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On
Vibrant Economy: A Cornerstone for Aatmanirbhar Bharat
&
Sustainable Development Goals in Madhya Pradesh**

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On

Tribal Development in India: Existing Economic Status and Future Prospects

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Organized by

Department of Economics

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About Madhya Pradesh Economic Association

The **Madhya Pradesh Economic Association (MPEA)** is an organization based in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh was formed in 1973 aims to promote the study and understanding of economics. It serves as a platform for economists, academicians and researchers in the state to collaborate share knowledge and engage in discussions related to economic issues, research and policy matters. MPEA organizes conferences, seminars and workshops to facilitate the exchange of ideas and foster academic growth in economics. The association also publishes research papers, journals and other publications to contribute to the academic community and support the development of economic thought within the state. The goal of MPEA is to advance economic research policy analysis and education in Madhya Pradesh as well as to contribute to the broader understanding of national and global economic trends.

About the Conference and Theme

1. Theme: Vibrant Economy: A Cornerstone for Aatmanirbhar Bharat

The conference on "*Vibrant Economy: A Cornerstone for Aatmanirbhar Bharat*" is a significant platform dedicated to exploring how India can build a self-reliant and resilient economy in line with the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. It gathers thought leaders, policymakers and industry professionals to discuss critical topics such as boosting local industries fostering innovation, modernizing agriculture and enhancing infrastructure. The conference also highlights the importance of inclusive growth ensuring that all communities, particularly marginalized tribal populations are integrated into the national development framework. Key themes include skill development, digital transformation, sustainability and India's role in global trade aiming to create a competitive and self-sustaining economy that can thrive in a globalized world. By focusing on indigenous growth and addressing both economic and social challenges the conference seeks to provide actionable insights and strategies for achieving long-term prosperity and national development.

Sub-themes:

- Education and Skill Development for Self-Reliance.
- Economic Policies for Self-Reliance.
- Economic Inclusion of Tribal Communities.
- Agricultural Sustainability and Food Security.



- Rural Self-Sufficiency and Empowerment.
- Manufacturing and Industrial Growth.
- Gender Equality and Economic Empowerment.
- Digital India and Technological Advancements.
- Financial Inclusion and Access to Capital.
- Energy Independence and Sustainable Development.
- Healthcare and Pharmaceutical Industry.
- Trade and Global Supply Chain Independence.
- Entrepreneurship and Start-Up Ecosystem.
- Sustainable Urbanization and Infrastructure Development.
- Vocal for Local: Fostering Domestic Markets and Products.
- Technology Indigenization and Innovation.
- One Product One State (OPOS) Strategy for Self-Reliance.
- Sustainable Tourism for Economic Growth.
- The Role of Media in Shaping Self-Reliance.

2. Theme: Sustainable Development Goals in Madhya Pradesh

The theme entitled “*Sustainable Development Goals in Madhya Pradesh,*” are being actively pursued through initiatives that focus on fostering inclusive growth, environmental sustainability and social well-being. The state is working towards eradicating poverty by improving rural development, expanding access to quality education and ensuring clean water and sanitation for all. Efforts are also being made to promote renewable energy, particularly solar power and to encourage sustainable agricultural practices that protect the environment while boosting productivity. Gender equality decent work opportunities and skill development are integral parts of the state's approach empowering women and creating jobs for youth. Madhya Pradesh is also addressing climate action by implementing afforestation programs, managing resources sustainably and reducing pollution. These efforts aim to create a balanced and resilient economy while ensuring that the benefits of development reach all segments of society.



