



# National Seminar

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## Social Capital, Indigenous Knowledge, and Sustainable Development in India: The Tribal Perspectives

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**Note:** The DATE for the National Seminar is revised. Kindly ignore the previously circulated broucher.



## CONCEPT NOTE

The national seminar aims to explore the harmonious relationship between *social capital* used by Hanifan in 1916 (1879-1932), indigenous knowledge, and sustainable development within the context of tribal communities in India. The commonalities of most definitions of social capital are that they focus on social relations that have productive benefits. The variety of definitions identified in the literature stem from the highly context specific nature of social capital and the complexity of its conceptualization and operationalization (Tristan Claridge, 2004). This national seminar seeks to understand how these three interconnected elements influence each other and contribute to the well-being and advancement of tribal populations. The indigenous communities in India possess a rich reservoir of traditional knowledge and practices that have sustained them for generations. This knowledge is deeply embedded in their social fabric and shapes their interactions, resource management, and development pathways. As the world embraces sustainable development, it is imperative to recognize the significance of indigenous knowledge and its alignment with social capital for achieving holistic and inclusive growth. Social capital refers to the network of relationships, trust, and social norms that facilitate cooperation and collaboration within a community. For tribal societies, social capital plays a crucial role in decision-making, resource allocation, and collective action. Exploring the linkages between social capital and sustainable development can shed light on how tribal communities leverage their social networks for achieving equitable growth. Indigenous knowledge encompasses a wide range of skills, practices, and beliefs that are passed down through generations. Tribal communities possess a deep understanding of local ecosystems, natural resources, and sustainable agricultural practices. By integrating their knowledge into modern development frameworks, there is potential to enhance resilience, conserve biodiversity, and promote sustainable land use.

On the concept note, the national seminar on *“Social Capital, Indigenous Knowledge, and Sustainable Development in India: The Tribal Perspectives”* aims to explore the intricate relationship between social capital, indigenous knowledge, and sustainable development within the context of tribal societies in India. This seminar will provide a platform for researchers, scholars, policymakers, and practitioners from around the world to discuss and analyze the theoretical frameworks, empirical studies, and best practices related to the topic. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, the seminar seeks to promote a comprehensive understanding of how social capital and indigenous knowledge can contribute to sustainable development in tribal communities.

## Themes and Sub-Themes

### 1. Social Capital and Community Development:

1. Social networks and community cohesion in tribal societies.
2. Role of social capital in promoting collective action for sustainable development.
3. Trust, reciprocity, and social norms in tribal communities.
4. Participatory approaches and community empowerment for sustainable development.

## **2. Indigenous Knowledge and Natural Resource Management:**

5. Traditional ecological knowledge and its application in sustainable resource management.
6. Indigenous practices for sustainable agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.
7. Conservation and preservation of traditional knowledge systems.
8. Indigenous perspectives on biodiversity conservation and ecosystem services.

## **3. Indigenous Health Systems and Well-being:**

9. Traditional healing practices and holistic well-being in tribal communities.
10. Indigenous knowledge in healthcare delivery and primary health services.
11. Integrating traditional and modern healthcare systems.
12. Indigenous approaches to mental health and psychosocial well-being.

## **4. Indigenous Livelihoods and Sustainable Economic Development:**

13. Traditional livelihood practices and sustainable economic models.
14. Indigenous entrepreneurship and small-scale industries.
15. Value addition and marketing of indigenous products.
16. Indigenous knowledge-based innovations and sustainable technologies.

## **5. Governance, Policy, and Legal Frameworks:**

17. Indigenous rights, land tenure, and natural resource governance.
18. Recognition and protection of indigenous knowledge systems.
19. Policy frameworks for integrating indigenous knowledge into sustainable development strategies.
20. Indigenous participation in decision-making processes and policy implementation.

## **6. Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience:**

21. Indigenous knowledge and practices for climate change adaptation.
22. Traditional forecasting systems and coping mechanisms.
23. Indigenous perspectives on climate change mitigation and resilience.
24. Community-based adaptation strategies and knowledge exchange.

