

ONE-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT: RECENT TRENDS

11th June, 2024



ORGANIZED BY:

**DEPARTMENT OF RURAL STUDIES
WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

**IN COLLABORATION WITH
IQAC, WEST BENGAL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

CONCEPT NOTE

Sustainable rural development has gained global attention, particularly in India, with the aim of enhancing rural livelihoods while preserving the environment. Integration of economic, social and environmental aspects to promote long-term sustainable rural development is the emerging rural development agenda. India has witnessed a significant shift in its rural development landscape with various kinds of government initiatives, technological transformations and increased participation of the non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The focus has been on several key areas to ensure holistic development and improve the quality of life of the rural communities.

This seminar aims to explore innovative approaches, collaborative strategies, and pragmatic solutions for achieving sustainable rural development. By integrating environmental stewardship, social equity and economic prosperity, our goal is to establish a knowledge base and generate ideas for robust rural communities that can withstand global challenges. The seminar seeks to address the pressing need for sustainable rural development, which has gained significant traction in recent years. The objective is to identify and examine the latest trends, best practices, and emerging issues in rural development and how these relate to sustainability.

The seminar will provide a platform for academicians, experts, practitioners and students to discuss and exchange ideas, experiences and lessons learnt. The seminar will focus on environmental stewardship, social equity and economic prosperity.

These themes are interrelated and fundamental to achieving sustainable rural development. Environmental stewardship involves protecting natural resources and ecosystems while promoting sustainable land use practices. Social equity involves addressing social and economic disparities in rural areas and promoting social inclusion. Economic prosperity involves promoting economic growth and entrepreneurship while ensuring that rural communities benefit from these activities. The seminar aims to provide a comprehensive overview of sustainable rural development and identify potential solutions that can be implemented in different contexts. By bringing together experts from various fields, the seminar will foster a multidisciplinary approach to sustainable rural development and promote collaboration and knowledge sharing. Sub-themes to be explored through this seminar are as follows:

- **Sustainable agriculture and climate smart agriculture**
- **Food security through diversified and resilient food system**
- **Social dynamics of agrarian transformation**
- **Evolving rural livelihoods and gender relations**
- **Globalization and sustainable rural development**
- **Rural entrepreneurship and financial inclusion**
- **Rural developmental policies and environmental sustainability**
- **ICT in rural development**
- **Cultural heritage and Indigenous Technical Knowledge**
- **Community led development initiatives**

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

West Bengal State University was established by the Government of West Bengal through an Act passed by the Legislative Assembly. The University started functioning from the academic session 2008-09 and was created due to a long-standing public demand for setting up of a university in the North 24 Parganas district. Additionally, the State Government transferred 57 colleges, formerly affiliated to the University of Calcutta, to the newly established University. The University is progressing rapidly and has implemented ICT-enabled classrooms, library and offices. The University's communication with students, affiliated colleges and the faculty is done through the extensive use of ICT infrastructure enabling instant communication and efficient governance. The University has 53 affiliated colleges and has a total of 31 PG teaching departments including a wide range of subjects from language, literature, social science, science, commerce, and management. Apart from the regular processes of teaching, learning, and research, the University also places a strong emphasis on engaging with the local community through various outreach activities. As an institution situated in a rural area, the University recognizes the importance of connecting with the local community and contributing to its growth and development.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Rural Studies, previously known as the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, was established in 2008 with the aim of providing a strong interdisciplinary education in Rural Studies. The Department offers a two-year Master's Degree programme with a curriculum that is both socially relevant and thematically updated to incorporate emerging innovations in the related fields. The Department welcomes students from both Social Science and Science Graduates (Honours) backgrounds to ensure an interdisciplinary approach to education. With three full-time faculty serving in a substantive post, Research is conducted by them individually as well as with the registered scholars to the PhD Programme under their Supervision. Different academic Departments of the University collaborate with this Department in terms of academic activities and the department has also taken up various extension activities such as preparing IEC materials and audio capsules on rural development perspectives.

DATE AND VENUE

The Seminar will be held at West Bengal State University on 11th June 2024. Further details shall be communicated in due time.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of research papers are welcome on the themes outlined for the seminar. Authors are requested to submit a 250-word abstract in English typed in New Times Roman 12 font size and 1.5 spaced. The abstract should clearly mention the following (1) sub-theme, (2) title of the paper, (3) name(s) of author(s), (4) presenting author, (5) affiliation (6) e-mail address and (7) 4-6 key words. The abstract must briefly indicate the problem/concept, methodology, and the major findings. Thematically relevant good-quality abstracts will be selected by a review committee. Abstracts should be submitted by **20th May 2024** via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to the following email ID: **seminar.drs.wbsu@gmail.com**. Acceptance of the abstract will be sent through email by **25th May 2024**. The full paper is to be submitted by **10th June 2024**.

SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER

An edited volume will be published with a national/international publisher after the Seminar. **Only selected papers will be considered for publication.** The full paper should preferably be within 5000 words (including tables, figures, notes, references, and appendix) typed in Times New Roman 12 font size and 1.5 spacing in MS Word. The paper may be divided into the following sections: (1) Introduction, (2) Background of the study/ literature survey, (3) Materials and methods, (4) Results (5) Conclusion.

REGISTRATION FEES

CATEGORY	AMOUNT (INR)	
	WITH PAPER	WITHOUT PAPER
FACULTY/ PROFESSIONAL	800	700
RESEARCH SCHOLAR*	600	500
STUDENTS*	400	300

*Documentary proof (copy of institutional card or certificate from HOD/ supervisor) must be submitted along with registration form and fee.

REGISTRATION FORM

To secure your place in this academic exploration, simply click the "Click Here" button. This effortless action will unveil a seamless online form tailored to capture the essential details required for your participation.

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IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:	20.05.2024
NOTIFICATION OF ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE:	25.05.2024
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:	05.06.2024
DEADLINE FOR FULL PAPER SUBMISSION:	10.06.2024
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ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will be assisted to arrange accommodation at reasonable rate near the venue. Cost has to be borne by the delegate.