Sub-themes:

- Strategies for poverty reduction in rural and urban areas of Madhya Pradesh.
- Agricultural innovations and sustainable farming practices of Madhya Pradesh for food security
- Strengthening healthcare infrastructure and services in Tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh.
- Enhancing access to education in Tribal communities and role of digital education in improving learning outcomes.
- Economic empowerment of women in Madhya Pradesh.
- Promotion of sustainable water management practices and improving sanitation infrastructure and hygiene.
- Promoting energy efficiency and clean energy projects in Madhya Pradesh.
- Employment generation in Madhya Pradesh through industrial growth and entrepreneurship.
- Innovation and technology in enhancing industrial growth and sustainable infrastructure development.
- Reducing economic and social inequality in Madhya Pradesh.
- Urban planning and sustainable city development in Madhya Pradesh.
- Waste management and recycling initiatives in Madhya Pradesh.
- Use of Renewable energy in Madhya Pradesh to combat climate change.
- Conservation of river ecosystems and water bodies in Madhya Pradesh.
- Sustainable forestry and wildlife conservation policies in Madhya Pradesh.
- Promoting good governance and transparency in economic policies of Madhya Pradesh.
- Role of multi-stakeholder partnerships for attaining the SDGs in Madhya Pradesh.

About the Seminar

India's tribal population, accounting for approximately 8.6% of the total, remains one of the most marginalized groups in terms of economic development. Despite various governmental



interventions these communities continue to face significant challenges due to historical exclusion geographical isolation and cultural distinctiveness. Addressing the economic disparities of tribal communities requires a holistic understanding of their current status and the efficacy of ongoing development efforts. This seminar titled "*Tribal Development in India: Existing Economic Status and Future Prospects*" aims to assess the present economic conditions of tribal communities and explore sustainable strategies for their upliftment. The seminar will gather leading experts from diverse disciplines to engage in a critical examination of tribal development initiatives. It will cover key areas such as government policies, the role of NGOs access to resources, education, healthcare and the impact of land alienation. Moreover it will investigate the integration of traditional tribal economies with modern economic frameworks and propose solutions for long-term sustainability. Through keynote presentations panel discussions and research paper submission, the seminar seeks to provide an inclusive platform for dialogue between scholars, policymakers and practitioners. The expected outcomes include policy recommendations, identification of development gaps and publication of proceedings to inform future academic and policy work. By fostering collaborative efforts this seminar aspires to contribute to the economic empowerment of tribal communities ensuring their equitable inclusion in India's growth narrative.

Sub-Themes:

1. Historical Overview of Tribal Development in India.
2. Education and Skill Development in Tribal Areas.
3. Economic Status of Tribes: Income, Employment, and Livelihood.
4. Environmental Conservation and Its Impact on Tribal Livelihoods.
5. Healthcare and Nutrition Among Tribal Populations.
6. Integrity Traditional Tribal Economics with Modern Economics.
7. Tribal Art, Culture and Its Economic Potential.
8. Gender Issues and Women Empowerment in Tribal Communities.
9. Access to Infrastructure and Basic Services in Tribal.



10. Impact of Land Alienation and Displacement on Tribal Communities.
11. Government Policies and Schemes for Tribal Welfare.
12. Role of NGOs and Civil Society in Tribal Development.
13. Challenges in Implementing Tribal Development Programs.
14. Success Stories: Case Studies of Tribal Economic Upliftment.
15. Future Prospects: Sustainable Development Strategies for Tribal Communities.

Objectives:

1. To critically assess the economic status of tribal communities in India.
2. To discuss the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society in enhancing tribal development.
3. To identify sustainable strategies for the future economic upliftment of tribaTo examine the impact of government policies and schemes on tribal development.
4. To examine the impact of government policies and schemes on tribal development.
5. To explore the challenges faced by tribal communities in accessing resources education and employment.

Expected Outcomes

1. A comprehensive understanding of the current economic status of tribal communities in India.
2. Identification of gaps in existing policies and programs aimed at tribal development.
3. Recommendations for future policy interventions to promote sustainable development in tribals.
4. A platform for knowledge exchange between scholars, policymakers and practitioners.
5. Publications of seminar proceedings and potential academic papers based on the discussions.

