

## NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SACRED GROVES

(15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

### Registration Form

(To be despatched to Head, School of Life Sciences to reach on or before 10.11.2018)

#### General Information

Name :  
Highest Qualification :  
Present Position :  
Age (as on 01.11.2018) :  
Gender :  
Address for correspondence :  
Mobile/Phone number :  
Email :

#### Specify your Interest

1. Specify your interest to attend the workshop (in 200 words, attach separately)
2. Have you come across/studied any sacred grove in your area (Share your experience, attach separately):

#### Recommendation

Recommendation about your participation from the authority (attached a sign copy separately)

Date:

Signature

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**Organized by:**

**SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES,  
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## **ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES:**

School of Life Sciences is one of the largest and oldest leading Post-graduate Department of Sambalpur University, which is an “A” Grade NAAC Accredited University of the state. The School was established in the year 1969 and known at national and international level for its Life Science teaching programme and interdisciplinary research activities in the frontier areas of Biological Sciences.

## **ABOUT THE WORKSHOP ON SACRED GROVES:**

Sacred groves are the relic forest fragments/patches of varying sizes, which are protected by the local communities on the basis of traditional faith and belief. Such typical groves represent a community based tradition of nature conservation displaying the relationship between the man and the nature. Being the integral of the natural landscape, the number of sacred groves in our country is estimated to be between 1 to 1.5 lakhs. In the context of Odisha, the number of such groves though put around five hundred, their actual number may go up well above few thousands and most of them are in rural pockets of the state. Sacred groves do exist as a link between the society and nature.

Sacred groves, being protected due to the traditional belief, usually harbour greater biodiversity in comparison to the nearby forests. Often such sites harbouring rare, endangered and threatened species, and are considered as the informal conservation epicentre of the biodiversity or the ancient natural sanctuary. In the context of accelerated erosion of biodiversity and rapid increase in the species extinction rate, the sacred groves bear tremendous relevance as the example of people participatory biodiversity conservation programme in different eco-regions of the globe.

In view of such ecological significance of the sacred grove, the proposed two days workshop intends to deliberate upon proper methodology to explore the structural analysis of sacred groves existing in different natural pockets of Odisha. The workshop specifically aims to impart basic training programme to the young faculty members/researchers with biology/ environmental science/ forestry background to take up sacred grove research in the state.

The two days workshop at School of Life Sciences, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar is also inclusive of one day field trip programme on dt. 16.11.2018 to “Andhari Sacred Forest” located in the Laikera and Kirmira blocks of the Jharsuguda district of the state.

The interested candidates are required to fill up the attached registration form and send the same to the Convener, National Workshop on Sacred Groves, School of Life Sciences, Sambalpur University for their final selection. The total number of participants for the programme will be restricted to 50 Nos. The participants need a registration fee of Rs.500/- (towards the cost of lunch, dinner, workshop materials. Conveyance charges relating to field visit, to be collected on the day of workshop separately on the registration desk. No TA/DA will be provided to the participants for attending the workshop.

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