



NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

Rebellion and Liberation: Role of Western Odisha in the Freedom Movement of India

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Prof. S.C Panda

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Prof. (Mrs.) S. Das

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Guest of Honour

Dr. Nruparaj Sahu

Registrar

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Key Note Speaker

Prof. Harihar Panda

(Retd.)

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Prof. N.K. Sahu Memorial
Lecture Series will be
delivered by

Prof. Byomakesh Tripathy

Former Vice-Chancellor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

The P.G. Department of History, Sambalpur University is going to organize a **National Seminar, Prof. N.K. Sahu memorial lecture** and **annual Alumni meet** on 6th & 7th March 2024 in the mini-Auditorium, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar. The theme of the National Seminar is **“Rebellion and Liberation: Role of Western Odisha in the Freedom Movement of India”**. In view of your expertise and academic contribution, we cordially invite you to participate in the National Seminar and contribute a Research Paper on any aspect related to the proposed theme.

Your consent and co-operation will be highly appreciated. The organizers are looking forward to your early response.

With warm regards

Yours faithfully

Director
(K.N. Sethi)

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

The struggle for independence in India was a multifaceted movement that witnessed various forms of resistance against British colonial rule. While the mainstream narrative often highlights the contributions of leaders from major regions, the role of Western Odisha in the freedom movement remains a lesser-explored but crucial aspect. This seminar aims to shed light on the rebellion and liberation efforts in Western Odisha and their impact on the broader canvas of India's fight for freedom. Western Odisha, has a rich historical heritage with a strong tradition of self-governance and socio-cultural identity. However, the British colonial administration's exploitative policies and oppressive measures triggered discontent among the local populace, fostering a fertile ground for anti-colonial sentiments. Surendra Sai and his associate like Chabila Sai, Kunjal Singh, Hati Singh, Kamal Singh and many more were prominent freedom fighter and a key figure in the Indian independence movement, particularly in the region of Sambalpur in western Odisha. Western Odisha women have played a significant role in freedom movements, demonstrating courage and patriotism. Krishna Devi, a Punjabi woman, inspired many women to participate in the movement, including Jambubati Devi, Bhagirathi Pattanaik, Gandharvi Devi, Ila Meher, and Shreeyabati Devi. Jambubati Devi, the first women freedom fighter, established Ashrams in various villages and participated in the civil disobedience movement. She was imprisoned in Sambalpur Jail but later joined the Bhoodan movement and founded Rukmini Lath Bal Niketan for orphans. Parbati Giri, the Mother Teresa of Western Odisha, joined Congress work in 1937 and participated in the Khadi Andolan of Mahatma Gandhi. Gurubari Meher, a valiant women freedom fighter, led a mass movement against the king of Sonapur state. Rukmini Devi Lath, the wife of freedom fighter Sri Prahallad Rai Lath, extended help to Congress leaders during the 1930 Congress party ban. Other women who played a significant role in the freedom struggle in Sambalpur include Tulasi Devi, Ketaki Devi, Indu Pradhan, Jambovati Sahu, Sebati Pradhan, and Lilavati Pradhan. In recent years there has been a tremendous development and outpouring of research publication in this area. The seminar will shed light on important unsung freedom fighter and their role to get independence from the British colonial. Incorporating various national and regional campaign, agitation and efforts both by nonviolent and militant philosophy involved wide spectrum of political organizations, philosophies and movement which had the common aim of ending the British colonial authority.

Sub Theme:

- ❖ **Peasant Uprisings and Agrarian Distress**
- ❖ **Leadership and Indigenous Movements**
- ❖ **Cultural and Social Movements**
- ❖ **Contribution to National Movements**
- ❖ **Repression and Resilience**
- ❖ **Post-Independence Impact**

ABOUT THE SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY

The Sambalpur University Act was passed by the Odisha Legislature on 10th December, 1966 to fulfill long cherished dream of the people of Western Odisha for establishment of a University. The University started functioning from 1st January, 1967 with Prof. Parsuram Mishra as the first Vice-Chancellor. The University was inaugurated on 4th January, 1967 by Hon'ble Chancellor A.N. Khosla. The University started functioning in 1967 in a rented private building at Dhanupali, Sambalpur and in Government building at Ainthapali, Sambalpur from 1968-72. In the year 1973 the University was shifted to the present campus named Jyoti Vihar at Burla.

ABOUT THE P.G. DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The P.G. Department of History since its inception in 1969 has grown to be one of the largest Departments of Humanities in Sambalpur University. Being an Autonomous Department with rich Museum, Archives, Palm-leaf Manuscript library, Photo Gallery of illustrious sons of Western Odisha, archeological facilities and with the dedication of teachers, scholars and students, it has assumed the shape of a big center of teaching and research in History. Many vital excavations and publications have brought to limelight hitherto unknown facets of history and culture of this region.

ABOUT PROF. N.K. SAHU MUSEUM

The Post Graduate Department of History, Sambalpur University opened its museum in 1970 for collection, preservation and documentation of the invaluable antiquities within a decade it has made considerable progress in the work for which it was started. At present the museum comprises pre-historic tools from different parts of Orissa and Assam, excavated potteries and other archaeological objects from Asurgarh (Kalahandi district) and Manamunda (Phulbani district), some interesting coins and sculptures, copper plate inscriptions ranging from 4th Century A.D. to 19th Century A.D. and a few lithic epigraphs. It has also preserved punch marked coins from Kalahandi district, Puri-Kusana coins from Purusottampur and Bhilingi, Sarabhapuriya gold coins from Nehena (Nuapada district), a few gold coins probably issued by the Chedis and the Kusanas, some gold fanams of the imperial Gangas from Subarnapur, some gold and silver coins of the medieval period, coins of the British-East India Company and princely states as well as a few terracotta seals. War implements of the 19th Century, brass objects of the same period, musical instruments and other objects of the tribal people and painted portraits are some of the interesting collections of the museum.

Registration fee for Delegates & Research Scholars Rs.500/-, Students Participation Rs. 200/- and for Alumni Meet Rs. 500/-

Kindly send your registration fees and fill the attached Google form link (<https://forms.gle/NRzoPsP6Tr354ktz7>) on or before 03rd March, 2024 positively so that we can arrange your accommodation and include presentation of your research paper in the academic programme.

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Submission of Papers

Deadline for receiving the abstract and registration form is **28th February, 2024**. The abstracts should not be more than 200 words composed as running matter without any formatting in MS Word file (Times New Roman font 12-point font, should be typed in 1.5 spacing on A-4 paper). Registration forms (attached) and Abstracts of the papers should be sent to the **Prof. K.N. Sethi, Director, National Seminar P.G. Department of History, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla-768019, Odisha** as well as send an email to histconfsu@gmail.com.

Accommodation

We will make sharing accommodation for the registered delegates from whom we will receive the registration form on or before **03rd March 2024**. After **03rd March 2024** the delegates have to make their own arrangement for stay.

Click on the following link to register for national Seminar and Annual alumni Meet.

Link: <https://forms.gle/NRzoPsP6Tr354ktz7>

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