

National Seminar

on

“Social Structure and Dalits: Issues, Challenges and Inclusive Strategies”

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Our University:

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Our Department:

With an aim to study and curb the menace of the social evils, the Department of Sociology was established in the fag-end of the year 2008. The department offers master's programme, M.Phil programme and Research programme in the same discipline. Besides, it also offers a certificate course in NGO Management for social development. As part of the outreach programme the department has adopted Sangeethapatty, a nearby village for its multidimensional development. This facilitates the students of sociology to link the classroom with field. From its inception the department was conducted various programmes like organizing national seminar, workshop, sensitization programme on human rights etc. Similarly the department celebrates the various important national and international important days in its premises and its adopted village.

The Seminar

The phenomenon of modernity is external, not internal for Indian society. The Indian mindset is not at all changed in spite of technical advancement.

India's social fabric is constructed on Caste or Jati which is deep rooted and manifested in the form of sidelining certain group of people from the mainstream society. The Social inequality is the built in nature of our Indian society. Dalits are more vulnerable in the social structure of India. Dalits who occupy the last rung of the social ladder are socially out skirted for a long while in the Indian scenario. From cradle to cemetery, they face countless struggles and treated inhumanly in all walks of life. The discrimination is obvious in education, employment in unorganised sector, social gatherings, even in grave yards also not spared for discrimination. They are subjected to various social evils. Atrocities are unleashed against their life and properties. The issues lie in the social structure of the Indian society. The Indian social structure is unique in nature and paves way for social inequality by the way of social stratification. It gives more significance to ascribed nature. Social structure refers to the network of social relationship which is created among the human beings when they interact with each other according to their statuses in accordance with the patterns of society. The social structure of a society contributes to the formation of its attitude, and the attitude, in turn, contributes to maintenance of the social structure. There is no easy way to curb this vicious cycle.

As members of the lowest rank of Indian society, Dalits face discrimination at almost every level: from access to education and medical facilities to restrictions on where they can live and what jobs they can have. The subjugation of dalits into various social exclusion is being practiced in the modern era too. The human rights violation is obvious among the dalits. The graph of crime against the dalits' life and their properties is linear. The newspapers and magazines are carrying issues of dalits every day. It is very shame to claim ourselves as we are living in the more civilized and technology dominated society. The society which never considers it fellow citizens as human beings is still in barbaric stage not civilized one. This is the right time to discuss and make a strategic solution to mitigate the issues of dalits.

Subthemes of the Seminar

1. Social Structure and inequality
2. Dalits in Social Ladder.
3. Dalits and Marginalization process
4. Livelihood Issues of Dalits
5. Issues related Dalit women
6. Dimensions of Discriminatory process
7. Reasons of Discrimination
8. Violence and Crimes against Dalits
9. Political participations of Dalits and issues
10. Dalit Empowerment
11. Affirmative actions of government and its impact
12. Strategies for inclusiveness

Date and Venue: 20-21/10/2016 & Department of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem-11

Diary of Events:

Last date for submission of abstract: 10/10/2016

Last date for submission of full paper: 15/10/2016

The abstracts and full papers will be sent to
socialstructureanddalits@gmail.com.

Registration Fee:

Rs. 800/- for faculty members, Project fellows, JRF, RGNF, URF

Rs. 400/- for Research scholars, NGO Personnel and students

The above mentioned fees should be paid through DD in favour of **The Seminar Director, Social Structure and Dalits, Periyar University, Salem-11** payable at Salem. The spot presentation will be entertained but no assurance for seminar kit.

Participants: Academicians, Experts, Researchers, Scholars, College and University teachers and NGOs actively involved will be the promising participants for the seminar.

Paper Presentation and Publication: The papers selected by the Committee will be invited for presentation in the Seminar and abstracts will be published in the Seminar Proceedings. The selected papers will be published as an edited book by reputed publishers with ISBN. Authors of papers selected for publication will have to pay publishing cost which will be collected later.

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