One Day National Conference

On

"Empowering Vulnerable Communities: Strategies for Inclusive Social Development"

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Vel Tech is widely recognized for its esteemed educational practices, earning numerous accolades over the years. The institution's founders, **Col. Prof. Vel. Dr. R. Rangarajan, Founder President & Chancellor,** and **Dr. Sagunthala Rangarajan, Foundress President,** strongly believe in providing *Education for All*, regardless of financial circumstances, as a means to uplift society. Vel Tech holds the distinction of being a **Category 1 Deemed-to-be University** as recognized by the UGC and has been accredited with an **A++ grade by NAAC**, underscoring its commitment to quality education. The institution is renowned for its excellence in education, research, and innovation. Emphasizing research and development, Vel Tech encourages students and faculty to engage in innovative projects. With well-established research centers and laboratories equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, the university fosters cutting-edge research through collaborations with national and international research organizations and industries. Vel Tech maintains strong ties with various industries to ensure students receive practical, industry-relevant training. Its dedicated placement cell works diligently to connect students with leading companies, resulting in consistently high placement rates. Many students secure positions in top national and international firms due to the university's robust industry-academia interactions. Furthermore, Vel Tech has established partnerships with several international universities and institutions, facilitating student and faculty exchange programs, collaborative research initiatives, and opportunities for global exposure. Recognized by the **NIRF as 86th in the Engineering category** and awarded a **diamond rating by QS I-Gauge**, Vel Tech continues to solidify its reputation as a leader in higher education.

About the School of Law

The **School of Law** was established with the objective of developing a new generation of legal professionals by imparting a comprehensive and contemporary body of knowledge that integrates law with other social sciences. The school is committed to shaping a new cadre of legal professionals who serve society as eminent and highly skilled practitioners. The primary objective of the School of Law is to provide comprehensive and interdisciplinary legal education that is socially relevant. It aims to promote legal and ethical values, foster the rule of law, and uphold the objectives enshrined in the Constitution of India. The School of Law strives to disseminate legal knowledge and highlight its role in national development. It emphasizes the ability to analyze and address contemporary public issues, explore their legal implications for the benefit of society, and promote legal awareness within the community. Its mission includes achieving political, social, and economic justice. The School of Law endeavors to position legal education as justice education—an instrument of social, political, and economic change. It aspires to ensure that every individual associated with the institution is remembered for their contribution to the promotion of social justice.

About the Conference

The National Conference emphasizes the critical need for achieving inclusive social development by addressing disparities faced by marginalized groups. Vulnerable communities worldwide encounter barriers rooted in ethnicity, caste, gender, disability, and socioeconomic status, hindering their access to essential resources, opportunities, and rights. This conference highlights the importance of enhancing individual freedoms and capabilities, rather than relying solely on economic indicators, as the measure of development. This approach prioritizes access to health, education, and social inclusion as essential pillars for fostering human development and reducing inequality. Despite global progress, persistent challenges such as limited access to education, healthcare, and economic opportunities continue to marginalize disadvantaged groups. Structural inequalities and intergenerational cycles of poverty exacerbate these disparities. The conference will explore comprehensive strategies to empower vulnerable communities and promote equity. Discussions will focus on policy interventions, community-driven initiatives, institutional reforms, and the role of civil society organizations and grassroots movements in advocating for inclusive development. Global frameworks like the Sustainable Development Goals provide a valuable blueprint for advancing inclusive policies that leave no one behind. This conference aims to bring together government officials, civil society organizations, researchers, and community leaders to analyze challenges, share empirical evidence, and highlight successful case studies. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, the event seeks to inspire participants to advocate for meaningful change and empower marginalized populations. Through a collective commitment to inclusive social development, the conference aspires to contribute to the realization of a sustainable and equitable society by 2047, in alignment with India's developmental vision.

Sub-Themes for the Conference

- ➢ Understanding Barriers to Inclusive Social Development
- ➢ Transformative Policy Interventions and Governance Reforms
- ➢ Operationalizing the Capability Approach in Development Planning
- ➢ Empowering Communities through Grassroots Movements
- ➢ Addressing Social Exclusion and Intersectionality
- ➢ The Role of Civil Society Organizations in Advocacy and Impact
- ➢ Advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through Inclusivity
- ➢ Harnessing Technology and Innovation for Marginalized Communities
- ➢ Promoting Environmental Justice for Vulnerable Populations
- ➢ Building Collaborative Frameworks for Inclusive Social Development
- ➢ Bridging the Gap: Challenges in Policy Implementation
- ➢ Intersection of Culture, Identity, and Inclusive Social Development
- ➢ Gender Equality as a Pillar of Inclusive Development
- ➢ Inclusive Urbanization and Smart Cities for All
- ➢ Digital Inclusion for Social Empowerment
- ➢ Addressing Intergenerational Cycles of Poverty
- ➢ Human Rights-Based Approaches to Social Development
- ➢ Education as a Catalyst for Equity and Inclusion
- ➢ Health and Well-Being for Marginalized Groups
- ➢ Other relevant themes of the conference

Important Dates

Last Date for Submission of Abstract	:	27.12.2024
Conformation of Abstract	:	03.01.2025
Last Date for Registration fee	:	07.01.2025
Full Paper Submission	:	23.01.2025
Conference Date	:	22.02.2025

Submission of Abstract

Academicians, professionals, research scholars, advocates, NGO representatives, and students are invited to submit their abstracts through the provided link. Abstracts should not exceed 350 words and must be submitted on or before **27th December 2024.** All submissions will undergo a peer-review process before acceptance. The following information, in the specified format, must accompany the abstract: title of the abstract, name of the author, official designation and institution details, address, and email ID. **The author will ensure that the plagiarism check is below 10% and the AI content check is below 10% before submission of abstract and full paper.**

Publication: Selected papers will be published in an edited book by a reputed international publisher with an ISBN, subject to an additional fee.

Submission link:

https://forms.gle/vSjYSqXxtTB7QAT69

Registration Fees

Category	For Vel Tech University	External Participants
Student	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 300/-
Research Scholars	Rs. 400/-	Rs. 500/-
Faculty/Professional/Other	Rs. 550/-	Rs. 650/-

The payment link will be sent at the time of confirmation of abstract selection. Both Author and Co-Author have to pay individually.

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