



*A One-Day International Seminar
On*

SANTALI: VISION 21ST CENTURY

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Call
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Paper

Event date and time

16th February, 2023; Time 10.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (IST Date)

Venue: Kadambini Ganguly Seminar Hall,
3rd floor, Arts Composite building, Golapbag
The University of Burdwan

Eminent Speakers

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Registration link

Register at <https://forms.gle/ubjWFCVTnTwcmsbUA>

Last date of registration: 14th February, 2023

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Concept Note: The Santals are one of the largest tribal groups in India, and Santali is their language which belongs to the Munda group of the Astro-Asiatic sub-family of the Austric family of languages. According to 2011 Census, Santali is spoken by 7.4 million people in India. They mainly concentrate in five Indian states: Bihar, Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam and West Bengal. The Santals claim their original homeland was “Hihiri-Pipiri” as their birth place which had been described in the legends. In the past, the Santals were of nomadic habit and used to wander from place to place in search of agricultural land. In this respect they were the first settler in India and they constitute one of the largest tribes in the country as a whole. The Santals constitute a distinct socio-cultural group having distinct customs, traditions, marriage, kinship and property inheritance system living largely in agricultural and pre-agricultural level technology.

The expansion of the British dominion in India, and the growth of an Indo-British administrative system, naturally conducted India through manifold processes of transition-political, economic and social. The Christian missionaries had entered the Santal belt and started working among them since the first half of the Nineteenth century. They established many Christian missions and Christian mission schools for spread of education among them. Some missionaries had written books on Santali language, literature and ethnography. The Santals have remarkable oral traditions and folk-lore. But they did not have any script until the first quarter of the 20th century. The oral traditions of Santali (which is very rich), poetry, novels, dramas and short stories were initially written in various scripts including Devanagari, Roman, Bangla and with the formulation of the *OlChiki* (Santali Script) various genres of literature have been written down in it. The *OlChiki* script was developed and introduced by Pandit Raghunath Murmu in 1925. The Adivasi Socio-Educational and Cultural Association (hence ASECA) was formed in Orissa under the guidance of Pandit Raghunath Murmu to popularise and spread the *OlChiki* script among the Santals. Subsequently branches of ASECA have been established in various states particularly in Jharkhand, Orissa, Assam and West Bengal for paving way for *OlChiki* learning where the child and the adult have been participating in learning *Ol Chiki* script in informal system. In this endeavour the Adivasi Socio-Educational and Cultural Association have also been receiving governmental support. In the process the Government of West Bengal has recognized the *OLChiki* script in 1979. It has also been recognised by the Sahitya Akademi. The Akademi has started publishing literature in Ol script and the best author is awarded every year. The role in promoting the language in the sphere of education, popular culture and literature of the respective state governments like that of West Bengal, Orissa, Jharkhand and Assam, is not equal and not always positive. In Indian context, although equal rights and opportunities of all people are recognised in the Constitution, in reality it does not realise. The Santals and their language do not get square treatment in every state. Universal education through Santali is still a far cry. The Ol-Chiki script is not recognised in all the states where the language is spoken by a significant number of the Santals.

In the forthcoming Seminar all these aspects will be looked into with an aim to formulating a vision for the 21st century.

Sub-themes:

1. Santali Language.
2. Language and Script, Ol-Chiki script etc.
3. Santali Language Movement.
4. Language and Literature.
5. Language and Culture.
6. Santali in the twenty-first century: Policies, Practices and Future directions.

Call for Papers: We are inviting original unpublished research article on the main theme and the sub-theme of this seminar.

- Abstract: 250 words including keywords.
- Paper: 1500-5000 words.
- Language: Santali and English.
- Front: 12 for paper and 14 for title (Time new Roman for English and Ol-Chiki for Santali).
- Article submission through Google form Link.

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Registration Fee

- Research Scholar/Faculty Rs. 800/- (INR) for paper presenters.
- Students Rs. 500/- (INR) for paper presenters.
- Rs. 200/- (INR) fees required for participation.

Participants

Any student/teacher/research scholars are interested in Santali Language, Literature and Culture may also participate in the Seminar.

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