

**International Conference
on**

SDGs and the Role of Public Administration

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A Report



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Department of Public Administration has organized a two days International Conference on *Sustainable Development Goals for a Better World: Role of Public Administration* at Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad on 21-22 January 2025

Inaugural Session:

Renowned scholar of Public Administration and former VC of Viswa Bharathi Central University, Prof. Bidyut Chakravarty delivered the key note address in the Inaugural session. Prof. Shugufta Shaheen, OSD-I MANUU, presided over the session. Guests of Honour Mr. Ahmed Yasser, Deputy Commissioner GST, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh and Prof. Shahida, Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences, MANUU addressed the gathering.

Prof. Syed Najiullah, Convenor of the conference and Head of the Department, formally introduced about the conference and its objectives. He said that the concern of sustainable development is a real and global where academia has a bigger role to play. He informed that the conference was organised to fix our responsibilities in this domain.

Prof. Bidyut Chakrabarty, Former Vice-Chancellor, of Visva-Bharati Central University, Kolkata, and a renowned scholar of public administration was the chief guest and keynote speaker of the session. Prof. Chakrabarty emphasized the need to reinvent the Indic tradition of sustainable development and environmental protection. He said that humanity should be the focal point of all sustainable development efforts. Sustainability and humanity have fundamental connections and this goes beyond imitating the West. He focused on the need for detailed studies of Vedas, Upanishad, and Dayanand Saraswati's Satyarth Prakash on the part of public administration scholars. He emphasized that sustainable development is meaningless without mass welfare, brotherhood, and fraternity.

Mr. Ahmad Yasser, Deputy Commissioner GST, Government of Uttar Pradesh was one of the guests of honour. Emphasising the practical aspects of administration, he said that theorising a concept and implementing the same concept are two different things. There is a need to have a liaison between the two so that fruitful outcomes could be achieved. For this, academia and administrative agencies are needed to work in cooperation.

Prof. Shahida, Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences emphasised the need for cooperation and coordination among various stakeholders. Highlighting the need for

rapid efforts towards achieving the targets of sustainable development goals, she called for united efforts from all sections of humanity.

Prof. Shagufta Shaheen, OSD, MANUU, presided over the session. In her presidential remarks, she told that the targets of sustainable development goals could be achieved successfully when their practical aspects are kept in mind. One such important practical aspect is the administrative aspect; and success of many policies depend upon administrative procedures. So, there was a need to look into the administrative aspects of sustainable development goals. She congratulated the convener and co-convener on raising this aspect to the fore by organising the international conference.

Dr. Junaid Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration delivered the vote of thanks. Dr. Ahmed Raza, Co-Convener and Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration, MANUU coordinated the session.

Plenary Sessions:

In the Plenary Session-I, Prof. N. Sukumar, Dept. of Political Science, Delhi University, Prof. E. Venkatesu, Dept. of Political Science, University of Hyderabad and Prof. P.H. Mohammed, Dept. of Sociology, MANUU deliberated on various dimension of SDGs. Prof. Afroz Alam, Head, Dept. of Political Science, MANUU presided over the session.

International Experts addressed the Plenary-II online on the theme of *Inclusive Governance and the SDGs: Ensuring No One is Left Behind*. Prof. Wiyual Kuoch Gany, Head Dept. of Public Administration and Development Management, Gambella University, Ethiopia, Dr. Saba Nabi Oam, Order of Australia Medal Awardee from Australia, Dr. Sonali Huria Post Doctoral Fellow, KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Sweden and Dr. Mohammed Ali Hussain, Associate Professor Dept. of Public Administration and Development Management, Gambella University, Ethiopia have discussed the SDGs from international perspective. Dr. Saheed Meo, Dept. of Sociology, MANUU moderated the session.

Technical sessions:

Six Technical sessions were held in which 60 research papers were presented on various themes of SDGs such as; 1. SDGs, Urban Governance and Tourism: A Theoretical Debate, 2. Governance and Accountability in Advancing SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, 3. Public Administration's Role in Promoting SDG 13: Climate Action 4. Achieving SDGs: Gender Equality and Inclusion through Public Administration, 5. Digital Governance and its Contribution to SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure and 6. Public Administration and the Integration of SDGs: Quality Education in Policy, Digital literacy, Public Health and Financial Inclusion. Prof. Aseem Prakash, Director, TISS, Hyderabad, Prof. P. Eashvaraiah, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Dr. Abdul Quayum, Associate Professor, Department of Public administration, MANUU, Prof. Kaneez Zehra, Department of Public Administration, MANUU, Prof. A. Nageswara Rao, Department of Political Science, MANUU, Prof. Pallavi Kabde, Department of Public Administration, B R Ambekar Open University, Dr. K. M. Ziyauddin, HOD, Department of Sociology, MANUU, Dr. Raju Guguloth, Pingle Government College for Women, Mrs. Lavanyanjali Mukkerla, HOD, Department of Public Administration, St. Anns College for Women, Dr. Mohammed Ghouse, Head, Department Of Political Science, Govt. Degree College For Women, Hussainialam and Dr. K. Bhaskar, Asst Prof Of Political Science Government City College, Hyderabad conducted the technical sessions as chairpersons.



Valedictory Session:

Prof. Siddiqui Mohd Mahmood, OSD 2, MANUU, presided over the valedictory session. Prof. G. Sreenivas Reddy, Professor, Department of Public Administration, Kakatiya University discussed the challenges in the implementation of SDGs in the valedictory address. Prof. S. M. Rahmatullah, former Vice-Chancellor of Sri Krishnadevaraya University and, Prof. Shahida, Dean, School of Arts and Social Sciences addressed the session as Guests of Honour. Presenting the Conference report, Prof. Syed Najiullah, Convener of the conference and Head of the Department, said that He informed that almost 60 research papers were presented by the delegates who came from almost every state of India. Also, international delegates and experts participated in the conference online from the USA, Sweden, Australia and Ethiopia making the conference truly international in nature.

Apart from the delegates a large number of faculty and students participated actively in the two days deliberations of the International Conference. The annual issue of the departmental newsletter PAN-Public Administration Newsletter both in English and Urdu was released on this occasion. Dr. Ahmed Raza, Co-convener and Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration compered the session and presented vote of thanks.



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