



**RESEARCH CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**  
**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRIBAL STUDIES**  
**ODISHA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**



**Sambalpur University**  
**Jyoti Vihar, Burla, India**





## **ABOUT THE CENTRE**

The Research Centre of Excellence: Regional Development and Tribal Studies (RCOE-RDTS), Sambalpur University, Odisha is established in the year 2019 through Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC), Government of Odisha through World Bank. The Centre of Excellence established itself as a premier regional institute for research and training in multi and trans-disciplinary research approaches in Western Odisha. Besides research activities, the Centre of Excellence also provides consultancy to the Government and Non-Government organizations and other academic institutions. The Research Centre of Excellence: Regional Development and Tribal Studies is under the administrative control of the Sambalpur University and Odisha State Higher Education Council, Government of Odisha.

## **MISSION AND VISION OF THE RCOE-RDTS**

### ***MISSION***

The RCOE: RDTS will strive to be a centre of excellence on both tribal and non-tribal population and relevant issues through high research. This will be achieved by (a) generating and disseminating scientific knowledge and evidence, (b) collaboration and exchange of knowledge, and (c) advocacy and awareness

### ***VISION***

To establish RCOE: RDTS as premier research keeping in view the geographical location of the Centre in the region, where there is acute poverty, underdevelopment, distress migration, social deprivation and prevalence of diseases, the ROCE will take special care to address these problems through multi and trans disciplinary research approaches.

## **RESEARCH**

The primary activity of the Centre is to conduct research projects on various aspects of regional issues. The Centre also undertakes evaluative studies and large-scale surveys. Emphasis is given on studies related to inter-relationship of various social, cultural and economic components of tribal and non-tribal population.



## **CONSULTATIVE SERVICES**

The Centre provides consultancy services and undertakes special studies on problems related to tribal and non-tribal population at the request of the Government of Odisha. Given the expertise of the staff in various areas of population, research methodology, etc., an active effort is being made to let the organizations which need short term consultancy services, know about the availability of persons.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The principal objective of Research Centre of Excellence is to focus on health and development indicators, traditional knowledge systems of tribes and ill health consequences due to mobility in the region, and create awareness among the people to bring new policy implications for the sustainable development.

### **Objective 1**

Documentation of socioeconomic and cultural indicators, health, nutrition and morbidity indicators to construct the vulnerability index of Tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of Western Odisha.

### **Objective 2**

Study the prevalence of chronic diseases such as Sickle Cell Anemia, Kidney failure, Cancer, TB etc among the Tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of Western Odisha to provide information to professionals for health care.

### **Objective 3**

Documentation of traditional knowledge system for health seeking behaviour and food preservation techniques including millets for the sustainable development of the region.

### **Objective 4**

Study the impact of migration and human trafficking on human development and health (physical and psychological) among the migrants of Western Odisha for generating new policy implications.





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## RESEARCH

### WRATH OF THE DEITIES, NON-HUMAN ANIMAL SACRIFICATION AND RECIPROCITY: AN ETHNOGRAPHY STUDY OF RITUALS IN KUTIA KANDHA

Kutia Kandha is one of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) of India with rich religious beliefs and mythological traditions associated with non-human animal sacrifices. These sacrificial rituals create a complex relationship between the deities, animal, and the human which further produce a reciprocity between human and deities within the Kutia Kandha. This study was conducted in the



Kandhamal district of the Odisha, India. Ethnographic and qualitative approach has been adopted in this study utilizing techniques like participant observation, semi-structured interviews, and case studies. The study finds non-human animal sacrifice is an exchange of the fortune or misdeed and it symbolizes compassion to maintain harmony and equilibrium in the tribal society. The Kutia Kandha believe these offerings of non-human animals in the form of sacrifice are essential to satisfy the deities and secure protection from various forms of misfortune. In a Figure, A cock was sacrificed during Gat Puja, incorporating sacred elements and ritual offerings. Siali leaves (4) (*Bauhinia vahlii*), symbolizing purity and harmony with nature, were an integral part of the ceremony. The sacrifice was performed at the Mundakuta (2), a ritual platform carved from a Sal tree, serving as the site for the offering. The cock's head (5) was placed directly on the Mundakuta, emphasizing its sacred offering in the ritual. This setup was positioned near a sacred stone (1), representing



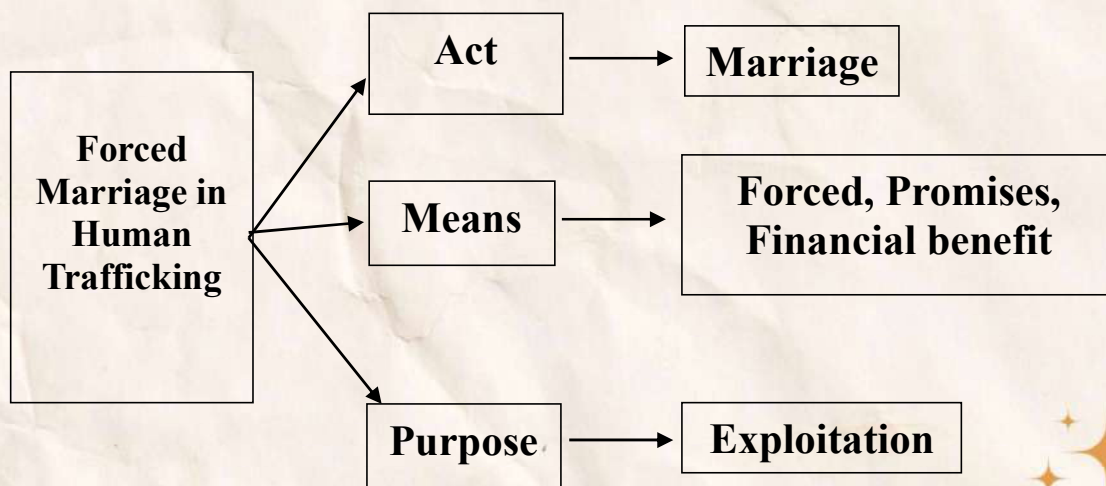




the deity being worshiped. The stone, collected from the Dangar (hill), was imbued with spiritual significance, symbolizing the deity's connection to the natural world. The Mundakuta was supported by a temporary mud holder (3), which symbolized the earth and reinforced the connection between the terrestrial and the divine. The Jani (priest) conducted the ritual by sprinkling the cock's blood around the sacred site, an act intended to purify the house and place.

## EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS FOR FORCED MARRIAGE IN INDIA

The Centre of Excellence- Regional Development and Tribal Studies has studied Exploitation and Trafficking of women and girls for Forced marriage in Bargarh and Balangir districts. This study describes the experiences of 34 Indian women and girls in post-trafficking services who were sold into marriage in different cities.



Findings revealed that women and girls were forced to marry before reaching the legal marriage age (18 years), and afterwards were subjected to multiple forms of violence, including verbal abuse, threats, physical and sexual violence, which co-occurred in diverse contexts at work and resulted in a wide range of physical health consequences, from head injuries to broken bones and mental health problems.

The study concluded on the need for strong implementation of law enforcement in the region to stop the trafficking for forced marriage, including a highly needed intensive awareness







program to eradicate patriarchal attitudes and practices on the commoditisation of women, dowry practices, and curb the trafficking network. Moreover, the study also suggests the formulation of post-trafficking policies and services, particularly given the health implications of violence for many survivors and the need to prevent the multiple victimizations of these women.

