

Two Days National Seminar on

Social Policies and Public Administration in India:
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The Department of Public Administration, Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, successfully organized a Two-Day National Seminar on the theme “**Social Policies and Public Administration in India: Vision 2047**” on 20–21 January 2026. The seminar was held in the backdrop of India’s 75 years of Independence and the national aspiration to emerge as a developed nation by 2047, the centenary year of India’s freedom.

The event brought together eminent scholars, administrators, policymakers, researchers, and students from across the country to deliberate on the role of social policies and public administration in shaping an inclusive, equitable, and sustainable India. The central focus remained on governance reforms, policy implementation gaps, social justice, human development, digital governance, and institutional accountability.

Objectives of the Seminar:

The seminar objectives are as follows:

- Critically examine the role of social policies in India’s development trajectory.
- Analyze the contribution of public administration towards Vision 2047.
- Deliberate on challenges in policy formulation and implementation.
- Promote dialogue on inclusive development, social justice, and governance reforms.
- Encourage research-oriented engagement among faculty, scholars, and students.

Inaugural Session:

The Inaugural Session is graced by Chief Guest: Smt. Kondru Pushpaleela, Former Minister of Social Welfare, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Guest of Honour: Prof. P. H. Mohammad, Dean, School of Arts & Social Sciences, MANUU and Keynote Speaker; Prof. Ramesh K. Arora, University of Rajasthan. Prof. Syed Ainul Hassan, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Maulana Azad National Urdu University presided over the session

The programme began with registration and a Welcome Address by Dr. Jeevan Kumar Cheruku, Seminar Coordinator. He highlighted the significance of the seminar in the context of India’s development journey towards Vision 2047.

This was followed by an “About the Conference” address by Prof. Syed Najiullah, Head, Department of Public Administration, who emphasized that development must focus not only on infrastructure but also on social justice, human welfare, and ethical governance. Prof. P. H. Mohammad in his address emphasized policy–implementation linkages and socially sensitive modernization.

The keynote address by Prof. Ramesh K. Arora was one of the most intellectually enriching sessions of the seminar, in which he explained the complete policy cycle—vision, assessment, prioritization, formulation, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation—while highlighting the serious implementation gap in Indian public policies despite their sound formulation. He warned against the dangers of political populism, ad-hoc decision-making, and the lack of administrative continuity, and stressed the need for strong monitoring mechanisms, accountability, administrative reforms, effective leadership, and greater specialization within the civil services. He concluded by emphasizing that India should not blindly imitate Western or Chinese development models, but instead evolve its own Indian model of development rooted in the nation’s cultural, ethical, and social values.

Smt. Kondru Pushpaleela, Former Minister of Social Welfare, Government of Andhra Pradesh, delivered a powerful and experience-based address in which she highlighted the disconnect between policy intent and grassroots realities. Drawing from her administrative and political career, she emphasized the critical role of education and social welfare policies in empowering marginalized communities, the need for effective coordination between policymakers and administrators, and the importance of accountability, transparency, and ethical governance. Her address strongly resonated with students and research scholars by offering practical insights into real-world governance challenges.

The Presidential Address by Prof. Syed Ainul Hasan, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, MANUU, emphasized that policies remain ineffective unless translated into practice. He stressed optimism, ethical leadership, inclusivity, and sensitivity towards marginalized sections of society. He highlighted the university's commitment to academic excellence, social justice, gender equity, and minority empowerment.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ahmed Raza, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration, MANUU.

Release of Departmental Publications:

Two important publications of the Department of Public Administration were released in the inaugural session by the dignitaries; Special Issue of the Bihar Journal of Public Administration on **SDGs and the role of Public Administration** and **PAN – Public Administration Newsletter (English & Urdu)**. These publications reflected the department's commitment to academic excellence and research dissemination.

Prof. I. Ramabrahmam Memorial Lecture:

As part of the two-day National Seminar, Prof. I. Ramabrahmam Memorial Lecture on Education Policy for Inclusive Development was organized. Prof. K.S. Chalam, Former V-C, Dravidian University & Former UPSC Member Prof. Chalam's delivered memorial lecture on Education Policy for Inclusive Development. His lecture is a wake-up call about the state of Indian education. He argues that we've spent decades celebrating enrollment numbers while ignoring the fact that our best students and billions of dollars are fleeing the country every year. He critiques the idea that we ever had a "golden age" of education in the past, pointing out that true schooling only became a right recently after long struggles. Today, he warns that we are over-focusing on "STEM" and technology like AI while forgetting the social sciences and the needs of the poor. His core message is that unless we stop treating education like a private business and start fixing the massive gap between big-city schools and the rest of the country, the dream of a "Developed India" by 2047 will remain out of reach.

Prof. Kodanda Ram, MLC remembered the services of Prof. I. Ramabrahmam for the higher education and his concern for the students from marginalized sections of the society. Prof. P. Fazlur Rahman, Dean, School of Science, MANUU presided over the session. A large number of teachers, research scholars and students attended and paid rich tribute to the services of Prof. I. Ramabrahmam.

Technical Sessions:

Technical Session I was held on the theme, Theories and Models of Social Policy in India. In this session paper presenters explored neoliberalism, inclusive growth, biopolitics, advocacy coalitions, and policy reforms, highlighting ideological and institutional challenges in policymaking. Technical Session II was held on the theme, Social Policies for Inclusion of Marginalized Communities. Papers addressed caste, gender, migration, digital welfare, rural poverty, and data privacy, stressing intersectional and region-specific approaches. Technical Session III was held on the theme Social Welfare Policies and Public Administration. The session highlighted gendered labour issues, unemployment of PhD holders, MGNREGA's impact, migrant workers' welfare, disability policies, and digital exclusion. The Chair emphasized —human dignity and accountability in welfare governance. Technical Session IV was held on the theme, Education Policy and Social Development. Papers discussed equality gaps, NEP 2020

challenges, learning outcomes, RUSA, and teacher shortages. The session stressed moving from access to quality education.

Technical Session V was held on the theme, Inclusive Policies and Socio-Educational Development. Papers addressed NEP 2020, AI in education, tribal inclusion, accessibility, and privatization. Technical Session VI was held on the theme, Health and Housing Policies. In this session key discussions revolved around Ayushman Bharat, digital health, ethical AI, rural healthcare access, and administrative efficiency. Technical Session VII was held on the theme, Innovations and Best Practices in Social Policies. Papers highlighted Gram Sabha models, DBT, decentralization, Right to Services, RTI digitization, and grassroots governance reforms.

Valedictory Session:

The valedictory session was presided over Prof. Siddiqui Mohd. Mahmood, Dean Students Welfare, MANUU. Prof. Kaneez Zehra in her welcome address emphasized knowledge dissemination through publications. Prof. Syed Najiullah in his address thanked all the resource persons for their active participation and contribution towards this academic endeavor and announced that the selected papers will be published in a reputed journal. Dr. Jeevan Kumar Cheruku presented the Seminar Report highlighting policy gaps and future research. Prof. Ajmer Singh Malik, Chief Guest in his valedictory address stressed need for focus on social policies for the development of the nation. He argued that welfare is an investment, not charity. Certificates were presented by the Chief Guest to the paper presenters and participants. Dr. Junaid Khan, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Public Administration proposed the vote of thanks. The seminar concluded with the National Anthem.

The Two-Day National Seminar successfully created a vibrant academic platform for critical engagement on social policies and public administration. It reaffirmed that India's Vision 2047 can be realized only through inclusive, ethical, accountable, and people-centered governance.



