



ODISHA HISTORY CONGRESS

(Established in 1969)

Forty-Fourth Session

Gangadhar Meher University, Amruta Vihar, Sambalpur
January 11-12 (Saturday-Sunday)- 2025



Local Secretary Circular

Dear Colleagues,

I am delighted to warmly welcome you to the 44th session of the Odisha History Congress at School of History, Gangadhar Meher University, Amruta Vihar, Sambalpur, which will be held on January 11 - 12, 2025. It is an honor for us to host Congress Session at Gangadhar Meher University.

About Gangadhar University and Sambalpur

The institute is upgraded to a university from a college in 2015. Sambalpur City is located on the bank of the river Mahanadi in western part of Odisha. Founded in the 16th century by the Chouhan ruler, Sambalpur is a municipal corporation today and is emerging fast as an education hub with the presence of four universities, IIM, oldest engineering college of the state of Odisha and a medical college. The longest earthen dam of the world, Hirakud is 9 km away from Sambalpur and is a great site to behold and engage in water sports. Sambalpur is known for goddess Samaleswari and its warp and weft *bandha* textile throughout the world.

About the Department:

The Dept. of History came into existence in 1944 catering to the academic needs of the U.G. and P.G. students of this region in particular and of Odisha in general. After the transformation of G.M. College into G. M. University in 2015, the Department also got its new identity as School of History and presently offers U.G., P.G. and Ph.D courses with 48, 78, and 16 seats respectively. The Department is endowed with outstanding faculty members, committed to innovative pedagogic practices and with cutting-edge research interests in History. According to the Objective of the University much emphasis is given on local history, culture, art, architecture, tradition, customs, economic activities, beliefs, technologies and resources in the course content. In the process of teaching ancient Indian coins and inscriptions, emphasis is placed on the allusions to various tribal clans and organizations. Fieldwork and Practical's are an essential component of the Postgraduate Curriculum. Students receive field training while pursuing their education. For a deeper comprehension of ancient civilization, students are introduced to all the theoretical and practical facets of comparing data from ethnography and archaeology, including the use of ethnographic analogies and archaeological ethnography. School of History carried out Archaeological Excavation in Barapali Asurgarh, District Baragarh (Odisha) during the Field Season 2021-22. The School of History has organized several awareness programs to promote the preservation of local heritage and culture. In a bid to inspire both students and the local community, the department has established a museum that houses a rich collection of prehistoric tools, protohistoric artifacts, early historical material culture, and medieval antiquities.

Arriving at Sambalpur

Sambalpur is connected with the major Railway networks of the country. Sambalpur is connected with other parts of India by railways and by road. Jharsuguda is a major Railway junction, 50 km away from Sambalpur, and is connected well with the Tier I cities of India. The nearest airport is at Jharsuguda which is connected with major metros of India. If you are interested to come via the state capital i.e. Bhubaneswar, there are train services throughout the day from Bhubaneswar Railway Station to Sambalpur or Jharsuguda.

Must-Visit Destinations in Sambalpur

If you're seeking a meaningful and enriching experience, Sambalpur offers a variety of incredible places to explore. Some of the top attractions include Samaleswari Temple, Budharaja Hill, the Wild Animal Conservation Centre, Regional Art Gallery, Ghanteswari Temple, Hirakud Dam, and the iconic Huma Leaning Temple. Each location provides a unique glimpse into the culture, nature, and heritage of this fascinating region.

Weather

The weather of Sambalpur in January will be pleasant with minimum temperature in the night around 14° C and maximum day time temperature around 27° C. You can equip yourself with warm clothing accordingly.


Exhibition and Poster Presentation

The School of History, GM University, will provide stalls for showcasing documents, photographs, and poster presentations. Scholars interested in participating in the exhibition or poster presentation can contact the Local Secretary for further details.

Accommodation:

We are committed to providing our delegates with a memorable experience by offering accommodation on our campus. Accommodation in GM University Hostels will be on a shared basis, with common washrooms and toilets. Room allocation will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. Hotel accommodation will be available from the evening of January 10, 2025, to the morning of January 12, 2025. Delegates staying in university hostels are advised to bring their own bed sheets, mosquito repellent, and other personal necessities. Delegates traveling with their families are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. Transportation will be provided only for delegates staying outside the campus.

Registration fee: Kindly send your registration fees Rs. 700 (Rs. 500 for students) along with the filled in registration form, your complete research paper/abstract and your itinerary (with clear mention of your arrival and leaving time and date) by or before 5th January, 2025 positively so that we can assure your accommodation and include presentation of your research paper in the academic programme. Please send your filled in registration forms to Dr Atula Kumar Pradhan, Sambalpur and Dr Subhash Chandra Barik, Bhubaneswar separately giving all the details as given in the first circular of the Conference. Registration forms have been given at the end of this circular. Limited sharing accommodation will be arranged for the registered delegates from whom we will receive the request on or before 5th January 2025. After 6th January 2025 the delegates have to make their own arrangement for stay. Kindly credit the registration fee in the bank account as per the details given below.

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Important Dates

Registration Start : 10-12-2024
Submission of abstract : 25-12-2024
Confirmation for Accommodation : 05-01-2025

For any queries please contact to:

Dr. Atula Kumar Pradhan, Head, School of History, G.M. University, Sambalpur Mobile: 9754875987,
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Yours sincerely,

Dr. Atula Kumar Pradhan
Local Secretary

Registration form

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To,

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The Local Secretary

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Surname... .. : ..First name(s)... ..Title... ..

Sex -----Age

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Whether a Member of Odisha History CongressIf not please obtain Odisha History Congress membership, for that contact Dr Subhash Chandra Barik, Secretary, Odisha History Congress, Mobile: 9437276723.

Title of the Paper -----

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Details of the delegate fee (Pl attach remittance receipt).....

Accompanying person (if any):

Date and time of Arrival:

Name and No. of Train/Flight:

Date and Time of Departure:

Food Preference: Vegetarian: Non-Vegetarian:

Signature with Date