## UNDERSTANDING MARRIAGE CUSTOMS AMONG KUTIA KANDHA TRIBE

marriage practices of the Kutia Kandha tribe, classified as one of India's Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and historically known for Meriah (human) sacrifice rituals. The Kutia Kandha practice several forms of marriage:



negotiation, where marriage is arranged through gifts to the bride's family; capture, involving the symbolic kidnapping of the bride; elopement, where couples live together before formalizing their union; and service, where the groom works for the bride's family for a set period before marriage.

Using participant and non-participant observations and interviews with stakeholders like the *Janni* (priest), *Majhi* (headman), *Kutaka* (shaman), elders, and younger members. The study reveals the persistence of diverse marriage practices despite the challenges posed by modernization and external cultural influences. The research explores how traditional marriage practices are impacted by modern influences and how the community balances preserving its cultural identity with adapting to contemporary changes.





## PREVALENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND INDIGENOUS HEALTH SEEKING BEHAVIORS AMONG THE TRIBES OF INDIA



The Global TB Report-2023 stated that India accounts highest numbers (27%) of global TB cases and around 3.31 lakhs died due to TB in 2022. Data indicates the prevalence rate of TB among tribals is 703/one lakh population compare to national average 316/one lakh. This study aims to explore the major causes of prevalence of TB among tribals and their health seeking behaviours in Sundergarh district of

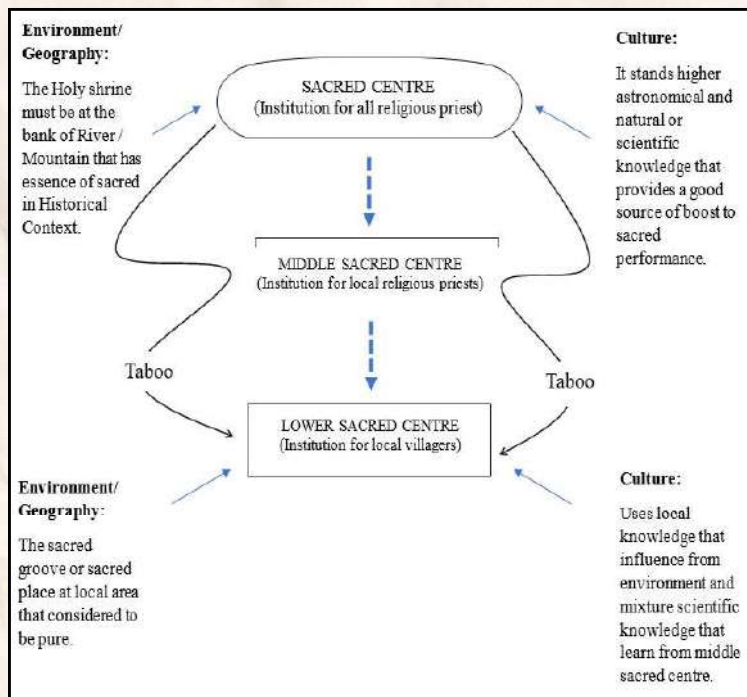
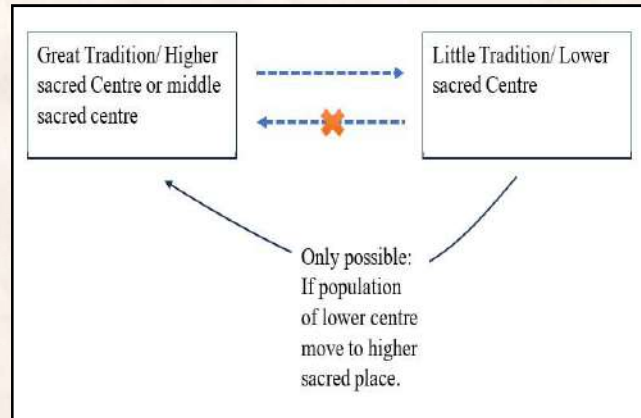
Odisha, India. The study also documented the mode of collection and preparation of ethnomedicine using different customary methods for TB treatment. It is found and concluded that; the sociocultural practices, dietary behaviour and mining pollution are some principal causes for high prevalence of TB among the tribes. Government of India has initiated a nationwide programme on ending of TB by 2025, however, tribals are reluctant on use of modern medicine and their health seeking behaviours mostly rely on use of ethnomedicines instructed by tribal healers. Indigenous methods of diagnosis and healing by tribal healers are distinct, they examine patient's face, vain, sputum and urine to determine the patient's condition. Practicing different customary methods, healers prepared TB medicines from various plants such as *Phoenix-Acaulis*, *Usticia-Dhatoda*, *Gmeline-Arborea*, *Tarminalia-Chebula*, and *Uraria-Picta* etc. which collected from the deep forest in a particular season.





## EXPLORING TRADITIONS AND PRACTICES OF TABOOS: A STUDY ON PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBES OF WESTERN ODISHA

This study examines contemporary interpretations of taboos within the sacred complex of tribal societies, emphasizing their role in shaping cultural and social norms. It focuses on four distinct types of taboos: ecological, social, food, and ritual among the Kutia Kandha, Paudi Bhuyan, and Chuktia Bhunjia, three Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups of India. These taboos are not only interconnected but also exhibit shared elements with Hindu religious practices.



The study critically analyzes the cultural norms and social behaviors shaped by these taboos, shedding light on the complexities that regulate human behavior within these communities. Using content and narrative analysis, the research categorizes and synthesizes key themes related to taboo, sacredness, and the sacred complex, incorporating the researchers' original insights. The paper provides

both descriptive and analytical perspectives on how taboos emerge, function, and are transmitted within the tribal groups, with a particular focus on the role of sacred centers: upper, middle, and lower, in their dissemination across different contexts.

This study contributes to a deeper understanding of the dynamic relationship between taboos, cultural practices, and social regulation in these PVTGs, offering broader implications for the study of tribal societies and their interaction with larger religious and cultural frameworks.

## MIGRATION, REMITTANCE AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IN WESTERN ODISHA

The Research Centre of Excellence: Regional Development and Tribal Studies (RCoE-RDTS) has surveyed 493 migrant households in western Odisha to understand the causes of migration, skill poses by the migrants and to know the impact of remittances send by migrants on human development of the



family. It is found



that although migrant households received good amount of remittance its impact on human development is very less, as majority of households use received remittance for their consumption.





## IMPACT OF SCHOOL MERGING ON TRIBAL STUDENTS OF WESTERN ODISHA

The Research Centre of Excellence: Regional Development and Tribal Studies (RCoE-RDTS) has studied on Impact of School Merging on the Tribal Students of Western Odisha in 2 blocks of Bargarh district (Jharbandh and Paikmal). One hundred parents were interviewed from 24



villages where the primary schools were closed or merged with other schools. Our preliminary results indicates that many parents are



hesitate to send their children to other school due to distance including forest, river and mountain along the way, difficult to coping with new environment, burden for parents, and many children are occupied in taking care of siblings in absences of parents, working with parents in the field and many also planning to migrate with parents (around 60%) to other places. In conclusion, the school merging process has increased dropout rate and migration in the region. ✨



## TRAFFICKING OF LABOUR MIGRANTS AND EXPOSURE TO INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE IN WESTERN ODISHA

The Research Centre of Excellence: Regional Development and Tribal Studies (RCoE-RDTS) has studied trafficking of labour migrants and exposure to interpersonal violence. A total of 25 labour trafficking victims were interviewed in government-declared migration prone areas of Odisha state, India. The result shows that



trafficked migrants were lured by brokers and Dalals with promises of employment and a better quality of life, and upon their arrival, they were forced to do "3-D jobs," - dirty, dangerous, and degrading. More than the addictive effect of a job, findings revealed that trafficked migrants

experienced multiple forms of interpersonal violence, including verbal abuse, threats, mobbing, stalking, discrimination, physical violence, threats with weapons, and sexual violence, all of which co-occur in diverse contexts at work and have resulted in a wide range of physical health consequences, from head injuries to broken bones.





