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CAMPUS - KAKINADA

The Andhra University Campus, Kakinada lies on the East coast in the East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh, India. The campus has been carefully nurtured in academic and service activities since its establishment in November 1977. At present the center is ideally located in between 216 National Highway and Kakinada Port – Samalkot ADB Road in a 50.93 acres site at Thimmapuram village. The Campus is at a distance of nine kilometers from Kakinada Town Railway Station and 10 kilometers from Samalkot Railway station. The environment and facilities at the Centre are very conducive to learning.

The Campus is offering the following courses:

- M.A. Political Science (1977-1978)
- M.A. Public Administration (1977-1978)
- M.H.R.M (SF & Regular) (2009-2010)
- M. Phil. (Full Time and Part Time)
- Ph.D. (Full Time and Part Time)

THEME OF SEMINAR

The governance in India seems to have lost its direction. The core values envisaged by our constitution are getting eroded with every passing day. The sacrosanct principles around which the constitution is constructed are overlooked by its present day executers who are overzealous to meet the international conditionalities to focus on the growth rate by conveniently glossing over the welfare measures. The economic reforms which were crisis-driven and not strategy oriented continue without structural adjustments which could otherwise ensure a safety net for the poor masses of the society. The policies evolved from time to time are growth and elite-centric. Only certain populist schemes are formulated for the common man. An anatomy of such policies shows that they are meant for mere subsistence with a restricted scope and hence do not envisage further growth. With the state subjecting the Indian economy to the swings of world economy in the name of globalization, the low class in the country are in no position to weather the swings. The country’s sovereignty has been surrendered to the developed world. With the reorientation of economy in terms of capitalism, money is playing a decisive role even influencing political power. The industrial houses in the country cross the frontiers to maximise their profits while the low class suffer destitution. The concepts of Liberty, Equality, Fraternity and Social Justice are getting diluted at the altar Economic reforms and globalization which undermine the very spirit of the Indian constitution.

The era of freedom fighters and popular political leaders entering the Parliament based on certain ideology is gradually ceasing and the capacity to spend in the elections inter alia became the prime criterion to field the candidates in the elections. Displacement of masses on a large scale to facilitate establishment of heavy industries and Foreign Direct investment have become a common feature of governance. This takes place in the name of development-induced displacement which is couched in neo-liberal jargon by the theoreticians of economic reforms. The influence of the industrial houses domestic and foreign is so overwhelming that the few resisting or dissenting voices are easily thwarted on the floor of Parliament. Laws are insouciantly enacted to liberalise the economic processes like facilitating the establishment of Special Economic zones, etc., while no efforts are made to regulate the booming real estate business. Such pro-rich economic policies only alienate the masses from the mainstream economy.

The political reservations for SCs and STs have produced a class of political elite who subordinate themselves to the whims and fancies of the political bosses and hence cannot serve the needs of their brethren. This very system of Joint electorate is a contradiction in the very policy of Affirmative Action and hence defeats the fundamental principle of reservation. The system is convenient to practice the politics of clientelism.

The antagonists of Affirmative Action found it expedient to evade the reservation policy through the escape route of privatization which is undertaken on a massive scale. The predominance of vernacular medium of education in government aided schools does not groom the students to compete for the
newly emerging jobs on the canvas of globalization. Instructively, majority of the students in such schools belong to the subaltern sections of the society. With business oriented representatives entering the Legislatures the underprivileged are deprived of genuine representatives who could espouse their cause.

Dr. Ambedkar on the eve of presenting the Constitution cautioned that we would soon enter into a life of contradictions where in politics we may have equality in the name of ‘one man one vote and one value’ but in social and economic life the inequity would continue. If such inequities persist, the deprived would ‘blow up the structure of political democracy’.

The seminar proposes to deliberate up on various socio-economic and political issues which are incompatible with the spirit of the constitution. The seminar would also discuss the Ambedkar’s original vision of Indian constitution which would have added new dimensions to the existing one with focus on equality and level playing field in all the spheres. It focuses on the responsibility of the academics to deal with the prognosis of the policies of globalization so as to construct an alternative model of development which is all inclusive and more sustainable in nature.

**SUB-THEMES:**

1. Political democracy in India and Dr. Ambedkar’s model of constitution
2. The compatibility of Economic policies with the constitution of India
3. The shifts in Indian politics in the context of globalization
4. Whither Reservation Policy?
5. Law, dominant culture and cultural alienation

**VENUE**

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(Times New Roman, font size 12, Line space 1.5)

Last date for Full Length paper 02-04-2015
(Times New Roman, font size 12, Line space 1.5)

**Registration fee:**

For Delegates : Rs.300/-
For Scholars and Students : Rs.100/-

Working lunch, snacks and tea will be served on two days

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