About the place

Amarkantak is a well frequented Hindu pilgrimage center that is popularly known as "Teerthraj" - "the king of pilgrimages". It is the meeting point of the Vindhya and the Satpura Ranges with the Maikal



Hills being the fulcrum. The forests surrounding Amarkantak, have a rich variety of plants with medicinal properties which make it extremely significant from an ecological point of view. Three rivers - the holy Narmada the Sone and the Johila emerge here from the womb of Amarkantak. Narmada Udgam temple is surrounded with wonderful natural wonders like Narmada Kund, Sonemuda (the origin of Sone River) plunging Dugdharma falls and the Kapildhara falls. The group of ancient temples of the Kalachuri period such as Machhendranath, Pataleshwar and Kailash Narayan Shri Yantra Mandir, Mrityunjay and Kalyan Ashram, Bhrgu Kamandal are some more places to see in Amarkantak. At a short distance from Amarkantak is the Kabir Chabutra where the mystic poet Sant Kabir is said to have meditated and achieved salvation. The rich natural heritage and spiritual vibes of Amarkantak fill the heart with happiness and positivity of every visitor.

About the University

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University (IGNTU) is a Central University located in Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh, established by an Act of Parliament of India in 2007 with a primary focus on providing higher education to India's tribal communities. The university offers a variety of undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programs in fields such as social sciences, humanities, tribal studies and natural sciences. With its emphasis on tribal welfare, IGNTU aims to promote education, research and development that address the unique challenges faced by tribal populations. The campus boasts modern facilities including hostels, a library and research centers dedicated to tribal studies making it an important institution for advancing education and preserving tribal culture.

About the Department of Economics

The Department of Economics, founded in 2008, is part of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University. It offers both undergraduate and postgraduate courses, with a strong focus on addressing issues related to tribal development, rural progress, forest management and agricultural economics. With a majority tribal population in the region, the department has incorporated Tribal Economics into its curriculum. This initiative aims to educate and train students to become future



policymakers and thinkers, fostering a deeper understanding of the local communities and their unique development needs. By raising awareness and promoting specialized studies, the department seeks to shape policies that contribute to the social and economic advancement of both tribal and non-tribal populations in the area. The department's mission aligns with the broader vision of the university

Important Dates

- Abstract submission last date: February 10, 2025
- Full Paper submission and Registration last date: February. 15, 2025
- **Plan of Publication:** Selected papers will be published on Reputed Journals.

Email id for submission of abstract and full papers

Email ID: nseminar2025@gmail.com

Registration Fee:

- ❖ Without accommodation for Research Scholar-Rs. 750/-
- ❖ With accommodation for Research Scholar-Rs.1000/-
- ❖ Without accommodation for faculty members-Rs.1500/-
- ❖ With accommodation for faculty members-Rs.2000/-

Language and other specifications for submission:

The abstract must reach latest by February 10th 2025 and should be under 350 words. The papers should be sent to latest by February 15th, 2025 in MS-Word file with font size 12, maximum limit length of 3000 words including Graph, Charts and Tables with proper referencing in APA Styles. The same file should be send in PDF format also. Papers in Hindi Language must be typed in "kruti Dev".



Registration details & Link:

To be part of this esteemed academic event, it is mandatory for all the participants registered themselves in the given time so that we can assure for their accomodation and other required facilities in the University Campus. Pay above mentioned the regitration fee and click on the below link to register yourself:

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Note: On the spot regitration will be accepted only on or before 15th February, 2025 (only for outsiders). After the given registration period any type of request will not be accepted.

How to reach :

Amarkantak is situated 30 kms in the west of Pendra Road Railway Station (Chhattisgadh) on Katni-Bilaspur track of South-West Central Railway. Almost all the trains plying on this track stop here. It can also be reached by bus from all directions as there are good frequency of buses on Jabalpur, Raipur, Bilaspur, Allahabad, Rewa, Shahdol, Dindori and Anuppur Routes. Amarkantak can be approached by Air through Jabalpur (M.P.) in the West and Raipur (Chhattisgadh) in East.

Nearest Airports:

1. **Jabalpur:** Distance 220 KM, from the Amarkantak (M.P.).
2. **Raipur:** Distance 230 KM, from Amarkantak (M.P.).

Nearest Railway Station:

1. **Pendra Road:** Distance 35 KM from Amarkantak (M.P.).
2. **Bilaspur:** Distance 120 KM from Amarkantak (M.P.).



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