

REGISTRATION

Participants and paper presenters are required to complete the seminar registration process and remit the prescribed registration fee through the online payment mode to confirm their participation on or before **April 07, 2026**.

REGISTRATION FEE

Faculty Members / Academicians : ₹1500/-
Research Scholars : ₹800/-
PG Students : ₹300/-

Each co-author must register separately.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

- * The registration fee includes seminar kit, refreshments, and certificate.
- * Outstation participants are required to make their own boarding and lodging arrangements, as accommodation is not included in the registration fee.



Registration Link

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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Faculty members, researchers, research scholars, postgraduate students, policymakers, NGO practitioners, technologists, and community representatives working in the areas of Indigenous studies, education, linguistics, digital innovation, and tribal development are encouraged to submit papers and participate in the seminar.

LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

February 28th, 2026

FINAL SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER

March 31st, 2026

EMAIL FOR RESEARCH PAPER SUBMISSION

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ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

Community-Initiated Digital and Cultural Innovations for Preserving and Promoting Santali, Mundari, and Ho Languages in Eastern India: Implications for Multilingual Education and NEP 2020

17-18 April, 2026



Organized By
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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Established on 7 July 1913 by Dr. Annie Besant, Vasanta College for Women is one of the oldest institutions in Varanasi. The college is admitted to the privileges of Banaras Hindu University and recognized by the UGC under Sections 12B and 2(f), and is accredited with Grade 'A+' by NAAC. Functioning under the aegis of the Krishnamurti Foundation India, the college is committed to holistic education, creative and critical thinking, and academic excellence.

Situated at the confluence of the rivers Ganga and Varuna, near the historic Rajghat site, the college offers a serene and inspiring academic environment.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Santali, Mundari, and Ho languages represent rich Indigenous knowledge systems and cultural heritage across Jharkhand, Odisha, and West Bengal. However, socio-economic changes, migration, and the dominance of mainstream languages have led to declining use of these mother tongues among younger generations.

This ICSSR-sponsored National Seminar aims to explore how community-driven digital innovations, Indigenous cultural practices, and multilingual education frameworks can support language preservation and promote inclusive education in alignment with NEP 2020. The seminar will bring together researchers, educators, policymakers, technologists, and community stakeholders to develop practical frameworks for linguistic sustainability and educational equity.

OBJECTIVES OF SEMINAR

- ★ To examine community-initiated digital innovations for tribal language preservation.
- ★ To explore Indigenous knowledge systems and cultural practices as resources for language sustainability.
- ★ To evaluate mother-tongue and multilingual education in tribal regions in light of NEP 2020.
- ★ To discuss policy frameworks, governance models, and institutional collaborations supporting linguistic justice.
- ★ To identify future pathways including AI, digital archives, mobile learning, and community media for sustainable language promotion.

BROAD THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

1. Digital Innovations for Indigenous Language Revitalization

- ★ Digital storytelling, community media, and vernacular content creation
- ★ Local language apps, keyboards, AI tools, and digital archives
- ★ Youth-led digital initiatives and technology hubs

2. Cultural Practices & Indigenous Knowledge

- ★ Oral traditions, folklore, songs, rituals, and festivals
- ★ Ecological knowledge and intergenerational knowledge transfer
- ★ Mapping cultural landscapes and Indigenous Knowledge Systems (IKS)

3. Multilingual Education & NEP 2020

- ★ Mother-tongue based foundational learning
- ★ Culturally responsive pedagogy and teacher capacity
- ★ Development of bridge materials and multilingual classroom models
- ★ Impact of multilingual education on learning outcomes

4. Legal Rights, Policies & Governance

- ★ Constitutional safeguards and tribal rights (Fifth Schedule, PESA, FRA)
- ★ NEP 2020, NIPUN Bharat, state MLE policies
- ★ Role of Gram Sabhas, NGOs, and community participation

5. Challenges & Future Pathways

- ★ Connectivity, migration, and socio-economic barriers
- ★ Challenges in digitisation and ethical considerations
- ★ AI, mobile learning, digital libraries, and sustainable community models
- ★ Institutional and university-community partnerships



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND RESEARCH PAPERS

Original, plagiarism-free research papers aligned with the seminar theme and sub-themes are invited, along with an abstract.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Abstract : Maximum 300 words
Full Paper : Maximum 4000 words
Submissions must be original, unpublished, and not under consideration elsewhere.
Abstract and full paper must be submitted on or before the prescribed deadline.

FORMATTING INSTRUCTIONS

File format: MS Word
Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt (English) / Krutidev 10, 14 pt (Hindi)
Line spacing: Double-spaced
The first page must include:
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DECLARATION

Authors must submit a signed declaration stating that:
The paper is plagiarism-free.
The work is original and not generated through AI.
The paper has not been published, accepted, or submitted for publication elsewhere.

REVIEW AND NOTIFICATION

All submissions will undergo a peer review process in accordance with ICSSR guidelines.
Authors of selected abstracts and full papers will be notified by April 05, 2026.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

Selected high-quality papers, as recommended by the review committee, will be published in an edited volume with ISBN.