



# NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

## THE MYTH AND REALITY OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES IN ANTHROPOLOGY TODAY

DATE: 20th & 21st JANUARY 2025



Organised by



**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY**

**KHALLIKOTE UNITARY UNIVERSITY**

**BERHAMPUR, ODISHA**



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## ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Khallikote Unitary University, established on August 1, 2021, by upgrading Khallikote Autonomous College is a prestigious institution in South Odisha with a rich history spanning over a century. Originally founded as a Zilla School in 1856, it became Union College in 1878 and was renamed Khallikote College in 1893 as a tribute to Raja Saheb. The college gained autonomy in 1990 and was designated a "College with Potential for Excellence" by the UGC in 2006. In 2017, it earned an 'A' grade from NAAC, making it one of the state's leading educational institutions. Known nationally for academic excellence, it continues to serve as a significant center of learning in Odisha.



## ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Anthropology at Khallikote Unitary University, rooted its legacy since 1962, stands as a hub of academic excellence and cultural exploration; Transitioning to postgraduate courses in 1980 and enriched by the addition of M.Phil seats in 2013-14 under Berhampur University. It achieved a new milestone with its elevation to a unitary university in 2021. The Department of Anthropology emphasizes experiential learning through fieldwork research, museum visit and co-curricular activities equipped with a fully functional laboratory and a resourceful seminar library. It fosters holistic education, workshops, skill-training programs and exhibitions further empower students to unlock their full potential, making it a vibrant space for anthropological innovation.





## CONCEPT NOTE

Development anthropology, a key subfield of anthropology, focuses on examining and addressing global development challenges. It involves studying and implementing policies, programs and strategies aimed at enhancing social, economic and cultural well-being. Despite the promises of equity, empowerment and progress, the discrepancy between the idealized visions (myths) and the actual outcomes (realities) of development initiatives often presents significant challenges for anthropologists in practice. This contrast highlights the critical role of anthropological insights in tackling pressing global issues such as poverty, inequality and environmental sustainability.

The term "myth" refers to the optimistic narratives of inclusive and effective development models frequently advocated by governments, NGOs and international organizations. Conversely, the "reality" reveals the complex challenges, contradictions, and unintended consequences that marginalized communities often face during the implementation of these initiatives.

Although development practices are still heavily influenced by idealized assumptions, anthropology provides practical approaches to bridging these gaps. Through the application of ethnographic methods, it emphasizes empowering communities and promoting equitable progress. The discipline offers vital perspectives for designing development strategies that are more inclusive and sustainable, particularly for marginalized populations.

A National Seminar titled "The Myth and Reality of Development Practices in Anthropology Today" invited esteemed scholars and experts to engage in meaningful discussions on critical issues.

## SUB THEMES

- Anthropological Insights on Sustainable Development
- Development, Displacement, Livelihood and Marginality
- Culture and Sustainability: Insights from India's tribal communities
- Policy, Governance and Politics over Tribal Development
- Indigenous Knowledge System and Tribal Development
- Inclusion and Tribal Education
- Socio-Cultural and Religious barriers to Development
- Development Perspective of Sacred Complex Organisation
- Anthropology, Museum and Indigenous Identity
- Development Perspective in Art & Craft





## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Academicians, Research Scholars, Anthropologist and students of Govt. and private colleges and universities or Research Centers who have expertise, interest or academic orientation on the themes of the seminar can present their papers and participate in the seminar.

## CALL FOR ABSTRACT

The participants are requested to send their abstract to the national seminar through e-mail: [kuanthropology@gmail.com](mailto:kuanthropology@gmail.com) on before 7th January 2025.

The abstracts should be in MS word format contains 300 words, Times New Roman, Font size 12, Spacing 1.5 with Name, Designation, Affiliation, E-mail Address and Contact number.

The author will be notified of the abstract's acceptance following a review by the expert committee.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Registration and Abstract Submission	12th January, 2025
Call for Abstract acceptance	15th January, 2025
Seminar Day	20th & 21st January, 2025





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## HOW TO REGISTER

Participants can register themselves via google form link given below or by scanning the QR code, providing all necessary details asked in the form. Registration confirmation mail will be sent via email.

Registration link-<https://forms.gle/AaFjujovG2uqZp558>

## FEES STRUCTURE

Students of  
other Institute

₹300

Research Scholars

₹500

Academician and  
faculty

₹700

## SCAN FOR REGISTRATION



The registration fee includes a conference kit and lunch on the seminar day. Participants will bear their travel and accommodation expenses.

## BANK DETAILS

Account Name: HOD DEPT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Account No: 5705976554

IFSC Code: CBIN0283241

Bank: Central Bank of India

Branch Name: Khallikote College, Berhampur

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## HOW TO REACH BERHAMPUR

Berhampur (Brahmapur), in Odisha's Ganjam district, is accessible via air, train and road. The nearest airport is Bhubaneswar (174 km), with Visakhapatnam (290 km) as an alternative. Berhampur Railway Station (BAM) connects to cities like Bhubaneswar, Chennai and Kolkata. By road NH 16 links Berhampur to Bhubaneswar (3-4 hrs), Cuttack (4-5 hrs), and Visakhapatnam (6-7 hrs).