



**NATIONAL CONFERENCE
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About Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University:

Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University (BCU), established in 2017, is a State Public Affiliating University with a legacy rooted in the historic 160-year-old Central College. The University is committed to progressive, inclusive, and skill-driven higher education, fostering inquiry, innovation, and community engagement. With a vision to enable social transformation through knowledge, Dr .MMSBCU promotes interdisciplinary collaboration among academia, industry, and community stakeholders. The University focuses on nurturing ethical, socially conscious and globally competent graduates who contribute to national development and societal well-being.

About the Department of Studies and Research Social Work

Established in 2018, the Department of Studies and Research in Social Work at Dr. Manmohan Singh, Bengaluru City University is committed to equity, social justice, human rights, and inclusive development. The department prepares socially responsible professionals to address contemporary social challenges at local, national, and global levels. Through a blend of academic learning and field-based practice, the department emphasizes research, internships, and community engagement. Guided by the pillars of Teaching, Practice, Research, and Extension, it fosters critical thinking, leadership, and professional competence. Graduates contribute effectively across development, health, education, social welfare, industry, and policy sectors, promoting sustainable and inclusive social change.

About The Association of People with Disability (APD)

The Association of People with Disability (APD), founded in 1959, is a national leader in disability inclusion, rights, and rehabilitation. APD works across urban and rural India, empowering children and adults with diverse disabilities through education, skilling, livelihoods, rehabilitation, advocacy, and community-based programs. Rooted in human rights and social justice, APD partners with government, academia, corporations, and communities to advance accessibility, inclusion, and independent living. Over six decades, APD has transformed thousands of lives with evidence-based, participatory and scalable models of inclusion., leadership and inclusive solutions across sectors.

About Institute of Disability Rehabilitation and Research (IDRR)

The Institute of Disability, Rehabilitation and Research (IDRR) is the academic, research, and capacity-building wing of APD. IDRR strengthens the disability ecosystem by integrating field expertise with applied research, training, policy engagement, and innovative models of inclusive development. The institute focuses on disability studies, inclusive education, rehabilitation sciences, and rights-based practices. IDRR facilitates knowledge exchange among practitioners, academicians, policymakers, and persons with disabilities, fostering innovation, leadership and inclusive solutions across sectors.

Genesis of the Conference

Disability inclusion remains a key concern in global development, human rights, and social justice. Despite policy progress, persons with disabilities continue to face systemic barriers in education, employment, healthcare, governance, and community life, often intensified by intersecting factors such as gender, socio-economic status, and geography. This underscores the need for inclusive, equitable, and sustainable interventions.

The conference *Inclusive Disability Interventions: Diversity, Equity, Accessibility & Sustainability* recognizes disability as a complex social and structural issue requiring interdisciplinary approaches from Social Work and allied disciplines. Social Work plays a central role by linking individual, community, and policy-level responses through rights-based, empowering, and practice-oriented interventions.

Emphasizing diversity, equity, accessibility, and sustainability, the conference provides a platform for scholars, practitioners, policymakers, civil society, and persons with disabilities to collaborate, share knowledge, and advance inclusive solutions for building equitable and accessible societies.

Conference Sub-Themes:

1. Diversity, Identity & Intersectionality in Disability

- Disability across gender, age, sexuality, caste/class, culture, ethnicity, and socio-economic status
- Indigenous, migrant, minority, and marginalized perspectives
- Lived experiences, identity formation, stigma, and narratives
- Family, community, and social networks in inclusion

2. Rights, Equity, Governance & Social Justice

- Disability rights, legal frameworks, and policy reforms
- Addressing structural discrimination, ableism, and exclusion
- Political participation and inclusive governance
- Access to justice, accountability, and institutional responsibility

3. Accessibility, Universal Design & Inclusive Environments

- Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and inclusive education
- Accessible infrastructure, housing, transport, and urban planning
- Digital and communication accessibility
- Inclusive culture, media, sports, and recreation

4. Inclusive Education, Skills & Lifelong Learning

- Early intervention and inclusive childhood development
- Inclusive schooling, higher education, and teacher preparation
- Adult learning, vocational education, and skills development
- Life-course transitions and lifelong learning pathways

