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Higher Education and Sustainable Development

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About the Conference

The Department of Political Science, University College of Arts and Social Sciences, Osmania University is organizing **Three Days International Conference on Higher Education and Sustainable Development**, from 23.03.2023 to 25.03.2023 Sponsored by ICSSR - Southern Regional Centre (MHRD, Govt of India), Osmania University, Hyderabad.

Higher Education plays an important role in the overall development of a nation. It is a crucial segment in every country as highly educated individuals impart a major role in the growth of the nation with their intellectual capability and skills. In fact, education forms the building block of a nation. Indeed, it is a vital means to bring in social transformation. Our Higher Education system is the third largest in the world, next to the United States and China. In the twenty first century, the Higher Education sector is rapidly growing while various nations are increasingly recognizing the importance and role of education. Nonetheless, there has been a contested debate on the equity of its access to different sections in the society, and, its role in sustainable development of the nation.

The primary objective or duty of the modern nation-states is to strive for the material and intellectual development of their citizens and society at large. But, the development requires the exploitation and exhaust of natural resources. In this backdrop, there has been emphasis on the 'sustainable development', which stresses on the using of the natural resources by the present generation without compromising the need of the future generations. Consequently, there has been a paradigm shift in the development discourse and practices, particularly after the Brundtland Report 1987 by the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development. As the education is a vital means to the development, it is essential to explore the role of the higher education in the sustainable development. Further, to study how discourses and praxises of education contribute to the sustainable development.

Economic inequality, rapid technological obsolescence and problems of employability make questions of access, quality and relevance extremely complex, and a subject of debate, especially in a developing nation like India. This conference intends to bring all the esteemed participants in the arena of Higher Education on a common platform to share multitude of its diverse perspectives, real life teaching and learning experiences in the area, policy implementations and intellectual thinking in the broad area of **"Higher Education and Sustainable Development"**. The experts' ideas on issues concerned with higher education at the local and global levels provide an impetus to the ongoing debate in the field.

The idea of the conference is to highlight important, critical issues, and lessons to be learnt to improve institutional flexibility in Higher Education and to take the valuable inputs from other academicians all over the world. The conference shall ensure that academicians, researchers, policy makers and other experts continue to enlighten the minds by their intense understanding and insights, which would further enrich knowledge, enhance learning and research.

Objectives of the Conference

- ◆ To explore the changing nature of higher education
- ◆ To understand the role of higher education in sustainable development
- ◆ To unravel the changing discourses in higher education
- ◆ To understand usage of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in higher education
- ◆ To understand importance of developing quality assurance in higher education
- ◆ To examine the consonance between research and sustainable development
- ◆ To address the challenges of quality assurance and transformative learning for sustainable development

Conference outcomes

The role of higher education at international level and the nature of system of education from country to country vary not only before pandemic but also after pandemic i.e., post Covid-19. Today, the educational instructors are leaning new technology in order to meet the challenges of the global market. Further, it is important to understand teaching learning process through SWAYAM platform in the context of India

To create equitable and vibrant knowledge society, so that it will become hub of global knowledge. The curriculum and pedagogy of our institutions must develop a deep sense of respect to have the fundamental duties and constitutional values, bonding with one's country and to develop a conscious awareness of one's roles and responsibilities in a changing world.

To develop knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions, which support sustainable development and global well-being, thereby reflecting a truly global responsible citizen.

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will focus on research and innovation by setting up start-up incubation centers, technology development centers, centers in frontier areas of research, greater industry academic linkages, and interdisciplinary research including humanities and social sciences research.

We are confident that this conference will reach globally, and it will attract the wide attention of all those who are engaged in the development of higher education. Many issues and challenges will be discussed on common platform and many valuable inputs will be suggested by the experts and hope that academic administrators, policy makers, education instructors and researches will find the insights of these studies.

