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CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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ABOUT THE SEMINAR

India, as the world's largest democracy, has sustained a robust electoral process despite lacking many presumed prerequisites outlined by Western scholars. Indian elections, often held in a festive spirit, have intrigued researchers to focus on the evolving strategies and voter engagement that lead to increased turnouts despite socio-economic disparities. Amongst such identified proclivities, a key trend shaping electoral politics is the rerise of welfare politics, which gained momentum in post-2000, influencing national and state-level strategies across all parties. This has led to a phenomenon of “competitive populism”, where welfare promises dominate campaigns, raising debates on the fine line distinction between welfarist, neo-populist, and freebie politics. To explore these evolving politico-electoral dynamics, a national seminar is being organized aiming at providing a platform for students, scholars, and faculty to analyze and document the impact of this neo-phenomenal welfare politics in Indian democracy and its role in shaping politico-policy regimes.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To analyze the historical evolution and changing dimensions of welfare politics in India
- To examine the conceptual distinction between populism, welfarism, and freebie-ism in Indian political discourse
- To evaluate the economic sustainability and fiscal implications of welfare programs in India
- To assess the role of welfare policies in promoting social justice and reducing inequalities
- To discuss the legal and constitutional implications of freebie politics in India
- To measure the impact of such policies on democratic depth in the Indian politico-popular landscape.

THEMES

The seminar aims to provide a platform to unshackle debates on India's ‘Neo’ Politics centered on populism, welfarism, and freebie-ism with the main intent to foster a deeper understanding of how freebie politics influences democratic processes. The seminar will augment the awareness among students, research scholars, and other stakeholders about the long-term consequences of freebie politics on governance, economic growth, and social welfare in myriad ways. It will shed light on the legal and constitutional underpinnings of welfare politics and freebies.

Hence, the thematic milieu of the seminar looms around the following key themes and sub-themes. Members of the academic and research fraternity are requested to submit their papers on the respective themes or any other related aspects.

SUB THEMES

The following are the identified sub-themes of the proposed national seminar:

1. Populism, Welfarism and Freebie-ism: The Conceptual Debate
 - Philosophical and Theoretical Foundations of the Concepts
 - Populism, Welfarism and Freebie-ism: Defining the Parameters
 - Debates around Neo-Populism
2. Genesis, Growth, and Changing Contours of Welfare Politics in India
 - Historical Evolution of Welfare Policies and Politics in India
 - Impact of Social Movements on Welfare Politics
 - Welfare Politics and Political Reforms
 - Election and Welfare Politics
3. Economic, Legal, and Constitutional Dimensions of Populism, Welfarism and Freebie-ism
 - Economic Implications
 - Legal Frameworks for Welfare Programs
 - Constitutional Mandates and the Role of the State
 - Accountability, Transparency, and Governance
4. Welfare Policies and Social Justice: A Critical Analysis
 - Gender and Welfarism
 - Region and Welfare Politics
 - Marginalized Sections and Implication of Welfare Politics
5. Welfarism, Freebie-ism and Elections: Case Studies
 - Lok Sabha Election, 2024
 - Karnataka Assembly Election
 - Telangana Assembly Election
 - Madhya Pradesh Assembly Election
 - Odisha and Andhra Pradesh Assembly Elections
 - Haryana Assembly Election
 - Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and Delhi Assembly Elections

Two-Day National Seminar

on

India's ‘Neo’ Politics: Populism, Welfarism and Freebie-ism

On

28th and 29th April 2025
 (Hybrid Mode)

Organised By

Department of Political Science
 Central University of Andhra Pradesh



PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Authors are required to submit an abstract of their paper, not exceeding 300 words with 4-6 keywords.
- The paper should be original and not previously published or under consideration elsewhere. It should be between 3000-5000 words in length (including references, tables, and figures). The full paper should be submitted as per the APA 7th edition.
- The abstract and full paper must be submitted in MS Word format, with all pages numbered.
- Formatting guidelines include using Times New Roman Font, 12-point font size, single spacing, 1-inch margins, and consecutively numbered tables with appropriate titles using Arabic numerals.
- A team of experts will review all the papers, and selected papers will be published in an edited book with ISBN.
- All submissions should be through the following email id: cuapnationalseminarps2025@gmail.com

Key Dates

Last Date of Abstract Submission: 12 April 2025

Intimation of Acceptance: 15 April 2025

Last Date for Submission of Full Paper: 22 April 2025

Last Date for Registration and Payment of Fee: 25 April 2025

Seminar dates: 28 & 29 April 2025

Registration fee Payment Details:

Faculty and academicians:

- INR 500 (Without Accommodation)
- INR 800 (With Accommodation)

Research scholars and students:

- INR 250 (Without Accommodation)
- INR 550 (With Accommodation)

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TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION

No TA/DA will be provided by the organizing committee. Modest accommodations in the university hostel are available for registered delegates on 28 and 29 April 2025. Participants must arrange accommodation beyond this period at their own behest.

How to reach Ananthapuramu?

The Central University of Andhra Pradesh is located in Janthluru Village, 14 kilometers from Ananthapuramu. It is well-connected by road through National Highway (NH 44), with bus services from major towns like Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad. The nearest railway station is Anantapur (ATP), 15 kilometers away, offering connections to major cities. The nearest airport is Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, located 200 kilometers from the university via NH 44.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Political Science at the Central University of Andhra Pradesh (CUAP) offers a dynamic academic environment dedicated to fostering critical thinking and analytical skills in the field of political science. The department aims to provide comprehensive education on contemporary political issues, governance, international relations, and political theory. It offers BA (Hons) in Political Science, MA in Political Science, MA in Governance and Public Policy, and Ph.D. programs designed to equip students with the knowledge and expertise required to navigate the complexities of modern political systems. With a strong focus on research and interdisciplinary studies, the department encourages students to engage with real-world political challenges. Additionally, CUAP's Political Science department promotes active participation in seminars, workshops, and discussions to foster intellectual growth and civic engagement.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

The Central University of Andhra Pradesh (CUAP), established in 2018 in Ananthapuramu, is dedicated to academic excellence and innovation. The University offers 8 undergraduate and 17 postgraduate programmes that are technology-oriented and aligned with NEP 2020. With a focus on multidisciplinary and industry-driven education, CUAP emphasizes experiential learning and skill development through vocational courses and collaborations with industry partners. The University is also preparing to launch the Study India Programme to attract international students. CUAP is committed to fostering holistic growth, empowering students to excel in their careers, and contributing to society.

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