## **7. Education and Intergenerational Transmission of Indigenous Knowledge:**

25. Indigenous knowledge in formal and informal education systems.
26. Challenges and opportunities in preserving and transmitting indigenous knowledge.
27. Role of schools, universities, and cultural institutions in promoting indigenous knowledge.
28. Intergenerational learning and knowledge transfer in tribal communities.

## **8. Technology and Digital Innovations for Indigenous Development:**

29. Role of technology in documenting and preserving indigenous knowledge.
30. Digital platforms for sharing indigenous practices and innovations.
31. Mobile applications and ICT tools for indigenous communities.
32. Ethical considerations and community ownership in technological interventions.

## **Expected Outcomes of National Seminar**

The outcomes of this National seminar will contribute to a comprehensive understanding of how tribal communities perceive their social capital, indigenous knowledge, and their role in sustainable development. It will also highlight effective strategies for harnessing indigenous wisdom and social networks to address local challenges and foster environmentally conscious development. By valuing their traditional knowledge and leveraging social capital, sustainable development initiatives can be tailored to enhance the well-being of these communities while safeguarding their cultural heritage and promoting environmental sustainability. By exchanging ideas, sharing best practices, and discussing challenges and opportunities, this seminar aims to contribute to the knowledge base and policy discourse on how to foster sustainable development that respects and incorporates the unique cultural and ecological heritage of tribal societies in India.

### **Seminar Format:**

- Keynote speeches by renowned experts in the field of social capital, indigenous knowledge, and sustainable development.
- Interactive panel discussions and Questions and Answers sessions with academics, practitioners, and community representatives.
- Presentations of research findings, case studies, and best practices from diverse perspectives

### **Target Paper Presenters and Participants:**

- Academics and researchers specializing in sustainable development, anthropology, sociology, political science, economics, tribal studies/indigenous studies in particular and social science in general.
- Policy professionals and government officials working in the fields of tribal welfare, rural development, and sustainable livelihoods.
- NGOs, community-based organizations, and practitioners involved in community development and empowerment.
- Tribal community representatives and leaders, providing them a platform to share their experiences and perspectives.

## **Guidelines For Abstracts and Full Papers Submission:**

Paper presenters and participants are requested to submit an original research paper along with abstract of **300 words maximum**. The author (s) suggested to use Times New Roman, Font Size: 12, and Line Spacing-1.5.

The abstract should be sent to [sociologyns.kalahandiuniversity@gmail.com](mailto:sociologyns.kalahandiuniversity@gmail.com) latest by **20<sup>th</sup> September 2023**.

<b>Details Required for the Full Paper Submission:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Title of Abstract (16 Font) (Bold)</li> <li>• Author name(s) (12 Font)</li> <li>• APA manual</li> <li>• Word Limit: 5000-6000 words Maximum</li> <li>• Designation</li> <li>• Institutional Affiliation</li> <li>• Email IDs</li> <li>• Contact Numbers (WhatsApp)</li> </ul>	<b>Abstract format:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Objectives</li> <li>• Research methodology</li> <li>• Findings (Interim or Final), outcome, policy recommendations/implications</li> <li>• Keywords: Maximum 07 to 08 words</li> </ul>
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### Important Dates and Details:

20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	25 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Last date for Abstract/full paper Submission	Notification of Acceptance of abstract/full paper	Last date for full paper submission	Last Date for Registration with fees

### Registration Fees

Indian Academicians/faculties (Paper Presenters)	INR. 3000/-
Indian Research scholar/students (Paper Presenters)	INR. 1500/-
NGOs/VOs/Practitioners (paper presenters)	INR.2000/-
International academia/ research scholars (Paper Presenters)	\$ 75.
National Seminar participants (Non-Paper Presenters)	INR. 500/-
Students Participants of Kalahandi University	INR. 200/-
Kalahandi University Faculty (Paper Presenters)	INR. 1000/-

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## **Kalahandi University**

Kalahandi University is one of the youngest state universities under the Higher Education Department of Odisha. The university, which is located at the district head-quarter Bhawanipatna, came into existence on September 1, 2020 with an upgradation from the status of an Autonomous College conferred in 2002. As an affiliating university, it serves the needs of 60 colleges in the regions Kalahandi and Nuapada. The University offers a variety of courses in Arts, Humanities, Science, Business and Commerce at different levels of Higher Secondary, Bachelor Degree and Masters in 22 disciplines.