Major Themes and Sub Themes of the Conference

I. Higher Education in the context of Sustainable Development

1. Higher Education as a channel for sustainable development
2. Issues & challenges of Higher Education
3. Creation of New knowledge emphasizing the global & the local
4. Brand building of Indian Higher Education
5. New Education Policy 2020 and sustainable development

II. Inclusion & Equity in Higher Education

1. Necessity for inclusiveness in Higher Education
2. Building Epistemological & Ontological knowledge systems
3. Feminist critique of Traditional Knowledge
4. The values of ethnic diversity and multiculturalism in higher education
5. Strategies for making Higher Education relevant & Responsible.

III. Institution & Governance of Higher Education

1. Role of Universities in providing contemporary learning
2. Issues & challenges in Transmission of knowledge
3. Universities as forerunner of Social change
4. Universities as independent knowledge generation centers
5. Response of higher education to Covid-19 crisis. Moving ahead to the 'new normality' and facing new emergencies

IV. Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Higher Education

1. Rise of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its significance for higher education
2. Evidence based research for reliable knowledge
3. Issues & Challenges of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Information & Communication Technology (ICT)
4. Importance of Teachers in Machine learning

V. Quality Assurance for Higher Learning

1. Teachers' student collaboration for learning
2. Changing the paradigm for student evaluation
3. Inter University collaboration
4. Community college as stepping stones for Higher Education

VI. Importance of Research for Sustainable Development

1. Importance of Indigenous knowledge systems
2. Necessity for subaltern studies
3. Building bridges between various discipline through research
4. Obliterating the boundaries of Social Science and the Sciences (Climate/Environment)}

Osmania University

Established in 1917, Osmania University is a centre for academic excellence and a shining beacon for higher education. It takes pride in being the third-oldest university in South India and the oldest in the state of Telangana. It was founded by His Exalted Highness Mir Osman Ali Khan, Asaf Jah VII, the Nizam of Hyderabad. Up until the middle of the 1950s, it was the first university to offer higher education in Urdu as the primary language of instruction. Since then, English has been the primary language of instruction.

Osmania University, which has more than 1000 colleges affiliated with it, used to be the largest affiliating university in Asia. Nearly 3.5 lakh students are being served by eight campus, five constituent, five district PG, and 721 affiliated colleges located throughout the districts of Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, Sangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Siddipet, and Medak. It received "A+" rating from the NAAC in 2017 for its third cycle of accreditation. Additionally, the UGC has awarded the University "Category I" status in 2018. According to the National Institutional Ranking Framework for 2022, it is ranked number 22 among universities in India. It has appeared in rankings for "Emerging Economies Universities Ranking", "Top 250 Asian Universities," "QS India Ranking," "QS BRICS Ranking," etc.

With over 68 academic fields and 53 departments dispersed among its colleges, Osmania University is a multi-faculty and multi-locational institution that offers a comprehensive education. Since its founding, the university has grown and has contributed to the creation and sharing of knowledge across all academic areas, including science and technology. In addition to research through PhD, it offers roughly 90 courses at the postgraduate level and 34 courses at the undergraduate level (with 125 combinations) 65 different disciplines.

About the Department

The teaching of political science in Osmania University commenced in 1919, which was part of the department of History. In 1948, political science acquired the status of an independent discipline with the establishment of a separate department. Since its inception the department has been continuously evolving with the adoption of new courses from time to time with the introduction of research and guidance facilities and establishment of specialized areas of research and teaching. Political



