



## ICSSR SPONSORED TWO DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR UNDER VISION VIKSITBHARAT@2047

### **Bridging the Gap: Marginalization, Development and the Quest for Vision ViksitBharat @ 2047**

Organized by  
**School of Media, Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University**

*In Collaboration with*  
**Department of Economics and Politics, Visva-Bharati**

**Date: 6 - 7 February 2025**  
**Venue: Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan**

#### **Concept Note:**

The strength of India as a nation lies in the vast demography, diversity and socio-cultural richness along with distinctive recognition in global engagements. With several political power shifts, the nation, despite its abundant resources and opportunities, remained ineffectual in implementing few stringent public policies. One of such problems is the alarming reality of gender biased sex selection, post birth discrimination practices prevalent in contemporary India, resulting in the decline of Child Sex Ratio (CSR) (Census 2011), which acts as a hindrance in women empowerment. However, the marker of a thriving nation is through provisions of gender equality; the belief in equal opportunity irrespective of gender, class, caste or ethnicity. However, in India prevalent bias against girl children has hindered many gender justice initiatives. In the spirit to repress gender prejudice and surge to empower the girl child, the Indian Government (2015) launched the BetiBachao, BetiPadhao (BBBP) initiative which was considered as a major step towards addressing the declining CSR.

This conference is a part of the ICSSR Project titled Analyzing the Impact of BetiBachao, BetiPadhao Initiative on Tribal Community in Eastern India: A Study of Selected Blocks of West Bengal, Jharkhand and Odisha granted to School of Media, Communication and Culture, Jadavpur University. The conference aims at broadly understanding the various aspects of tribal communities in the eastern zone with a special focus on the impact of BBBP scheme and other welfare schemes on women of these communities. Birbhum has been selected as venue for the conference because as per a report by NitiAayog, it is one of the few districts in West Bengal where BetiBachao, BetiPadhao scheme has been successful.

#### **Themes:**

- Tribal Community and Development
- Impact of BBBP on Tribal Women
- Government schemes for Tribal Women and girl-child
- Gender in Tribal Society
- Communities and Education
- Health and Well-being
- Culture in Tribal Communities
- Family Structure of Tribal Communities
- Livelihood of Tribal People
- Indigenous Knowledge System
- Folk Literature and Oral Narratives in Tribal Communities

**Venue:** Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal

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**Submission Guidelines:**

- Abstract not exceeding 250 words (including keywords) with five keywords
- Full research paper/articles should be between 3500-4500 words
- All submissions must contain the title of the papers /articles, name of the authors, academic affiliation, contact numbers and email address
- All participants whose abstracts are selected must submit their full-length paper at least 15 days in advance to the conference

**Scope for Publication:**

- Selected research papers will be included in an edited book/journals (as per guidelines of ICSSR, New Delhi)

**Organising Committee:**

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Important Dates	Contacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Submission of abstracts (Not exceeding 250 words): <del>20 December 2024</del> <b>25 December 2024 (Extended)</b></li><li>• Initial Selection Date: <del>24 December 2024</del> <b>28 December 2024</b> (All abstracts will be sent to the ICSSR for final approval)</li><li>• Full Paper Submission: <b>17 January 2025</b></li></ul> <p><b>Please submit abstracts and papers to:</b> <a href="mailto:icssr.bbbp@gmail.com">icssr.bbbp@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Mithun Majumder Email: <a href="mailto:mithunju6@gmail.com">mithunju6@gmail.com</a> Contact No: 8777013346</p> <p>Chandrani Bandyopadhyay Email: <a href="mailto:chandraniban02470@gmail.com">chandraniban02470@gmail.com</a> Contact No: 9635696957</p>

**Note:** Selected paper-presenters will be provided TA not exceeding Rs. 500 (only one author per paper). Limited Local hospitality may be arranged for the speakers who don't have regular salary or scholarship. Only selected papers will be informed via email.