5. Health, Mental Health & Psychosocial Well-being

- Equitable healthcare, rehabilitation, and community-based services
- Mental health, psychosocial disabilities, and trauma-informed care
- Sexual and reproductive health rights
- Caregiver well-being and family support

6. Economic Inclusion, Employment & Livelihoods

- Inclusive employment models and workplace accommodations
- Entrepreneurship, self-employment, and disability-led enterprises
- Social protection, welfare systems, and poverty reduction
- Future of work and inclusive labor markets

7. Technology, Innovation & Ethical Inclusion

- Assistive technologies and emerging digital solutions
- Low-cost, community-driven innovations
- Digital inclusion and bridging the disability digital divide
- Ethical, inclusive, and participatory innovation

8. Sustainable & Disability-Inclusive Development

- Disability inclusion in the SDGs
- Climate change, disaster risk reduction, and resilience
- Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) models
- Green jobs, environmental justice, and sustainable livelihoods

9. Community Engagement, Social Work & Participatory Practice

- Rights-based and anti-oppressive social work practice
- Person-centered, family-centered, and psychosocial interventions
- Co-production, participatory, and community-led approaches
- Strengthening peer support and local capacity

10. Policy Practice, Advocacy, Governance & Systems Change

- Disability-inclusive public policies, welfare systems, and governance frameworks
- Participatory governance, advocacy, and collaboration with Disabled Persons' Organizations (DPOs)
- Cross-sector governance partnerships among state, civil society, private sector, and communities
- Institutional reform, decentralized governance, and accountable service delivery
- Policy implementation, monitoring, and scaling sustainable inclusive systems

11. Research, Evidence & Knowledge for Action

- Inclusive and ethical research methodologies
- Disability data, statistics, and evidence-informed policy
- Monitoring, evaluation, and impact assessment
- Translating research into practice and policy

12. Global, Regional & Comparative Perspectives

- Comparative disability policies and welfare regimes
- South–South and North–South cooperation
- Local innovations with global relevance
- Cross-cultural and international learning

13. Sociological Perspectives on Disability & Social Inclusion

- Disability, social stratification, inequality, and power relations
- Intersectionality: disability with gender, caste/class, ethnicity, and culture
- Social exclusion, stigma, labeling, and identity formation
- Disability movements, advocacy, and collective action

14. Commerce, Entrepreneurship & Market Inclusion

- Disability-inclusive entrepreneurship and self-employment
- Inclusive supply chains, market access, and consumer rights
- Accessible and inclusive product and service design
- Social enterprises, ethical commerce, and disability-led businesses

15. Management, Organizations & Inclusive Leadership

- Inclusive leadership and organizational culture
- Workplace diversity, equity, and disability inclusion strategies
- Human resource policies, reasonable accommodation, and retention

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), accountability, and impact measurement

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract Submission

Maximum 250 words

- Must clearly state the purpose, methodology, key findings and implications

Full Paper Submission

Length: 2,500–5,000 words

- Format: APA 7th Edition

Must include:

Title of the paper, Author(s) full name(s), Institutional affiliation(s) and Email address(es)

Presentation Guidelines

Each selected presenter will receive 10 minutes for the oral presentation during the conference.

Submission Details

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- Submissions sent through any other mode will not be considered.

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Publication Information

Participation in the conference is mandatory for the paper to be considered for publication.

- Selected papers will also be published in Conference Proceedings / Edited Books with ISBN and Peer-Reviewed Journals with ISSN.
- Detailed publication information will be communicated after the conference.

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Students: ₹500 (Participation/Presentation)
M.Phil./Ph.D. Scholars Participation: ₹500 Presentation : ₹1000
Academicians/Practitioners: ₹1000 (Participation and Presentation)

International Delegates (in USD):
Participation and Presentation: 30 USD

Link for Registration and Payment : <https://forms.gle/YPpLXYoWPgeoLDeQ6t>

Includes:

✓ Conference Kit

✓ Lunch and refreshments (2 days)

NO TA/DA/Accommodation will be provided

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