## CHUKTIA BHUNJIA; A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUP (PVTG) OF WESTERN ODISHA: AN ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY

In another study among Chuktia Bhujia (PVTG) of Nuapada on religious beliefs including the paranormal and demonological practices, the study reveals that there is a wide practice of black magic, witchcraft and spirit calling in the community for different kinds of health issues and problems. Even



in many rituals the community sacrifice animals during agricultural process and festivals. The study concluded that these practices act as barriers for the implementation of different developmental plan and programs in the community.

## MAADLI DANCE IN VERGE OF EXTINCTION: REVAMPING THE INDIGENOUS TRIBAL CULTURE

The Maadli Dance is associated with the development of cultivation. Most of its components are reflected by the traditional heritage of the tribes. The Maadli dance is performed in the Kalahandi district of Odisha. The people of the **Gond tribe** worship and offer



prayer to their deities like Budha Deo, and Bishnu and express their devotion through the Maadli dance. Maadli dance is associated with agriculture and farming. They perform this dance at the beginning of cultivation, particularly in the month of Baisakha and at the end of cultivation, i.e.,





Margasirapurnima. Maadli dance is performed during festivals like Nuakhai, Chauldhua, Chaitparab, Puspuni etc.



### DHAP DANCE:

#### REPRESENTATION OF TRIBAL SOCIALISM IN WESTERN ODISHA

Dhap is a dance form performed by **Kandha tribal** people of Kalahandi district, Odisha. The main instrument used in this dance form is Dhap. So, the dance form is popularly known as Dhap dance. This dance is performed by both men and women together. Men from one village perform this dance with the women of another village. Primarily unmarried people take part in this dance. Fundamentally Dhap dance appears the astuteness and social association of the Kandhas through their social gathering at the event of Dhap. The Kandhas perform dhap dance at all occasions like during worships, ceremonies, rituals etc





## KARMA NAACH – THE MIRROR REFLECTION OF THE TRIBALS

Karma dance mainly perform by **Binjhal tribal people**, it is a group dance and celebrated for three days from the tenth day of the bright moon night of the month of Bhadraba to the twelfth day. The meaning of Karma is 'Fate'. The dance is performed to worship the goddess of fate, who is known as



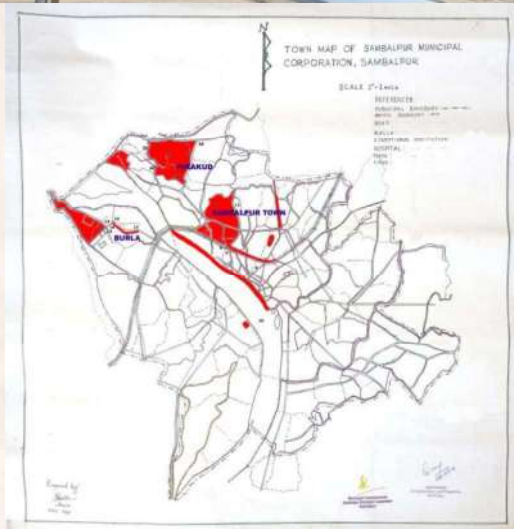
Karam Devta or Karamsaani Devi. The tribal people consider that good or bad fortune is decided by the goddess of Fate. The tribal group perform the dance in front of Karma daal (branch) which symbolises Karam Devta/ Karamsaani Devi.

## **DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING AND TOBACCO ABUSES AMONG ADOLESCENT AND ADULTS IN SAMBALPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION AREA OF ODISHA**

We have studied 480 adolescents and adults to assess the impacts of substances consumptions on adolescents and adults in Sambalpur Municipal Corporation area of Odisha and this study also analyzed the pattern of substances consumptions



among students and NiNis. The finding shows that the adolescents are falling prey to



drugs/substance abuse at a very tender age i.e., at 10-15 years. It was observed that more than fifty percent (51 percent) said they consume substances every day. Drug addiction or substance abuse not only adversely affects the mental and psychological health of the adolescent but also disrupting the familial as well as social relationships finally affecting the whole society. The principal cause behind substance abuse found to be social and economic problem of the family followed by self- satisfaction and love affairs and break ups. Moreover 88 per cent NiNis (neither study nor work) and 81 per cent students are currently consuming different types of drugs. Analysis on Chronic health problems indicates that; nearly one fourth of the respondents (24.6 percent) reported they have come up against various infections like mouth, throat, oesophagus, voice box infections, stomach lining inflammation, pancreatitis etc.



## MULTIDIMENSIONAL VULNERABILITY OF INDEX AND ITS IMPACT ON PAUDI BHUIYAN TRIBE

The RDTS conducted a study to measure **the Vulnerability Index among PVTG** of western Odisha and in the first phase we conducted a study of Paudi Bhuiyan of Deogarh district.



MULTIDIMENSIONAL VULNERABILITY INDICATOR	VULNERABILITY
<b>Access to Resources</b>	Few Paudi Bhuiyan villages are located in very remote location in the mountain terrain of Deogarh district. For them it is very difficult to access medical facilities, PDS services, local market etc. which are available at a distance of 5 km and more.
<b>Language/ Dialect</b>	Dialect of Paudi Bhuiyan is under threat of <b>extinction</b> as it is only available in oral version and also the young generation are hesitating to speak their own dialect.
<b>Education</b>	No scope for higher education in near by area..
<b>Standard of Living</b>	They have a Poor standard of living as maximum household are deprived of LPG connection, houses are constructed with stones and mud and posses very less household assets.
<b>Traditional Skills have not been given due recognition</b>	Paudi Bhuiyan women are very good in mat making from wild grass. This can be explored to improve the economic condition of the Paudi Bhuiyan Women.

## ASSESSMENT OF TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ON ETHNO-MEDICINE IN GANDHAMARDHAN AREA

The Research Centre of Excellence conducted a study on Assessment of Traditional Knowledge on Ethno-Medicine in Gandhamardhan Area. The basic objective of the study was to understand and explore the traditional knowledge acquired by the Vaidyas or traditional healers on ethno-medicinal plants in Gandhamardhan area, including transmission of knowledge.