The University is located at 401 km in the south from the state capital Bhubaneswar. While it fulfills the needs and aspiration of the region, it strongly believes in playing a significant role in nation-building and in shaping our contemporary society. It provides cutting edge ideas and knowledge to its pupils with research-based teaching; and it constantly strives towards providing an optimal ambience for creativity, reason, and free-thinking.

## **Department of Sociology**

The Department of Sociology at Kalahandi University is an august department growing with genuinely committed faculties. The department offers courses both at the level of Under Graduate CBCS based model and PG courses. The department aims to train the student in social theory as well as encourages the students for empirical engagement in the field through short term research projects. The core courses of the department introduce the students to the Sociological tradition of India, Indian Society, Kinship Pattern, Gender, Marginalized Communities, Tribal and Dalit studies, Health, Social Movements, Environmental Sociology and Sustainable Development, and Area Studies (Course on South Odisha). Further, the courses aim to critically analyze economic, social, cultural, and political issues of our contemporary times—such as rural and urban disparity, patterns of social exclusion, inequality, and policies of inclusion. The students are also introduced to the nexus of Science, Society and Technology (STS)—to help understand the ever-growing role of technology in everyday life and how it shapes human relations and the society at large. The students receive handholding supports in both quantitative and qualitative research methods like field survey, in-depth interviews, ethnography, social mapping, data cleaning, project designing and report writing with a training in statistical software and citation tools.

## **Odisha Sociological Society**

The Odisha Sociological Society (OSS) was registered under the Society Registration Act- 860 in 2010 and is a state unit of the Indian Sociological Society, New Delhi. The Odisha Sociological Society was set up in Cuttack with the initiative of the Head of the Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, in 2010. With the help of the Odisha Sociological Society, Department of Sociology, Ravenshaw University organized the All India Sociological Conference in 2010 under the leadership of Prof. DR Sahu. KIIT/KISS successfully organized the 41<sup>st</sup> All India Sociological Conference in 2015 under the leadership of Dr. Iswar Chandra

Naik, the present Secretary of the Odisha Sociological Society. Present president of OSS is Dr. Amiya Kumar Jena. With the expansion of higher education, it has been formed for constructive and peaceful endeavor towards the development and growth of Sociology in Odisha and the contribution of Sociologists towards policy formulation for the overall development of Odisha. Its conferences are organized with the help of the different universities and colleges in the state. The Society now organizes its major conferences, providing a better opportunity for members to participate in meaningful dialogues and exchange of views.

### **How To Reach Kalahandi University**

The Kalahandi University is about 401 km in the south from the state capital Bhubaneswar. The University is only 3 km from the Bhawanipatna railway station. From Bhubaneswar one can take the Bhubaneswar-Junagarh Road SF Express to reach Bhawanipatna. Night coach buses also ply to Bhawanipatna from Bhubaneswar and other cities in the state. People travelling from other parts of Odisha and state can also use Kesinga railway station (34 kms) or Titlagarh railway station (50 kms) to reach Bhawanipatna.

**Tourist places:** Kalahandi district has several beautiful places to visit. To name a few: The famous Manikeshwari temple located within Bhawanipatna town, Dokarichanchara and Phurlijharan Waterfalls are an amazing site for nature lovers; Gudahandi hills- a pre-historic site located in the Ampani Sanctuary of the District and Asurgarh is an archaeological site situated nearly about 35Km from district head-quarter. Rabandarh, a place of great scenic beauty lying about 12.8 K.M from Bhawanipatna, and Belkhandi situated on the confluence of two rivers Tel and Uttei, is 67 Km from the district head-quarter.

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**National Seminar Date and Venue**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

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Join us for this insightful national seminar that aims to foster dialogue, collaboration, and knowledge exchange on harnessing social capital and indigenous knowledge for sustainable development in tribal societies in India. Together, let's explore ways to empower tribal



communities, preserve their cultural heritage, and pave the way for inclusive and sustainable development practices.

**NB:**

1. Food and Accommodation will be provided only to the paper presenters. There is no provision for TA.
2. Participants (Non-Paper Presenters) need to arrange their own accommodation.