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**National Seminar  
on  
Negotiating Gender Equality in  
Santhal Pragana : Challenges, Strategies,  
and Pathways for Change  
22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**Organised by**  
**SRT COLLEGE, DHAMRI, GODDA**  
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## CONCEPT NOTE

This seminar explores how gender equality is understood, contested, and advanced within the socio-cultural context of Santhal Pargana in Jharkhand. It examines how traditional Santhal norms, customary practices, land relations, and kinship structures shape gender roles and everyday experiences of women, men, and gender-diverse persons. The topic foregrounds the multiple forms of inequality faced by Santhal women in education, health, mobility, political participation, and access to resources, while also recognising their agency and resistance. At the same time, it analyses how state policies, welfare schemes (*The Savitribai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, Maiya Samman Yojana, etc.*), self-help groups, and civil society initiatives intersect with the native institutions to promote or hinder gender-sensitive change. By focusing on both challenges and strategies, the seminar invites discussion on culturally rooted, community-driven interventions that respect the Santhal identity yet question oppressive practices. It supports state goals for SDG 5 on gender equality and raises critical reflection on concepts like empowerment, consent, and participation from an Adivasi perspective. Ultimately, “Negotiating Gender Equality in Santhal Pargana” aims to map realistic pathways for transformation through dialogue between community actors, researchers, activists, and policymakers, highlighting how local voices can shape a more just and inclusive future. This seminar will bring researchers from various disciplines under a single platform to discuss these issues, both theoretically and empirically, to understand gender issues. This seminar invites papers from various disciplines of Social Sciences & Arts, Literature & Languages.

## Themes

1. Overview of gender relations in Santhal Pargana: tradition, customs, and contemporary realities.
2. Barriers to women's empowerment: decision-making, education, health, and violence.
3. Role and impact of women's Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and local leadership initiatives.
4. Gender mainstreaming strategies: policies, monitoring, and capacity building for change.
5. Community-driven approaches to sensitisation, advocacy, and addressing social norms.
6. Case studies and success stories from Santhal women's collectives.
7. Historicity of gender issues. Gender and historiography.
8. Subaltern historiography and gender.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Last Date for Abstract Submission : 5 May 2026
- Notification for Acceptance of Abstract : 7 May 2026
- Last Date of Registration : 10 May 2026
- Submission of Full Paper : 18 May 2026
- Seminar Dates : 22 & 23 May 2026

## RESOURCE PERSONS

### Keynote Speakers

- Professor Jai Kant Tiwary (Retd.), former Dean, Faculty of Social Science, Department of Sociology, BHU, Varanasi
- Professor Brajesh Kumar Singh, Department of Sociology, MGKV, Varanasi.
- Professor Rana Sunil Kumar Singh, Head, Department of Sociology, BNMU, Madhepura
- Dr. Prem Shankar Jha, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur

### Invited Speakers

- Dr. Achyut Chetan, Assistant Professor, Department of English, SKMU, Dumka
- Dr. Sujit Kumar Soren, Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, SKMU, Dumka
- Dr. Ajay Raj Xalxo, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Jamtara College, Jamtara
- Prof. Anjula Murmu, Assistant Professor, Department of English, SKMU, Dumka

# CALL FOR ABSTRACT AND REGISTRATION

Abstracts on the focal themes are invited. The abstracts should be submitted in MS Word file through the Google form link given below. Abstracts also sent via email id. : srtccollege.nationalseminar@gmail.com

Abstract Submission and Registration through Link or QR Code:

<https://forms.gle/JFuSUgMoi8Pns8p58>



## Abstract Submission Guidelines

- All abstracts must be submitted in English and Hindi.
- Abstracts should clearly outline the objectives, methods, results, and significance of the study.
- Number of words: 300 words excluding title, authors, and affiliations.
- Keywords: 4-6 words.
- Plain text should be used without any special characters.
- Font: for English, Times New Roman; Font size: 12 points; Single line spacing. For Hindi, Kruti Dev 010.
- No references should be included. Graphics will not be accepted.

**NOTE:** Selected abstracts will be invited for oral presentation. The selected abstracts will be published in the seminar abstract volume. Selected papers will be published in an edited book (to be notified later).

## Registration Fee

Registration Fee	Without accommodation	Spot registration	With accommodation
Faculty/ Others	1000 INR	1200 INR	2500 INR
Research Scholar	700 INR	900 INR	2200 INR
Student	200 INR	400 INR	1700 INR

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**Note:** 1. Registration Fee is non-refundable. 2. Registration fee includes Seminar kit, certificate of participation/presentation, food & refreshment on the days of the Seminar.

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### About SRT College, Dhamri

Sri Raghunandan Tiwari College, Dhamri (Godda) was established in 1961 by the visionary social worker Sri Raghunandan Tiwari with a noble mission to spread quality education in rural areas. Founded on the principles of accessibility and excellence, the college has been a beacon of hope for countless students aspiring for higher education in the region. As a proud constituent unit of Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka, our institution has been at the forefront of academic excellence for over six decades. Through these years, we have witnessed remarkable transformations - from humble beginnings to becoming a cornerstone of educational development in rural Jharkhand. Our journey reflects the unwavering commitment to empowering youth through knowledge, fostering critical thinking, and nurturing future leaders who contribute meaningfully to society. The legacy of Sri Raghunandan Tiwari continues to inspire us as we march forward, touching lives and shaping dreams into reality.