DURATION OF COLLECTION	JANUARY-FEBRUARY, APRIL-JUNE, NOVEMBER TO DECEMBER
<b>Mode of Preparation of medicines</b>	The vaidyas prepare the medicines by using household instruments like <i>hemadasta</i> (mortar and pestle made from metal), <i>Sila silapua</i> (grinding stone pair), and modern instruments like grinder, pulverizer, dryer, decotinator
<b>Modes of Preservation of medicines</b>	The traditional healers preserve the herbs at home by drying and making powder and wrapping it by using clothes.
<b>Transmission of knowledge</b>	The vaidyas share their knowledge with the local vaidyas, SHG members, local collectors, community members, tribal families, Gandhamardan Vanaspati Vana Society members (GVSS), villagers, and their family members, also whosoever is interested to learn about the ethno-medicine.
<b>Plants on the</b>	We have listed out the 41 critically endangered or vulnerable plant





<b>verge of extinction</b>	species of plants which are on the verge of extinction. Apart from that other enlisted plants by the local vaidyas or the traditional healers include Akadabindu, Bholenjadi, Bhramaramari, Daruhaladi, Hanumanjal, Indrajal, Jalkand, Louhakanda, Muter, Paaen aaeri, Pasaanbhedi, Patalgaruda, Rodanti, Sahasrabhedi, Saptamahijal
<b>Modes of Preservation of medicines</b>	The suggested modes of conservation are sustainable collection, asking people not to use fire in forests, and to stop illegal collection and sale of medicines by middle men and petty contractors
<b>Duration of collection</b>	January-February, April-June, November to December
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## COLLABORATION

During the last two years the Research Centre of Excellence Regional Development and Tribal Studies (RDTs) has collaborated in the following Regional, National and International Institutions

REGIONAL	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
➤ G.M University	➤ IPSOS, New Delhi	➤ Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon, Mexico
➤ Society for Women Empowerment, Education and Training (SWEET), NGO, Sambalpur	➤ KISS University, Bhubaneswar	➤ South Texas College, USA
➤ Lok Drusti NGO, Nuapada	➤ Sarthak Jan Vikas Sansthan, Chhattisgarh	➤ University of Padova, Italy
➤ COE-NPT, Sambalpur University	➤ IIT, Bhubaneswar	➤ Ca' Foscari University, Italy
	➤ XIMB, Bhubaneswar	

## OUTCOMES ACHIEVED

### Total Number of Publications

1. Research Articles: 47 (40 published and 7 communicated)
2. Book 1: Intangible Cultural Heritage: Revitalizing Tribal Dance Forms of Western Odisha, A.K.Acharya, R.Pramanik, S.C.Murmu, S. Mishra, S.Patel and S.S.Behera, Madhav Books, Gurgaon.
3. Book: 1, Title: *Contemporary Slavery and Trafficking in Persons: Global Narratives*, Editors: A.K.Acharya, J. Bryson Clark and M. Luisa Martinez, Maya Publishing house
4. Monographs & Reports on Migration issues, tribes and PVTGs of Western Odisha, Substances consumption among adolescents and adults
5. Transcriptions of extinct tribal folk songs





6. Identification of Endangered Ethnomedicine Species of Gandhamardan Hill range, Odisha
7. Reports on Newspapers: Times of India, Sambad, The Week, The Pioneer, Odisha Post, Outlook, Hindustan Times, Rediff.com, Republic World
8. Registered Ph.D thesis: 10 enrolled
9. M.Phil thesis: 8
10. Master thesis: 7
11. International Seminar and Webinar: 20

## **STRENGTH AND CHALLENGES**

### **Strength**

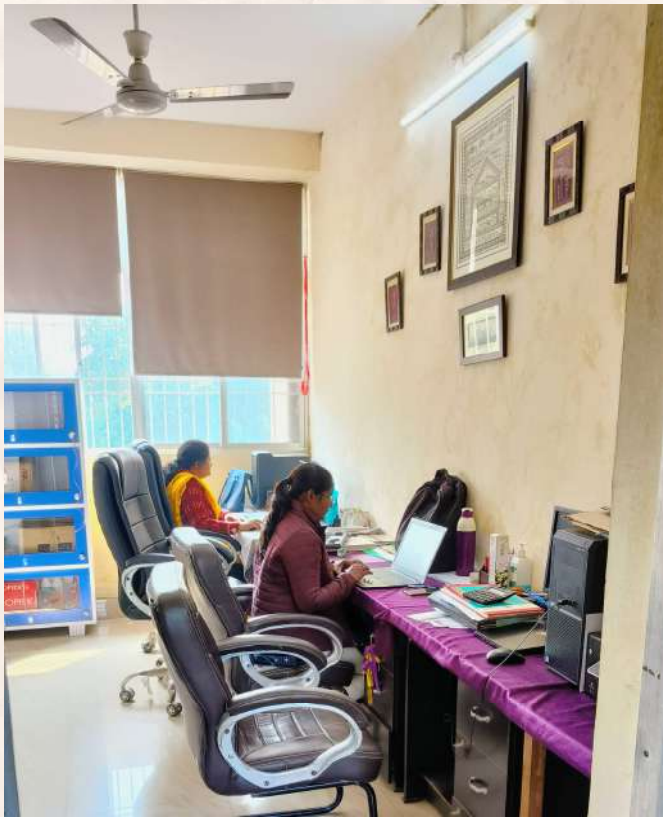
- Multidisciplinary collaboration in Centre
- Total recruitment of Research staffs
- Quality research output for policy implications at State level
- Publications of research articles in reputed national and international journals
- Publication and Edition of Journal *Society and Culture Development in India*, ISSN: 25830694
- International collaboration
- Formation of human resources through Ph.D, M.Phil and Master theses
- Visibility of local issues through research such as drug abuse in Sambalpur, Vaccine hesitancy among transgender in western Odisha
- Widely publicized reports of the Centre on print and electronic media
- Permanent seminar on Social Sustainability: Gender, Migration and Human Trafficking (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month)

### **Challenges**

- Collection of data in Naxalite affected areas
- Data collection in inaccessible remote locations

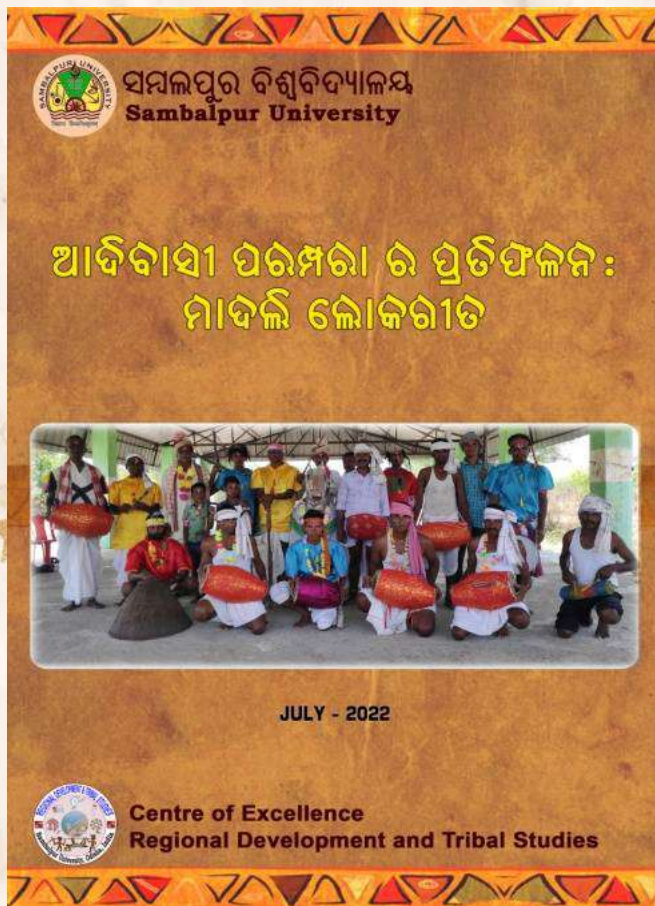
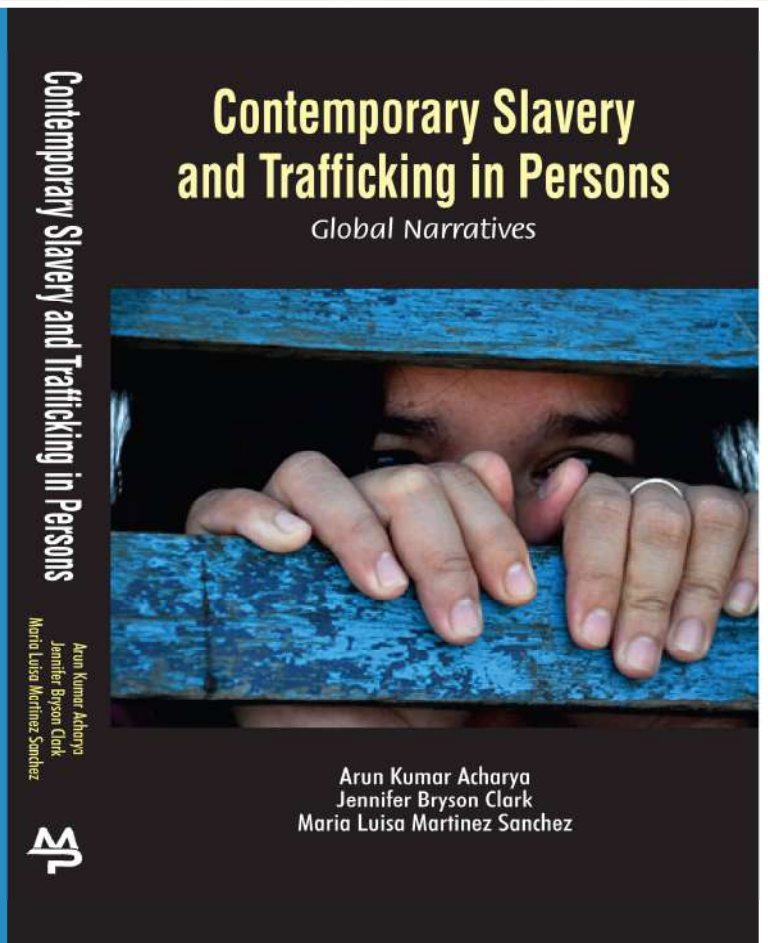


# RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE



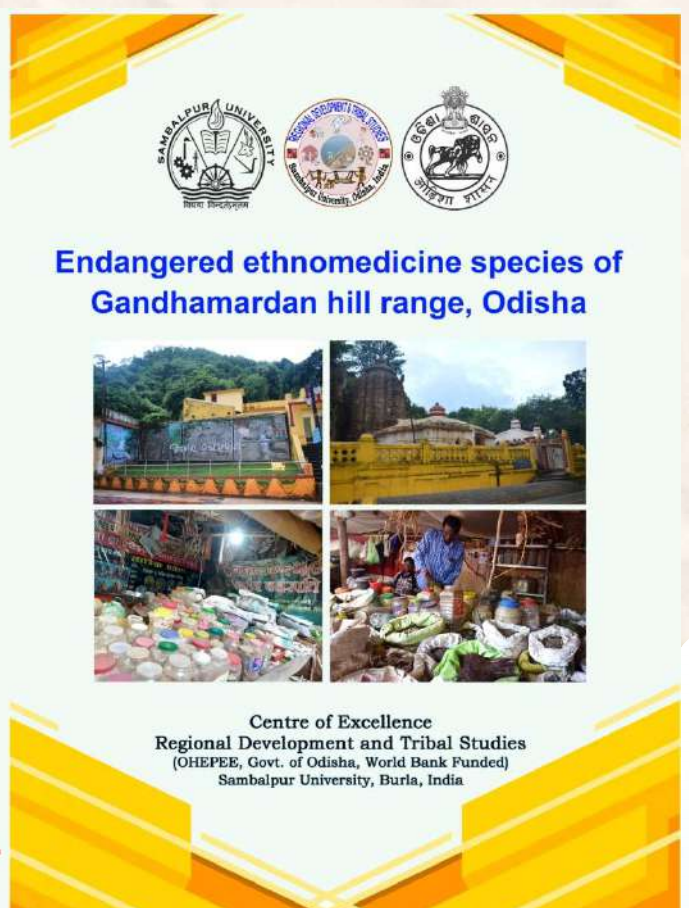
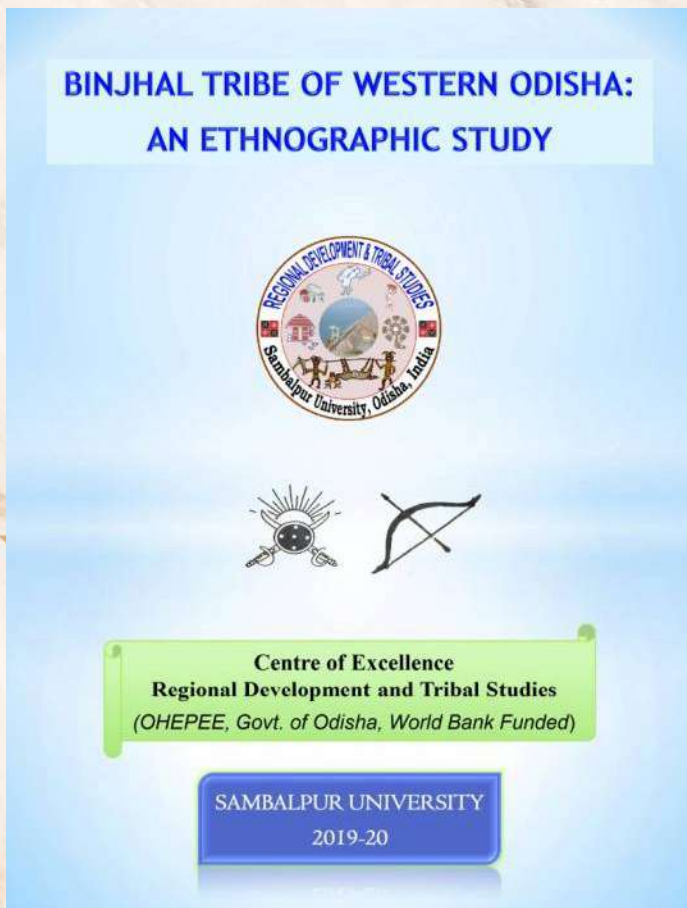
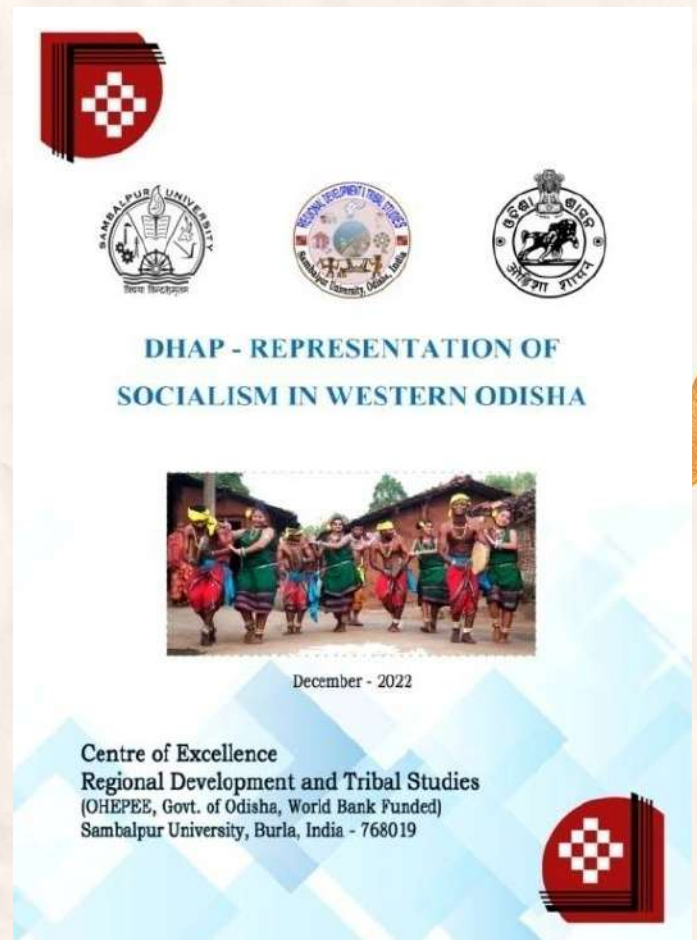
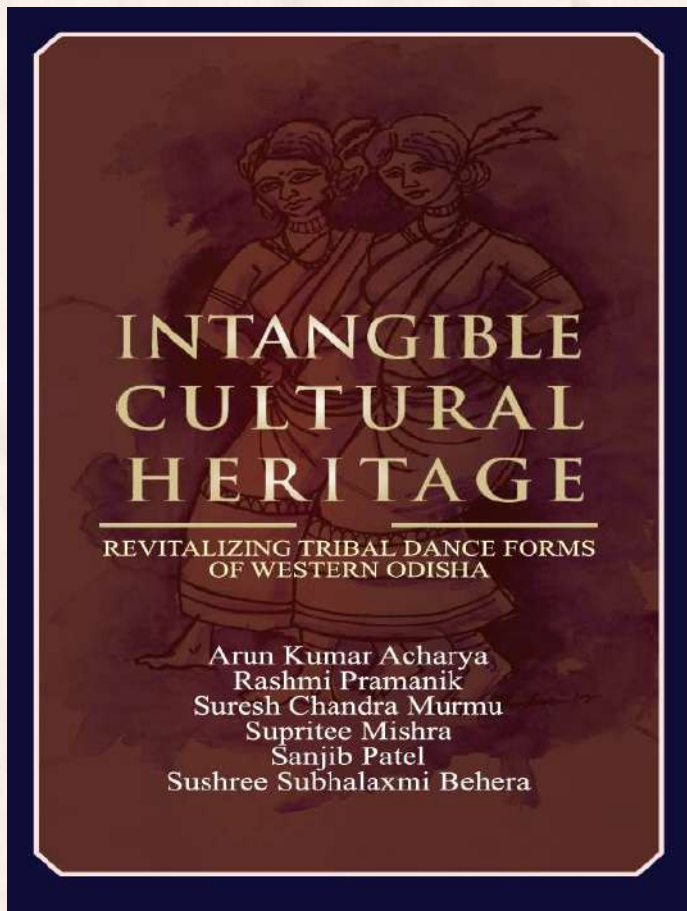


