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**KALINGA INSTITUTE
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Two-Day Janjatiya Gaurav (Tribal Pride) National Conference

on

The Legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Indigenous Healthcare Practices: Safeguarding Traditional Knowledge for Sustainable Medical Futures

In Collaboration with
**INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL
SCIENCE RESEARCH**



Commemorating
**150th Birth Anniversary
of
Bhagwan Birsa Munda**

28th - 29th August, 2025

Jointly Organized by

Research Chair of Bhagwan Birsa Munda,
Centre for Indigenous Peoples across the Globe
&

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC),

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)

Deemed to be University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India

About the University

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) was established by a renowned educationist and philanthropist, Prof. Achyuta Samanta in the year 1992-93 with a view to imparting quality education to the marginalized tribal children from Standard I to Post Graduation as well as Doctoral level research absolutely free of cost in a residential set up. Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences has been accorded Deemed to be University status



under De Novo Category by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), now Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India in August, 2017 under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956. In a subsequent notification, the University has been granted extension to function as a Deemed to be University. It has been accredited for five years in its first cycle with 'A' Grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2024. It has emerged as a ground breaking institution dedicated to the empowerment, education, and upliftment of Indigenous communities through quality education and comprehensive support for holistic development.

It believes in infusing inclusive growth, emphasizing sustainability, community engagement, and cultural preservation. The university's dynamic ecosystem encourages faculty and students to actively contribute to Indigenous knowledge and contemporary issues, ensuring impactful education and research.

The University has introduced seven Schools in the first phase to provide impetus to research in the areas of tribal economy and resource management, indigenous knowledge systems, heritage, culture, tribal indology, languages and literatures. Besides implementing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals in its true sense, KISS has been able to bring about much needed social changes in the fields of inclusive education, women empowerment, tribal uplift and sustainable development in tribal areas of Odisha and its neighbouring states.

The Collaborators

Research Chair of Bhagwan Birsa Munda

The Bhagwan Birsa Munda Research Chair has been established at Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) Deemed to be University. This initiative honours the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a revered tribal freedom fighter and leader who resisted British colonial rule and fought for the rights, land, and identity of tribal communities in the 19th century. Known as "Dharti Abba" (Father of the Earth), his efforts played a pivotal role in shaping tribal nationalism in the Chotanagpur region.

Founded by Prof. Achyuta Samanta, KISS-DU has set up this and six other research chairs to preserve and promote the lives and contributions of legendary figures of the region. The Bhagwan Birsa Munda Chair aims to encourage research that upholds tribal heritage, culture and history, thereby continuing his legacy of empowerment and resistance.

Centre for the Study of Indigenous Peoples across the Globe

The Centre of KISS - DU is committed to deepening understanding and appreciation of the knowledge, traditions and socio-political realities of Indigenous peoples worldwide. It aims to conduct research on their intellectual and cultural heritage across different historical context. The focus areas include Indigenous history, language, health, literature, economy, activism, spirituality and ecological knowledge. The Centre also explores comparative studies of cultures over time and space. The Centre makes efforts to learn about the indigenous people's methods of maintaining resilience against natural disasters.

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of KISS Deemed to be University has been putting in efforts to upload and execute programmes ensuring high quality of education and research output. It pursues a multi-stakeholder consultation approach in which students, faculty, staff, and external experts as well as alumni play a meaningful role.

About the Conference

The Overview

In reverent tribute to the legendary tribal leader and freedom fighter **Bhagwan Birsa Munda**, this **Two-Day National Conference** aims to spotlight the invaluable contributions of Indigenous communities to healthcare, sustainability and cultural preservation. As a symbol of tribal resilience, self-reliance and ecological harmony, Birsa Munda's enduring legacy forms the cornerstone of this critical dialogue on the intersection of traditional knowledge systems and contemporary health paradigms. Indigenous healthcare practices-rooted in generations of lived experience, community wisdom, and a profound relationship with nature offer holistic and sustainable approaches to health and wellness. However, these time-tested practices face the risk of marginalization due to rapid modernization and inadequate documentation. This conference seeks to address this gap by fostering a platform for inclusive dialogue, exchange of ideas, and actionable outcomes to preserve, validate, and promote Indigenous healthcare systems within the framework of contemporary policy and practice.

