



**TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR  
ON  
SUICIDES IN INDIA: TENDENCIES, PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF THE  
SOCIAL CRISIS**

(Sponsored By: ICSSR, New Delhi)

**Organized by  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, NIZAM COLLEGE, (O.U.), HYDERABAD, TELANGANA  
IN COLLABORATION WITH  
CENTRE FOR ACTION RESEARCH AND PEOPLE'S DEVELOPMENT (CARPED), HYDERABAD,  
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**5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016**

Suicide is probably as old as that of man himself. Through the ages, suicide has variously been regretted, condemned, glorified, and idealized. The universality of suicide spatially and temporally transcends communities, religion and culture. Suicide is the third leading cause of death among young adults worldwide. According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), every year, almost one million people die from suicide and 20 times more people attempt suicide; a global mortality rate of 16 per 100,000, or one death every 40 seconds and one attempt every 3 seconds, on average.

The WHO defines Suicide as the act of deliberately killing oneself. The reasons for suicides can be multiple ranging from family problems, illness including insanity/mental illness, unemployment, love affairs, drug abuse/addiction, failure in examination, bankruptcy or sudden change in economic status, poverty or family conflicts. The high rates of suicide among persons with mental illness and drug abuse/addiction, though not a measure of intent, are of much concern. Other causes may include suspected/illicit relation, cancellation/nonsettlement of marriage, not having children (barrenness/impotency), death of a dear one, dowry dispute, divorce, ideological causes/hero worship, illegitimate pregnancy, physical abuse (sexual abuse, rape, incest, etc.), poverty, professional/career problem etc. which reflect the unique social structure of our society and the social pressures that individuals face.

With specific reference to contemporary India, we are witnessing rising trend of suicides in certain population groups. Farmers' suicide has thus become a critical issue. As many as 116 farmers have committed suicide due to agrarian reasons so far in 2016, with maximum cases reported in Maharashtra, followed by Punjab and Telangana. More than 2,000 farmers' suicide cases were reported due to agrarian reasons in 2015 with highest number of 1,841 cases in Maharashtra alone, as per the data placed before Lok Sabha by minister of state for agriculture Mohanbhai Kundariya.

It cannot be however denied that suicides among adolescents and youth, elderly, professionals are also on rise. Several sociological variables including age, gender, marital status, education, family structure, occupation, health status are also correlated with suicides. The approach to understanding suicide must be multidisciplinary, involving sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, counsellors, policy makers,

because suicide is a multi-faceted and complex phenomenon. The premature and violent death of the victims has adverse outcomes to society and should be prevented whenever possible.

In this background the two day national seminar on *Suicides in India: Trends, Prevention and Mitigation* aims to understand the emerging tendencies, trends and impact of suicides. The main focus of the two day seminar is on exploring various dimensions and best practices of coping, preventing and mitigation of suicides including the role of community.

The following thematic areas will be explored and Research papers, Case studies based on theoretical and critical perspectives of sociology, psychology, economics, history, social work, mental health, public health and allied professional practices with individuals, groups, communities and organisations are welcome to the seminar.

- Theoretical and Critical Perspectives on Suicides
- Identifying and Understanding suicidal tendencies, trends, socio-economic, psycho-cultural aspects of suicides
- Suicides among various demographic groups (farmers, youth, terminally ill, elderly and various occupational groups or any other population groups)
- Issues of Assisted Suicide (euthanasia) and politically motivated suicides
- Coping with suicidal thoughts and suicide
- Legal and Policy issues related with suicides
- Prevention and Mitigation of Suicides
- Role of Community, Media, NGOs and Policy makers

### **Organizers - Department of Sociology, Nizam College**

Nizam College, established in 1887 is one of the oldest public institutions of higher education in South India, serving the educational needs of students from not only Telangana and India but also foreign students. The Department of Sociology is one of the largest Departments in Nizam College offering UG courses, PG courses, Career Oriented Add on courses .The Department of Sociology, Nizam College is an offshoot of the evolution, growth and development of more than ninety five years of sociological endeavors in Osmania University. The Department is offering 03 Add on Courses recognized by UGC:

- Certificate Courses in Human Relations and Personality Development (Since January 2007).
- Diploma in Criminology and Correctional Administration ( Since February 2007)
- Diploma in Development Management Studies and Development Research Methodologies (Since February 2009).

### **Centre for Action Research and People's Development (CARPED)**

CARPED was founded in 1989 to engage in advocacy, policy research and community mobilization for participatory development of the marginalized communities. It has been active in promotion of child rights, community management of forest, tribal development, women's sexual & reproductive health rights, and environmental education. Works in under developed districts of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha states and is a member of several initiatives of civil society in India.

## **Call for Abstracts**

Participants interested in paper presentation both oral and poster are requested to submit their abstract of not more than 300 words with 12 font, Times New Roman and with 1.5 space **on or before 25<sup>th</sup> August 2016** in MS – Word format by email to [sociologyseminarnc2016@gmail.com](mailto:sociologyseminarnc2016@gmail.com).

The abstract should have a title, author(s) name, and affiliation, important findings of the work, minimum 5 key words and corresponding author email address. The acceptance of abstract will be communicated **on or before 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016**. Kindly indicate whether the paper is under Oral Presentation or Poster Presentation

## **Full Length Paper**

The word limit for full length paper should not exceed 4000 words with Times New Roman 12 font and 1.5 spacing. Kindly follow APA 6 stylesheet for references and bibliography purpose. The full length paper should be submitted **on or before 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016** by email to [sociologyseminarnc2016@gmail.com](mailto:sociologyseminarnc2016@gmail.com). The selected papers will be published

## **Poster Presentation Guidelines**

36 inches x 36 inches

### **1. TITLE SECTION**

Poster presentation Title (preferably not exceeding 10 words)

List of Authors (Names) and Affiliations of the authors

### **2. Introduction/ Abstract (150 to 200 words)**

### **3. Context/ Problem/ Issues Addressed and Objectives (100 words)**

### **4. Methods/ Social Work Interventions (150 words)**

### **5. Key Findings/ Learnings (200 words in bullet points)**

### **6. Conclusions (100 words in bullet points)**

### **7. References (up to 4 important references), Acknowledgements (if any), and**

### **8. Contact details of the main author (email id, phone/ mobile number)**

## **Registration**

The interested participants are requested to submit filled in registration form to the Seminar Director **on or before 20th September 2016** with due registration fee. DD should be drawn in favor of “**Principal, Nizam College**”, payable at Hyderabad in any nationalized bank.

## **Travel and Accommodation**

The delegates are requested to seek travel allowances from parent institution. Out station delegates will be provided with accommodation on first cum first basis as there are limited accommodations available.

**Registration Fee:** Faculty, Activists and other delegates: Rs.1000/-  
Research Scholars: Rs. 500/-  
Post Graduate Students: Rs. 250/-

**Important Dates:**

- Last Date of Abstract Submission: 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2016
- Intimation of Acceptance of Abstracts: 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2016
- Submission of Full Length Paper: 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2016
- National Seminar Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

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