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## International Webinar on Migration and Human Trafficking 15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020



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## KARMA NAACH - THE MIRROR REFLECTION OF THE TRIBALS



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## PERCEPTION OF RETURNEE MIGRANTS ON COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON SOCIAL AND MIGRATORY STATUS



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## CHUKTIA BHUNJIA: A PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TRIBAL GROUP (PVTG) OF WESTERN ODISHA AN ETHNOGRAPHIC STUDY

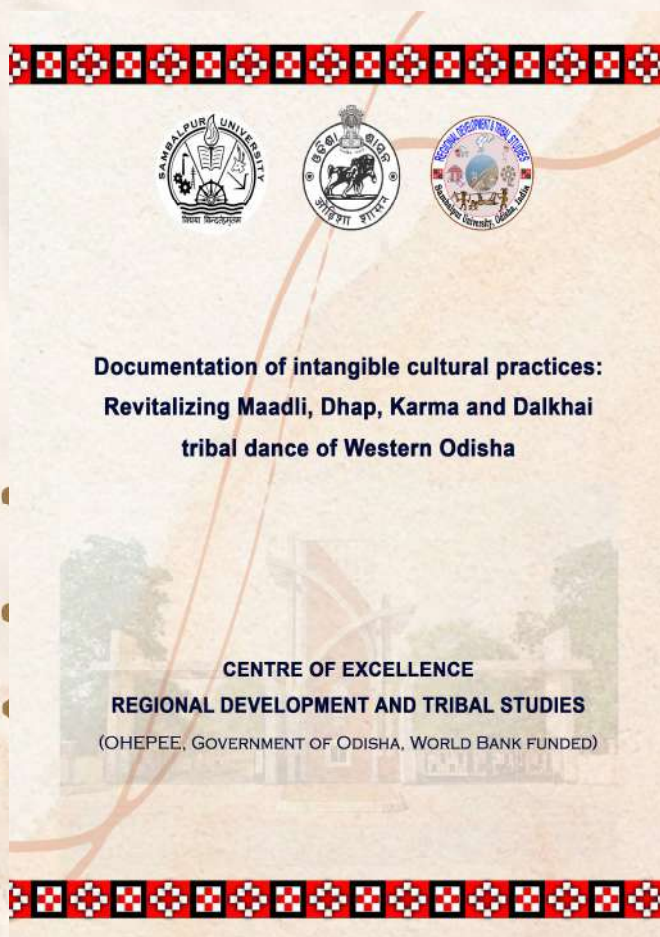
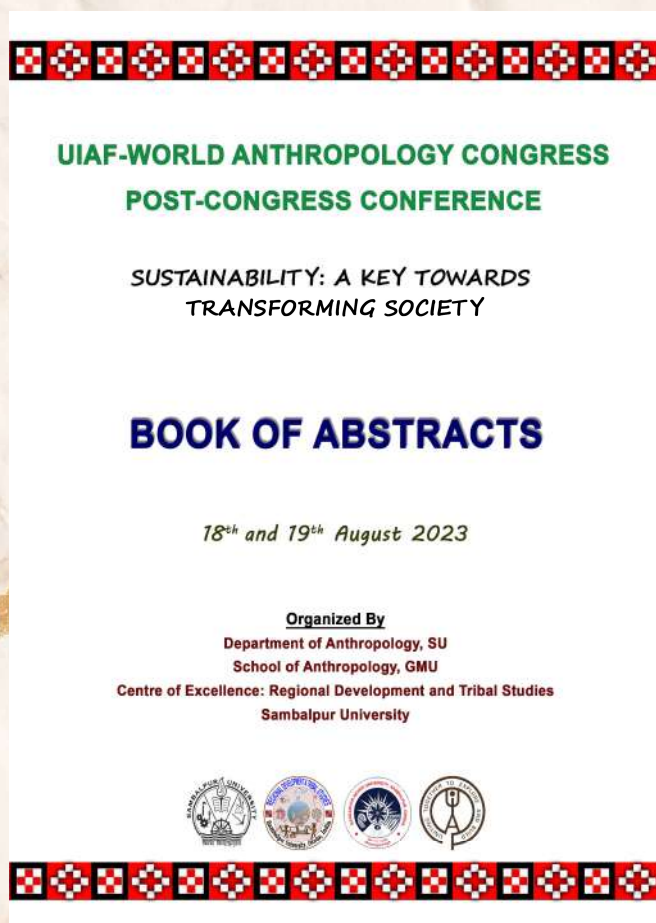
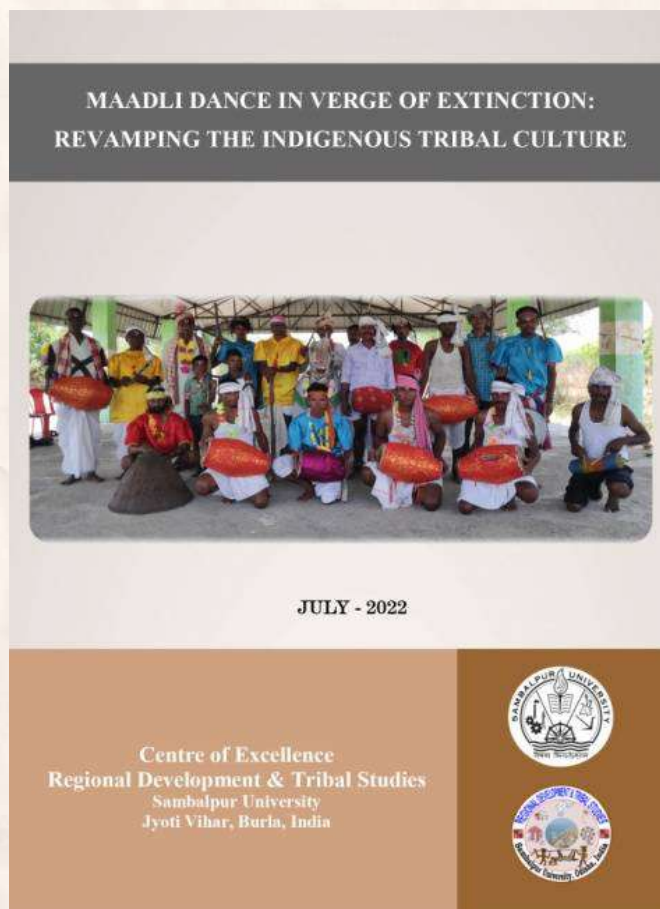
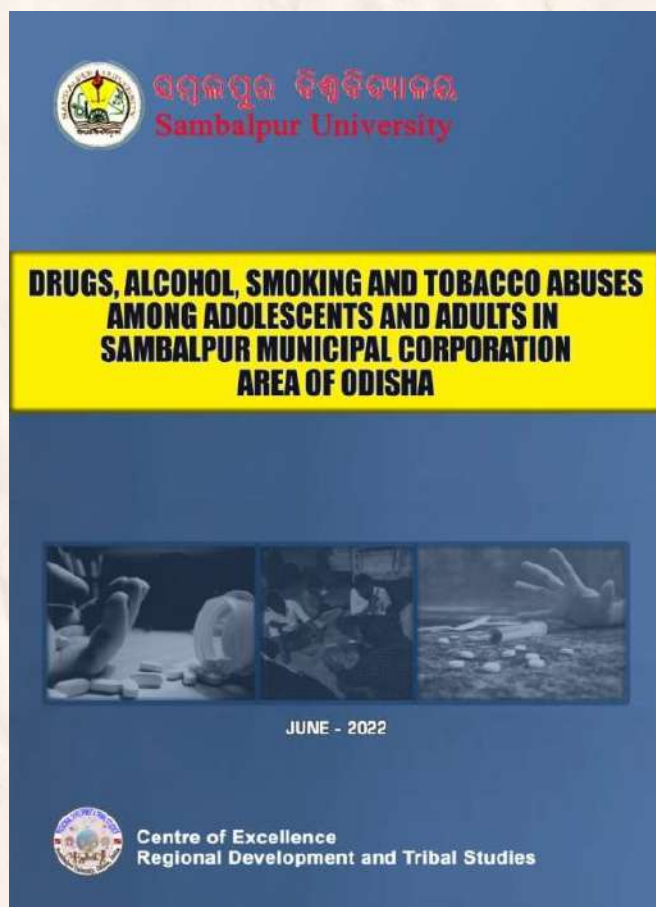