science is offered as a course of study at the U.G. P.G. , M.Phil and Ph.D. level. Further, it is offered through distance mode at U.G. and P.G. Levels. Presently, political science is offered at P.G. level in University College of Arts and Social Sciences and three other constituent colleges. There are 60 officers of College of Air Warfare working for M.A International Studies degree program at the department. Nearly 300 teachers in political science are working in affiliated colleges. Around 170 students enroll every year in political science at M.A. level in the OU constituent colleges. About 1200 students enroll at M.A. level through distance mode offered by O.U. In all close to thirty thousand students are studying political science at U.G. level. In the last one and half decade 150 research scholars were awarded Doctorate and 300 research scholars were awarded M.Phil in political science . Presently 70 research scholars are working for Ph.D. degree in the Department. The Department has the distinction of contributing outstanding personalities to various positions. The members of the department have prestigious positions at the state, National and International level. Among them, late Prof. G. Ram Reddy had the distinction of heading the University Grants Commission as its Chairman and was also the Vice- Chairman of Commonwealth of Learning. Late Prof. Rasheeduddin Khan was nominated to Rajya Sabha. Prof. N.G. Rajurkar Delivered series of lectures to the members of the parliament in 1995. Further , The of the Department of Political science have the distinction of heading

some of the important research institutions like ICSSR (South Regional Center, Hyderabad) and Center for International Studies. Many of the faculty members were also visited foreign universities on academic assignments. In addition to this, The department is known for contributing its faculty services to various organizations, associated with higher education in the state and country. Apart from this, some of the members of the faculty are also closely associated with various voluntary / non-government organizations dealing with the issues of farmers, women, dalits, environment and tribal/Adivasis people and rural farmers.

City of Hyderabad

Hyderabad is the capital of southern India's Telangana state. A major center for the technology industry, it is home to many upscale restaurants and shops. "the most significant among them are the historical monuments, viz., Mecca Masjid, Charminar, Golconda Fort, Qutb Shahi Tombs; the palaces such as Chowmahalla Palace, Falaknuma Palace, Taramati Baradari; the religious places like Hebron House of Worship, Shahi Masjid, Ananda Buddha Vihara, Birla Mandir, Sanghi Temple, Chilkur Balaji Temple; the museums and planetariums of Salar Jung Museum, City Museum, Birla Science Museum, Birla Planetarium; the parks and gardens, e.g., Nehru Zoological Park, Lumbini Park, Mrugavani National Park etc. Among other attractions are Ramoji Film City, Necklace road, Laad Bazaar, Shilparamam . etc Hyderabad is known for its rich history, food and multi-lingual culture. Hyderabad cuisine is a blend of traditional South Indian, Mughlai and Persian palates and has a rich variety to choose from. "The South Central Railway, India's biggest railway zone, is headquartered at Secunderabad, commonly referred as Hyderabad's twin city. Hyderabad is connected to most major cities domestically as well as internationally via the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, located in Shamshabad, 22 km away from the city.



Call for Papers

Papers are invited from the academicians, researchers, students and others who are interested in the field of Higher Education. Participants are invited to submit their abstracts worth 300-500 words for paper presentation on any one of the sub themes. The abstracts can be emailed to politicalscienceou@osmania.ac.in full papers should be in MS Word, with a limit of 1500 to 3000 words. Soft copy of the full papers are to be submitted in A4 size page, font size 12, headings 14, Times New Roman and references should be given in APA Style. Name of the Author and Co-author (if any), Title of the paper, Name of Institute, Email, Telephone and Postal address must be mentioned. Foreign delegates can attend the seminar/ conference physically or can join in online mode. This facility is only for foreign delegates.

All the accepted papers will be published in an edited Book and a modified version of selected papers will be published in special issues of peer reviewed journals / UGC listed journals). All the accepted papers will be published in the Proceedings Book and modified version of selected papers will be published in special issues peer reviewed journals such as SCOPUS / WOS / SCIE / UGC listed journals. The full papers can be emailed to politicalscienceou@osmania.ac.in

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Faculty members : ₹1000

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Research Scholars & Others : ₹500

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Late Date for Submission of Abstract - 10th March, 2023

Intimation of Acceptance of Abstracts - 15th March 2023

Full Paper Submission (Soft Copy) - 20th March, 2022

*Accommodation at Osmania University Guest House will be provided on payment basis to the individual participants with prior intimation.

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