



## **Call for Papers**

**International Seminar on Indigenous Studies**

**Envisioning Janjatiya Gaurav:  
the Legacy of Birsa Munda  
and  
the Decolonisation of 'Global' Indigenous Studies**

Organised by  
Durgapur Women's College

Venue: Durgapur Women's College, Durgapur, West Bengal, India

Date: March 26-27, 2025

### **Distinguished Speakers**

**Dr. Ganesh N. Devy, Bhasha Research & Publication Centre, India**

**Dr. Daniel Rycroft, University of East Anglia, UK**

**Dr. Sanjukta Das Gupta, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy**

**Dr. Annapurna Devi Pandey, University of California, USA**

**Dr. Felix Padel, University of Sussex, UK**

### **Event URL**

(Check [here](#) for updates)

### **Patron of the Seminar**

Dr. Mahananda Kanjilal  
Principal  
Durgapur Women's College

**Mode of Participation and/or Paper Presentation**

Online/in-person



## Expression of Interest to Present Paper/Participate

We would be greatly obliged if interested individuals could kindly express their willingness to present a paper at the seminar or participate in it by sending an email ([indigeneity2025@gmail.com](mailto:indigeneity2025@gmail.com)) as early as possible. The abstract of the paper may be submitted later. Registration details will be shared in due course.

## Overview

As we commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of Birsa Munda, this seminar seeks to explore his enduring legacy within the broader framework of decolonisation and indigenous knowledge systems. The event aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, connecting global and local indigenous perspectives to address historical injustices, promote cultural preservation, and advance pathways for sustainable development and social justice.

## Key Themes and Sub-Themes

The seminar invites submissions on topics including but not limited to:

- ❑ **Global Indigenous Movements:** Comparative studies of leaders like Birsa Munda, cross-border indigenous solidarities.
- ❑ **Decolonising Narratives:** Methodologies for rewriting history through indigenous lenses.
- ❑ **Indigenous Literature and Art:** Resistance through literature, folk art, and storytelling.
- ❑ **Sustainable Development:** Indigenous ecological ethics and governance models.
- ❑ **Intersectionality in Indigenous Studies:** Feminist and intersectional approaches within indigenous contexts.
- ❑ **Digital Advocacy:** The role of media in preserving and promoting indigenous identities.
- ❑ **Education and Pedagogy:** Integrating indigenous knowledge into academic curricula.
- ❑ **Policy and Governance:** Frameworks for protecting indigenous rights and fostering economic empowerment.

## Submission Guidelines

- ❑ **Abstracts:** 300–500 words outlining the research focus, methodology, and relevance to the seminar theme.
- ❑ **Full Papers:** Selected presenters will be required to submit full papers (4,000–6,000 words).
- ❑ **Formats:** MS Word, Chicago Author-Date citation style preferred.

## Important Dates

- ❑ **Abstract Submission Deadline:** 15.02.2025
- ❑ **Notification of Acceptance:** 20.02.2025
- ❑ **Full Paper Submission Deadline:** Will be announced later. Check [here](#) for updates.

## Registration

Details of registration will be shared later. Check [here](#) for updates.



## Highlights

- Keynote lectures by eminent scholars and practitioners.
- Panel discussions, research paper presentations, and cultural exhibitions.
- Workshops on indigenous languages, oral histories, and ecological practices.

## Publication Opportunity

Papers will be peer-reviewed, and depending on their quality, will be published with an ISBN by a well-known publisher. Check [here](#) for updates.

## Contact

For expression of interest to attend/present a paper, submissions, and inquiries, please email: [indigeneity2025@gmail.com](mailto:indigeneity2025@gmail.com)

## Convenor

[Dr. Amitayu Chakraborty, Assistant Professor of English, and IQAC Coordinator, Durgapur Women's College](#)

Join us in celebrating the vision of Birsa Munda and exploring pathways for a decolonised and equitable future. We would be greatly obliged if interested individuals could kindly express their willingness to present a paper at the seminar or participate in it by sending an email ([indigeneity2025@gmail.com](mailto:indigeneity2025@gmail.com)) as early as possible. The abstract of the paper may be submitted later. Registration details will be shared in due course.

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