

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON**

# **Development Challenges and Opportunities in Odisha**

**11- 12 FEBRUARY 2025**



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**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**  
**SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY**



P.G. Department of Economics, Sambalpur University invites Abstracts and subsequently full-length research papers for the National Seminar on “**Development Challenges and Opportunities in Odisha**” to be organised by it during **February 11-12, 2025 (Tuesday-Wednesday)**. Authors must submit their papers addressing any suggested/indicative sub-themes or thereabouts. We encourage paper writers from other disciplines of social and natural sciences as well to submit papers.

### **About the Theme “*Development Challenges and Opportunities in Odisha*”**

Odisha continues to be a poor State with low per capita GSDP of Rs1,69,496 (10th among 17 major states) in 2023-24, though in the recent years it has continuously experienced high growth rates. Agricultural sector which employs more than 50% of the workforce, experiences a growth 3.5% at constant prices. To become a developed state it needs to experience structural transformation and shift of workforce to the service and industrial sectors. Progress in education and skill development is essential for this. At present the gross enrolment ratio (GER) in Higher education in Odisha is less than 22%. So to reap the demographic dividend there is a need for the promotion of this sector. There is improvement in health performance, but still its rank in life expectancy rate 8th, in IMR 12th and in MMR 14th out of 17 major states of the country as reported in the Odisha Economic Survey 2023-24. Nutrition of the children and women is an important area of concern. The head count ratio of Odisha in the multi-dimensional poverty ratio is higher than the national average. While quality infrastructure is a prerequisite for transformation of the economy, Odisha suffers from infrastructure bottlenecks and especially in some parts of the state. There is rural urban divide in the facilities and disparity in the access to opportunities available to different groups of population. The weaker section consisting of the scheduled tribes and scheduled castes face multiple deprivations. Many of them are forced to migrate from their native place to other states as seasonal or short duration migrants for survival. The state suffers from creating adequate sustainable livelihood for such people. To become a developed state it needs to diversify and intensify its economic activities not only to stop distress migration but also to create high-paid livelihood opportunities. However, the state is no dearth of opportunities. The natural resource endowment, the human capital potential, the strong will power and commitment of the Government for investment in critical infrastructures are the positive aspects for the state for tremendous economic growth. Steps are taken to attract private investors. The fiscal health of the state has improved especially after the introduction of the FRBM Act, 2004. The state economy has remained resilient in the face of economic fluctuations due to its prudent fiscal management. However, the state can use some amount of borrowing for investing in infrastructure and poverty reduction.

This National Seminar on “**Development Challenges and Opportunities in Odisha**” aims at an in-depth analysis of the key development challenges faced by the economy and will try to identify the plausible opportunities available for the development of Odisha.

**Sub- Themes of the Seminar:**

1. Macro-economic scenario and sectoral issues of Odisha
2. Social Sector issues (Education, Health and Nutrition)
3. Fiscal Scenario
4. Regional Disparities and Migration

**The following needs to be attended to while preparing the paper:**

- Title of the Paper
- Name(s), institutional affiliation(s), contact number(s) and email-id(s) of author(s)
- An abstract of about 400-500 words

The length of the paper should be limited to 7000 words including tables and references. Papers should be typed in Times New Roman with a font size 12 and line spacing of 1.5 pt. Papers should be submitted only in electronic format.

Both the abstract and the full paper are to be sent by e-mail to ***[nationalseminareco25su@gmail.com](mailto:nationalseminareco25su@gmail.com)***

**Important Dates:**

**Seminar Dates: February 11-12, 2025**

Last date of Submission of abstracts: **25th January 2025**

Communication on acceptance of Abstract: **31st January 2025**

Last date for full paper submission: **31st January 2025**

Online registration starts: **20th January, 2025**

Online registration closes: **8th February, 2025**

**Registration fee Participants:**

**Students: Rs. 500/-**

**Faculty & Research Scholars: Rs. 1000/-**

**Spot Registration Fee: Rs. 2000/-**

**Note: Registration fee includes: Seminar Kit, Participation Certificate and hospitality during the Seminar.**



## **Patrons**

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## **About Sambalpur University**

Sambalpur University, located in Western Odisha, has come into being with effect from 1st January 1967 by virtue of the Sambalpur University Act that was passed in the Orissa Legislature on the 10th December 1966. Sambalpur University occupies an important position in the academic scenario of the State of Odisha and India. As an institution of higher learning, it has become a catalyzing factor of social change in a relatively underdeveloped region of Odisha. This is an affiliating university, with 137 colleges under its jurisdiction which is spread over as many as seven districts of Odisha. The University campus at Jyoti Vihar is endowed with lush green woodlands and a peaceful atmosphere that is conducive to learning. Sambalpur University has expanded its academic profile over the years to comprise 26 Postgraduate Departments that offer 35 subjects. This institution has continuously expanded its curricular range in keeping with the emergent academic needs of the region. As a leading academic institution in Odisha, Sambalpur University has been in many ways discharging its academic and social responsibilities for human capital growth and social transformation.

## **About The Department of Economics**

The Department of Economics is one of the founding Departments in Sambalpur University, established in 1971. The Department offers postgraduate and research programmes that enable the students to acquire both theoretical knowledge and technical skills. The Department has a long tradition of imparting quality education and conducting in-depth research. Every year Students qualify for the UGC-NET and JRF and other state scholarships to continue their studies in Economics. Many of its alumni hold prominent positions both in academics and administrative spheres across the country and the world. The vision of the department consists of exploring the economic study and analysis, policy framing and implementation issues faced by the Indian and global economy. The department thrives to reach standards of excellence in teaching, research and consultancy. The teaching programmes in the Department are focused on proper blending of 'quality' and 'relevance'. The research programmes give special attention to economic problems of the country. The thrust areas include the various fields of Development Economics, Economic Growth, International Economics, Financial Economics, Agricultural Economics, Environmental Economics, Industrial Economics, Health Economics, Monetary Economics, Labour Economics, Public Finance, and Population Studies.