

Research Scholar Profile



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Details of the Fellowship &Funding Agency	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Student (NFSC) Awarded by University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, India
Title of the Research Topic	Socio-Economic Transformation of Tribal Beneficiaries through MGNREGA: A Study in Western Odisha, India
Abstract of the Research Work	Odisha occupies a unique position among the Indian states and Union Territories for having a rich tribal culture. Most of the tribes in Odisha directly or indirectly depend on agriculture and allied sectors for their livelihood. However, in Odisha they are facing a number of socio-economic and livelihood challenges due to lack of employment opportunities mostly in rural areas. Against the backdrop, the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) was lunched by the government of India in 2005. The program effectively targets underprivileged groups, including women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. In addition to offering a legal guarantee of employment, this scheme protects and upholds the right to work for millions of people who are living on the margins of society. The study will be carried out in the district of Sundargarh located in Western Odisha, which occupies a unique position on the tribal map in the state. The district has the largest variety of tribal

	groups and high concentration of ST population. The study aims to examine the socio-cultural changes, gender dimensions and employment challenges faced by the tribal beneficiaries. The research further intends to focus on the effectiveness of MGNREGA.
Progress of the Research Work	Finalization of interview schedule and preparation for field work
Seminar, Conference & Workshop Attended	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presented a Poster entitled “Impact of MGNREGA on Tribal Livelihood: Evidences from Odisha” in <i>Odisha Research Conclave (ORC-2022)</i> Jointly Organized by Odisha State Higher Education Council and Ravenshaw University, held during 14th – 16th, November 2022. 2. Presented a Paper entitled “Women’s Employment Under MGNREGA: Odisha Scenario” in <i>National Seminar on Informal Women Workers in Western Odisha, Sustainability and Social Justice</i>. Organized by Panchayat College Bargarh, Odisha and ICSSR, New Delhi during 19th and 20th November 2022. 3. Participate in UGC Sponsored <i>Short Term Course on Research Methodology</i> organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre (HRDC), Sambalpur University, held during 12th -17th December 2022. 4. Presented a Paper entitled “Role of MGNREGA on Sustaining Livelihood of Women Workers: Opportunities & Challenges” at <i>National Seminar on Development and Discontents</i> Organized by P.G. Department of Sociology and Environmental Sciences, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Odisha, during 11th- 12th March 2023. 5. Presented a Paper entitled “MGNREGA: A Policy Influences on Economic and Environmental Sustainability in India” at <i>National Seminar on Environment, Development and Society</i> Organized by the P.G. Department of Environmental Sciences and P.G. Department of Sociology, Sambalpur University, Jyoti Vihar, Burla, Odisha during 20th – 21th of March 2023.
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