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# SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP



EXTRAMURAL LECTURE

## MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT



**Prof. S Irudaya Rajan**  
Centre for Development Studies  
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**13<sup>th</sup> March 2023 10.00am**

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Workshop on

## FUTURE OF SAMBALPURI HANDLOOM: ENTREPRENEURIAL APPROACH

Date: 19. 12. 2022, Time: 10.30 AM  
Venue: Seminar Hall, Department of Anthropology, SU

**SPEAKERS**



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## WORLD POPULATION DAY - 2023

*Unleashing the power of gender equality: Uplifting the voices of women and girls to unlock our world's infinite possibilities.*

### TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH FOREST BASED LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTION

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 03.00pm**  
Place: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Anthropology



**Prof. Sapan Koley**  
Shaheed Mahendra Karma Vishwavidyalaya  
Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality

Webinar on

### CHALLENGES TO GENDER EQUITY IN INDIAN CONTEXT WITH REFERENCE TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2015-2030

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 11.00am (Indian Time)**



**Dr. Sucharita Pujari**  
Assistant Professor  
NIRD&PR, Hyderabad

8<sup>th</sup> March International WOMEN'S DAY

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On the occasion of  
International Migrants Day

**Webinar  
on**  
**Uncertain voyages, left behind,  
look forward, dive into the deep sea:  
the case of Bangladeshi migrants.**

**17<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
11.00am**

**Dr. Khandaker Mursheda Farhana**  
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology  
Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

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**Inviting  
International Webinar  
on  
East-West Migrations Within Europe  
with a Particular Focus on Women Mobility**

**Date: 09 October 2020, Time: 12.30pm**

**Francesca Alice Vianello (Ph.D.)**  
Department of Sociology  
University of Padua, Italy

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**Sambalpur University**

**International Webinar on  
MIGRATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**  
15<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

**Inauguration by:**  
**Prof. Deepak Kumar Behera**  
Vice-Chancellor, Sambalpur University, India  
Date: 15 June 2020, Time: 8.30am

<b>Day 1: Date: 15 June 2020, Time: 9:00am</b> <b>Prof. Jennifer Bryson Clark</b> South Texas College, USA Restrictive Immigration Policies Migration and Trafficking in Trump Era	<b>Day 5: Date: 19 June 2020, Time: 9:00am</b> <b>Armando Mochizuma Suarez</b> University of Nuevo Leon, Mexico Representation of Human Trafficking in Mexican Mass Media and its Complexity on Law Enforcement
<b>Day 2: Date: 16 June 2020, Time: 11:00am</b> <b>Prof. Carmen Meneses Falcon</b> University of Comillas, Spain Challenges to Human Trafficking in Spain and Europe	<b>Day 6: Date: 20 June 2020, Time: 11:00am</b> <b>Dr. Hrushikesh Meher</b> Biju Patnaik State Police Academy, India Menace of Women Trafficking in India with special reference to the State of Odisha
<b>Day 3: Date: 17 June 2020, Time: 9:00am</b> <b>Dr. Charles Hounmenou</b> University of Illinois at Chicago, USA Global Characteristics of Commercial and Sexual Exploitation of Children	<b>Day 7: Date: 21 June 2020, Time: 9:00am</b> <b>Adeleye Lewis Olatunji</b> Canada Paper Orphans: An Analysis of the growing Supply Side of Child Trafficking through Orphanage in Africa
<b>Day 4: Date: 18 June 2020, Time: 11:00am</b> <b>Dr. Norah Hashim Meuya</b> University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa Efforts to Address Human Trafficking in Eastern Africa: Developments and Challenges in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda	<b>Day 8: Date: 22 June 2020, Time: 11:00am</b> <b>Prof. Arun Kumar Acharya</b> Sambalpur University, India 2030 Agenda to Sustainable Development and Human Trafficking: Where India Stands?