Objectives of the Conference

- To celebrate the legacy of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and his contributions to tribal welfare and cultural preservation.
- To document, analyze, and promote indigenous healthcare practices from tribal communities across India.
- To foster a dialogue between researchers, policymakers, healthcare professionals, and tribal leaders for the sustainable integration of traditional knowledge into modern healthcare systems.
- To develop actionable policy recommendations for safeguarding indigenous healthcare

Outcomes of the Conference

The national conference endeavors to meet the following proposed outcomes:

- Documentation and dissemination of tribal healthcare knowledge.
- A collaborative roadmap for integrating indigenous practices with modern healthcare.
- Policy recommendations for the protection and promotion of indigenous knowledge systems.
- Increased awareness and recognition of the significance of indigenous healthcare in achieving sustainable medical futures.
- Advance Research and development in the field of traditional healthcare and Bhagwan Birsa Munda.

Call For Papers

Theme and Subthemes:

1. Bhagwan Birsa Munda: Champion of Tribal Welfare and Cultural Preservation
 - Exploring his leadership and vision for tribal self-reliance.
 - Lessons from his legacy for contemporary indigenous healthcare discourse.
2. Indigenous Healthcare Systems: Cultural and Scientific Perspectives
 - Ethnobotany and traditional pharmacology in tribal communities.
 - The scientific validation and relevance of indigenous healthcare practices in modern times.
3. Challenges in Safeguarding Traditional Knowledge
 - Threats to indigenous healthcare systems in the face of globalization.
 - Intellectual property rights and bio-piracy: Protecting tribal wisdom.
4. Integrating Traditional and Modern Healthcare Systems
 - Opportunities and challenges in the integration of traditional practices into formal healthcare.
 - Success stories and models from India and other countries.
5. Policy and Institutional Frameworks for Preserving Indigenous Knowledge
 - Role of governmental and non-governmental organizations in safeguarding tribal healthcare practices.
 - Designing sustainable frameworks for the preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge.

Multi-disciplinary Research on Bhagwan Birsa Munda

Scholars and researchers in tribal studies, healthcare, policymakers, government officials involved in cultural preservation, tribal community leaders and representatives, as well as NGOs and organizations working in tribal welfare and sustainable development all those engaged in multidisciplinary research related to Bhagwan Birsa Munda are invited to submit their paper.



Guidelines for Abstract and Full Paper Submission

Original and unpublished research papers covering various sub-themes of the conference are invited. All the submitted papers will undergo a blind review process for acceptance. The author(s) are required to submit their full paper within 3,000 - 8,000 words including the abstract in a paragraph of maximum 200 words. The author(s) need to provide maximum 5 keywords. Paper should be in MS word, font style -"Times New Roman", font size -title-16 pt, sub-title- 14 pt, Body and texts-12 pt and line spacing -1.5, Margins: 1-inch margins on all sides with APPA style of referencing. The author(s) needs to submit the abstract and full paper file in MS Word along with proof of payment details at the time of registration to be made through conference website.

Indicate the sub-theme addressed

To facilitate blind review of abstract paper, the cover page should include the title of the paper, author's name(s), email id, contact number, affiliations. The sheet containing the abstract should not contain any identifying details.

The abstract/paper should be submitted both as a .doc/.docx files and named as 'surname_theme'

Abstract Format	Full Paper Format
Purpose	Introduction
Methodology	Literature Review
Empirical or theoretical results	Research Objectives and Hypothesis
Social implications	Methodology
Keywords	Analysis and Interpretation Major Findings, Suggestions and Conclusion

Paper Presentation Mode

All the accepted papers can be presented via physical mode only.

Important Time lines

Abstract Submission Closes	: 20 th August 2025
Full Paper Submission Closes	: 25 th August 2025
Registration Closes	: 20 th August 2025

Outcome of the work submitted (acceptance/rejection) shall be notified by email by 24 August, 2025.

Paper should meet the highest standards of professional ethics, be original and not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

For detailed information you can visit: <https://university.kiss.ac.in>

Registration Details

Who can participate?

Academicians, Research Scholars, Students and other interested individuals

Registration Fees

The registration fee includes conference kits, certificates, breakfast, high tea and lunch. No TA/DA, shall be provided to the participants.

The Registration fee for the Conference is on the basis of per paper submission. However, the category of fees will be based upon category of author(s) or co-author(s) involved in a single submission.

Category	Offline (INR)
Faculty Members and Others	1000
Research Scholars	500
Students (Presenters)	200
Other Participants (non-presenters)	500

The fees is non- refundable

The Conference is intended to be conducted predominantly in a face-to-face format. However, provisions for a virtual mode will be arranged under special circumstances.

Accommodation

Outstation paper presenters will be provided accommodation on payment basis only. They are expected to give prior information.

Payment Details

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IFSC Code	: PUNB0722900
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Bank's Branch Details	: INSIDE KISS Campus CS, PUR Orissa, Bhubaneswar-751024

For registration and payment details submission kindly fill the link mentioned below:
<https://forms.gle/HPzcZxGoxyqriWPd9>

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