group and endeavoured with wide range of experiences and abilities.

However, there is a dearth of research on PWDs, sustainable solutions for the problems of PWDs, use of technology in addressing the issues of PWDs and so on. There is a need to focus on the overall mainstreaming of persons with disabilities by adopting the social model which is more inclusive and comprehensive. We need to reaffirm the spirit of UNCRPD in true sense which takes a more positive approach towards working with disability

With this backdrop, the Department of Social Work, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam, under UGC-DSA Programme, proposes to conduct a National Seminar on Persons with Disabilities: Perspectives, Problems and Protection. This is an interactive platform for academicians, practitioners, researchers, trainers and other stakeholders of persons with disabilities who are engaged in the process of collective learning and make disability-friendly policies for their development and empowerment.

Objectives of the National Seminar

- To create a platform for the academicians, researchers, administrators and practitioners to make a dialogue on perspectives and issues of persons with disabilities.
- To better understanding of the initiatives and policy issues taken by the central and state governments of India in relation to the Persons With Disabilities.
- To encourage the sustainable methodologies adopted to effectively address the issues of the Persons With Disabilities.
- To understand, analyse, and document the experiences and role of professional social work practitioners and non-government organisations with respect to inclusion of Persons With Disabilities.
- To come up with appropriate policy recommendations for empowering Persons With Disabilities.

Sub Themes

- Physical disability - Loco motor, Visual impairment, Hearing impairment etc
- Intellectual disability - specific learning disabilities, autism spectrum disorder
- Mental behaviour - Mental illness; Disability caused due to chronic neurological conditions - multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease; Blood disorders - haemophilia thalassemia, sickle cell disease
- Multiple Disabilities and Acid attack victims
- Gender dimensions in Disability
- Children with Disability
- Ageing and Disability
- Policies, legislations, social security and problems of PWDs
- Interventions of Government, CSR and NGOs for PWDs
- Health, Education (special education, inclusive education), Care and Support to PWDs
- Advocacy, Capacity Building, Planning, Disability Management for PWDs
- Role of various National Institutions for the Disabled, Academic Institutions, RCI, District Rehabilitation Centres, Composite Regional Centres, Vocational Rehabilitation Centres in empowering the PWDs
- Prevention and Rehabilitation measures for PWDs
- Training, Skill development and employment opportunities for PWDs
- Technological interventions and innovations and Trends in research and development
- Role of Family, Parents organizations and neighbourhood in relation to PWDs
- Role of Professional Social work in development of PWDs

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About the 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 imparts education to large number of students in various branches of Arts & Commerce, Science and Technology; Law; Engineering and Pharmacy. In recognition to its outstanding performance, the University has been accredited 'A' grade with 3.6 points (out of 4 point scale) in its third cycle of accreditation in 2016 by NAAC.

About the Department

The Social Work Department of Andhra University established in 1957 is one of the oldest departments of Social Work in India. The Department is offering M.A., M. Phil., and Ph.D. Programs in Social Work and consultancy services in specialized fields. It carries active and extensive research in the field of Family, Child, Gerontology, Human Resources Development, Human Rights, Developmental Studies, Criminology, Gender Studies, Self-Help Groups etc.

About the Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam is the largest smart city, both in terms of area and population in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It is a breathtakingly beautiful coastal city on the east coast of India and modern industries like Hindustan Shipyard, BHEL, HPCL, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, NTPC etc., make Visakhapatnam a vibrant city. The city hosts several outstanding Non-governmental organizations like SOS, Green Valley, Nature, Navajeevan Health Centre, HelpAge India and many other working in rural and tribal areas of the district. NGOs like Lebenshilfe, RCD, Omkar School for deaf have been rendering services for PWDs. The city is well connected by air, rail and road with other cities in India.

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Call for Papers

Research papers based on primary and secondary data, with an abstract, are invited from the academicians, researchers, NGOs and government organizations working in the field of Disability. The research papers should be in alignment with the sub themes as mentioned above.

Guidelines for Authors

Abstract not exceeding 300 words and a full paper with the length of 4500 to 5000 words including tables, diagrams, charts, illustrations and references typed on MS word format in Times New Roman with font size 12 with 1.5 spacing for the text, along with the title, name of the author (s), complete address, telephone numbers and email address. The abstracts and full papers should be sent by mail to **au.sw.dsa.seminar2018@gmail.com** or **gplatha10@gmail.com**

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

Last date of submission of abstract	12. 02. 2018
Acceptance of notification	19. 02. 2018
Last date for submission of full paper	28. 02. 2018

A committee will review the abstracts submitted and acceptance will be communicated to the author (s) subsequently. Selected papers will be revised and published in an edited volume with ISBN.

Registration Fee

Academicians and Practitioners	Rs. 1000
Local participants and Research scholars	Rs. 500

The participants have to send filled - in registration form, along with registration fee, in the form of DD drawn in favour of **Coordinator, UGC-DSA programme, Department of Social Work, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam** payable at State Bank of India, Andhra University campus, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Travel and Accommodation

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