Register in the following link:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSt3zWfDkx1e12LWQmVCRWgA9H7p1WFOUQ440Gvev8mFupg9f-link>

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Sandeepa Meher

Streaming Platform

On the occasion of  
International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples'

**Seminar  
on**  
**Maadli - The Indigenous Dance as a  
Medium for Participatory Learning.**

**10<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
10.00am**

**Supritee Mishra**  
Junior fellow (folk dance)  
Ministry of Culture  
Government of India,  
Research Scholar  
Amity University, Chhatisgarh

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**Seminar on**

**Kingdom of Swaziland/eSwatini Outlook**

  
**Bongumenzi Mzwandile Dlamini**  
 International Student (Swaziland)  
 Dept. of Food Science, SU, India

**Malawi Culture**

  
**Dorothy Luthando Magombo**  
 International Student (Malawi)  
 Dept. of Physics, SU, India

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 03.00pm (Indian Time)**  
 Place: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Anthropology

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**ONE DAY WORKSHOP**  
**On**  
**ENDANGERED ETHNOMEDICINES**  
**OF GANDHAMARDHAN HILL RANGE:**  
**STRATEGIES FOR CONSERVATION**

**18<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 10.00am**  
 Place: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Anthropology

  
**Dr. Jashobanta Sahu**  
 Asst. Professor, Dept. of Panchakarma  
 S. S. N. Ayurved College and Research Institute  
 Narsinghgarh, Paikmal

  
**Prakrutibandhu Bibhuti Bhusan Mund**  
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**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY**  
*— Eradicating contemporary forms of slavery*

**Cultural Construction of Girlhood and Contemporary Slavery: The Case of Women Trafficking in India**

  
**Prof. Arun Kumar Acharya**  
 Sambalpur University, India

**2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021, 02.00pm (Indian Time)**  
 Place: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Anthropology


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**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**  
**VIRTUAL TALK**

**Gender and Food Policy: The role of women in agricultural and rural development in the Northeastern Mexico**

**25 November 2020, 10.30am (Indian Time)**

  
**Brianda Daniela Flores Garcia**  
 Subdirector of Technology and Higher Education of Economy Sector

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**WORLD POPULATION DAY - 2022**

**A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all**

  
**HARASSING DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND IN ODISHA, INDIA: AS ASSESSMENT FROM NFHS-5**  
**Prof. Arun Kumar Acharya**  
 Sambalpur University, India

**RESILIENCY IN PANDEMIC**  
**Bandana Meher**  
 Research Scholar

**11<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 09.00am**  
 Place: Seminar Hall, Dept. of Anthropology

**Organised By**  
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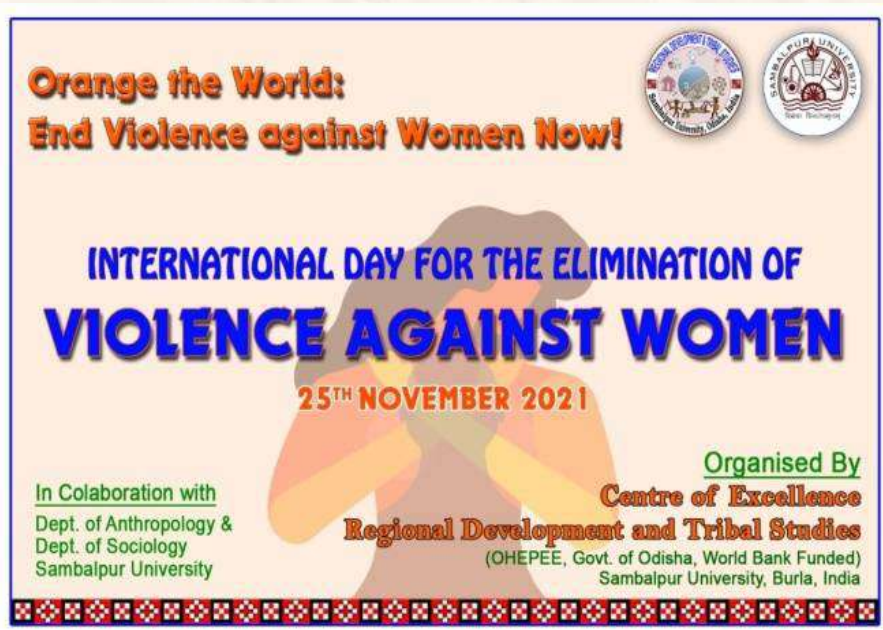
**Orange the World:  
End Violence against Women Now!**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF  
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**

**25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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**UIAF - WORLD ANTHROPOLOGY CONGRESS  
POST-CONGRESS CONFERENCE**

**SUSTAINABILITY: A KEY TOWARDS TRANSFORMING SOCIETY**

**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

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**Workshop  
on**

**Documentation and Digitization of  
the extinct intangible cultural heritage:  
Revitalizing the tribal dances of Western Odisha**

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**14<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Time: 11.00am**

**Venue: Seminar Hall  
Dept. of Anthropology**







# SEMINAR AND WORKSHOP

INVITED TALK

## The Chuktria Bhunjia: An Ethnographic Account of a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group of Odisha

19<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 11.30am



 **Mr. Bhubaneswar Sabar**  
Assistant Professor  
Department of Anthropology  
Gangadhar Meher University

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On the occasion of  
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## National Webinar on Sustainability & Indigenous Knowledge Systems



 **Dr. Mehul Chauhan**  
Director  
Sarthal Jan Vikas Sansthan

09 August 2020, 03.00pm

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

INVITED TALK

## Why we should focus on the problems that aggravate female vulnerability?

8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10.00am (Indian Time)



 **Dr. Izabela Zonato Villas Boas**  
Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Brazil

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**18TH DECEMBER INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY**

**International Seminar on**

**Uncertain Voyages, Left behind, Look Forward, Dive into the Deep Sea: The Case of Bangladeshi Migrants**

**Dr. Khandaker Mursheda Farhana**  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Shanto-Mariam University of Creative Technology  
Dhaka, Bangladesh

**Date: 17.12.2022, Time: 11.00 AM**  
**Venue: Seminar Hall, Department of Anthropology, SU**  
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**30<sup>th</sup> July, World Day Against Trafficking in Persons**

**Sambalpur University and United Indian Anthropology Forum (UIAF)**  
**Organising International Seminar on**

**Human Trafficking: A Global Problem** Virtual Mode

**Prof. Jennifer Bryson Clark**  
South Texas College, USA  
Pandemic Rebordering: the Strengthening of Border Regimes at the US-Mexico Border

**Dr. Izabela Zonato Villas Boas**  
Mackenzie Presbyterian University, Brazil  
How can data gathering help governments fight human trafficking?

**Dr. Norah Hashim Msuya**  
University of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa  
Impact of Covid 19 on human trafficking in Sub-Saharan Africa

**Dr. Adeleye Lewis Olatunji**  
Canada  
Institutionalized border regime and the reconstruction of Migrants: An analysis of migrant experience in the US and Canada.

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CRD-9 Ethnicity, Diaspora and Cosmopolitanism

**30<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 08.30AM IST**  
**Venue - Seminar Hall**  
**Dept. of Anthropology, SU**

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**WEBINAR ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRANTS DAY**

**20**  
08.00pm (IST)  
December 2021

**INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATIONS:  
A GLOBAL PHENOMENON**

**Dr. Francesco Della Puppa**  
Ca' Foscari University of Venice  
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