

REPORT ON NATIONAL SEMINAR

HISTORY OF INDIAN ADMINISTRATION (ANCIENT, MEDIEVAL & MODERN)

13/03/2025

The National Seminar on *History of Indian Administration* was successfully conducted on 13th March 2025 at Government Degree College, Rampachodavaram. The event was organized by the Departments of History and Political Science with an aim to explore and analyze the administrative systems that have shaped Indian governance across various historical periods—Ancient, Medieval, and Modern.

INAUGURAL SESSION:

The seminar commenced with an inaugural session, which was presided over by Dr. K. Vasudha, President of the organizing committee. The session began with a welcome address by J.S. Suneetha, the convenor, followed by an introduction to the seminar theme by SRB Chakravarthy, the organizing secretary. Special greetings were extended by JD Dr. Ch. Krishna, acknowledging the significance of the seminar in understanding the evolution of Indian administration.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES:

Dr. Shyam Mohan David Raju from SV University delivered an insightful keynote address on the transition of administrative policies from ancient to modern times, emphasizing the role of governance in shaping socio-political structures. Dr. Madhusudhan Rao from Andhra University elaborated on the influence of colonial rule on modern administrative frameworks in India. Both speakers provided valuable perspectives, setting the academic tone for the rest of the seminar.

TECHNICAL SESSIONS:

The seminar featured multiple technical sessions, each focusing on different aspects of Indian administration:

1. Ancient Indian Administration:

- The governance model of the Mauryan and Gupta empires.
- The role of local self-governance and village administration.
- Influence of Dharma and Arthashastra on governance principles.

2. Medieval Indian Administration:

- The administrative policies of the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire.
- The Mansabdari system and its impact on military administration.
- Regional administrative models under the Vijayanagar and Maratha empires.

3. Modern Indian Administration:

- The transformation of governance under British rule.
- Role of constitutional reforms in shaping modern governance.
- The impact of post-independence policies on contemporary administration.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

A total of **25 research papers** were presented by scholars and faculty members from various institutions. These papers provided deep insights into different facets of Indian administration, including:

- Evolution of bureaucracy in India.
- Administrative reforms introduced during different historical periods.
- A comparative study of governance structures in different dynasties.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS:

In addition to paper presentations, a **poster presentation session** was organized, which saw participation from **35 students and faculty members** from Government College (A), Rajamahendravaram. The posters visually depicted key administrative developments and reforms across historical periods, facilitating a more interactive learning experience for the attendees.

DISCUSSIONS AND INTERACTIONS:

The seminar encouraged active participation from students, researchers, and faculty members. The Q&A sessions following each technical presentation led to thought-provoking discussions on various governance-related topics. Scholars debated the relevance of ancient administrative principles in contemporary governance and exchanged ideas on administrative efficiency and reforms.

VALEDICTORY SESSION:

The seminar concluded with a valedictory session, where certificates of participation were distributed to all presenters and attendees. The organizing committee extended gratitude to all dignitaries, scholars, and participants for their contributions in making the seminar a resounding success.

CONCLUSION:

The National Seminar on *History of Indian Administration* was a landmark event that provided an in-depth exploration of India's administrative evolution. The insightful discussions, scholarly interactions, and research presentations made the seminar a valuable academic initiative. The Departments of History and Political Science express their sincere appreciation to all resource persons, participants, and organizers for their dedicated efforts in making this seminar a grand success.

