

UGC Sponsored National Seminar

On

“Social Inclusion: Policies and Practices”.

**Organised by the Department of Sociology,
Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Sambalpur.**



Date: February 3rd, 2018.

Venue: P.G. Dept. of Sociology, Sambalpur University



The Sambalpur University Act was passed by the Odisha Legislature on 10th December, 1966 to fulfill long cherished dream of people of Western Odisha for establishment of a University. The University started functioning from 1st January, 1967 with Prof. Parsuram Mishra as the first Vice-Chancellor. The University was inaugurated on 4th January, 1967 by Honourable Chancellor A.N. Khosla. The University started functioning in 1967 in a rented private building at Dhanupali, Sambalpur and in Government building at Ainthapali, Sambalpur from 1968-72. In the year 1973 the University was shifted to the present campus named Jyoti Vihar at Burla.

Department of Sociology:

The Department of Sociology was established jointly with the Anthropology Department in the year 1976. As per the recommendation of the U.G.C. in the VIII Plan, the P.G. Department of Anthropology and Sociology was bifurcated and the independent Department of Sociology came into existence in the year 1991. Being located in the Western part of Odisha, the department has focused on the needs and aspirations of the students and the people who have great faith on the social institutions and the academics.

One of the special features of the Department is the intensive fieldwork tradition which has been continuing since its inception.

The Department runs P.G., M.Phil & Ph.D Programmes on regular mode with subject specializations. The department also continues to organize various academic events for making the students and faculties academically connected with other institutions/organizations.

Introducing the Seminar:

Social inclusion, is affirmative action to change the circumstances and habits that lead to (or have led to) social exclusion. Social Inclusion is a strategy to combat social exclusion, but it is not making compensation or amends for past mistake as in affirmative action. It is the coordinated response to the very complex system of problems that are known as social exclusion. The notion of social inclusion can vary according to the type of strategies organizations adopt. Hence exclusion and inclusion are connected concepts.

‘Social exclusion’ is a multi-dimensional concept, involving economic, social, political, and cultural aspects of disadvantage and deprivation. First used in France in the mid-1970s, European scholars and policy makers had adopted the concept as an effort to go beyond poverty. “Social exclusion” is often described as the process by which individuals and groups are wholly or partly eliminated from participation in the productive activities in the community or society. Such exclusion happens due to low income and less access to employment, social benefits and services. As a consequence the under-privileged individuals dissociate themselves from various aspects of cultural and community life.

Like poverty, social exclusion is not attributed to any single cause. Persistently low incomes, lack of job opportunities, place of residence or neighbourhood, lack of access to education, to health care, and to other public services combine to trap particular groups in a situation of severe disadvantage. Social exclusion is not primarily concerned with short term wealth accumulation; rather can be contextualised with the broader range of capabilities people enjoy or fail to enjoy. Against this backdrop the proposed Seminar aims to address the need of the under-privileged and marginalised section of the society, those who have less access to health care, education, employment, economic well-being, social participation and related areas. Under the broad area of social Inclusion, the Seminar aims to plead for inclusive policies with effective implementations. Notwithstanding the broad theme, following sub-themes is selected.

Major Thematic Areas/ Sub-themes of the Seminar:

- SC/ST/Women
- School dropout/out of school children
- BPL Households
- Elderly
- Ethnic/religious minorities
- Patients suffering from terminal illness
- Differently able individuals
- Any other under-privileged and marginalised section

Registration Fees (Detailed registration form is attached)

Participants	Amount (by 20 th January,2018)	Amount (after 20 th January,2018)
Faculties & practitioners	1200/-	1500/-
Research Scholars/Students	700/-	1000/-
Accompanying Person	1200/-	1500/-

Research scholars must provide proof of certificates from their respective Institutions/Universities to avail concessions for registration. The registration fee must be sent through a Demand Draft/ Net Banking/Bank Deposit Slip in favour of- **SOCIOLOGY-SEMINAR2018**, payable at Jyoti Vihar Burla, Sambalpur (SBI, Branch Code-SBIN0006672). **The last date for the receipt of registration form along with the registration fees (without late payment) is 20th January, 2018.**

Important Dates:

1. **Last date for submission of Abstract** :16th January, 2018
2. **Intimation regarding selection of abstracts**: 18th March, 2018
3. **Submission of Full Paper**: 25th , January, 2018

Note- Those who are willing to only participate in the Seminar without paper presentation may also adhere to the same registration deadline.

Boarding and Lodging:

Outstation participants will be provided modest boarding and lodging from the **evening of 2nd February to evening of 3rd February, 2018**. On prior intimation accommodation may be arranged for the specified days.

Travelling Expenses:

Participants and paper presenters are expected to bear their own travel expenses due to limited budget.

Chief Patron: Honourable Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University

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