



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TOWARDS A PROSPEROUS AND INCLUSIVE JHARKHAND

10-13 DECEMBER 2025, RANCHI

Pre Confernece Event

RASA ARANYA

*Celebration of
Jharkhand's Literature and Arts*


WEDNESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2025

Organised in collaboration with



Ahad Anhad

Venue **SKIPA Campus, Ranchi**



Curator

SUJATA PRASAD

Former Civil Servant, Author
Curator and Heritage Conservationist

Co-curators/Advisors

RAVI DUTT BAJPAI

Author
Researcher and Columnist based in Ranchi

ASHUTOSH KUMAR THAKUR

Columnist, Literary Translator and Curator

Scenographer

OROON DAS

Multidisciplinary Designer
Curator and Theatre Artist

09:00 am – 10:30 am : BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

10:30 am – 11:30 am : ANCESTRAL ECHOES

**AN EXPLORATION OF INDIGENOUS ARTFORMS
AND EXHIBITION ON TRIBAL LIVELIHOODS, ART
AND CULTURE**

**Inauguration of
the Exhibition**

: Shri A. K. Singh, IAS

Development Commissioner, Government of
Jharkhand

OPENING SESSION

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

**Welcome and
Opening Remarks**

: Kumar Rana

Director, IHD-Ranchi

: Manish Ranjan, IAS

Director General of Shri Krishna Institute of
Public Administration (SKIPA), Ranchi

Opening Addresses

: Sujata Prasad

Former Civil Servant, Author, Curator and
Heritage Conservationist

: Manoj Kumar, IAS

Secretary, Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture,
Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of
Jharkhand

**11:30 am – 1:30 pm : SONGS OF THE FOREST: TRIBAL LITERATURE,
ART AND ORAL TRADITIONS OF JHARKHAND**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Moderator

: Vinay Bharat

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University
Ranchi

Panelists

- : **Mahadeo Toppo**
Author and Member
Sahitya Akademi
- : **Jecinta Kerketta**
Poet
- : **Dhananjay Kumar Singh**
Member-Secretary
Indian Council of Social Science Research
New Delhi
- : **Parvati Tirkey**
Poet and Recipient
Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar
- : **Gunjal Ikir Munda**
Cultural Researcher
- : **Niranjan Kujur**
Independent filmmaker

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm:

LUNCH

Venue: Canteen, SKIPA

2:15 pm – 4:15 pm

: **FROM ULGULAN TO MODERN VOICES: MAPPING JHARKHAND'S LITERARY JOURNEY**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Moderator

- : **Pramod Kumar Jha**
Broadcaster
Literary Critic and Columnist

Panelists

- : **Sova Hansda**
Author, Adivasi Children's Literature
- : **Sanjay Krishna**
Author

: **Savitri Baraik**

Author, Associate Professor
S.S. Memorial College

: **Seema Mamta Minz**

Asst. Professor, Central University of Jharkhand

: **Ashutosh Thakur**

Columnist, Literary Translator and Curator

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

: **TEA**

Venue: Foyer, First Floor

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

: **CHHAU NRITYA**

By Eminent Dancers from Guru Shashadhar
Acharya's Repertory in Seraikela
Venue: Main Ground near Porch, SKIPA

Artists

: **Radha Krishnan Raga Jogiya**

Govind Mahato & Bishwanath Kumbhakar

Mayurain Ragas Megh & Bahar

Shubham Acharya

Chandrabhagain Raga Piloo

Satish Modak & Udit Pratap Singhdeo

Accompanied by

Shubham Modak & Chandranarayan Mohanty

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm


: **Film Screenings**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

: **Empowering Tribal Women through NTFPs in
Jharkhand: An IHD Initiative**

Produced by

Institute for Human Development (IHD)



(This documentary tells the story of how IHD's NTFP initiative in select Panchayats of Ranchi and Simdega districts empowered tribal women in Jharkhand to reclaim their economic agency, revive forest-based livelihoods, and transform their communities through knowledge, collective action, and sustainable practices.)

SIT-IN SESSION

Sujata Prasad

Former Civil Servant, Author, Curator and Heritage Conservationist

In conversation with

Professor Dev Nathan

IHD and Project Director

Ms. Priyanka Tyagi

CEO and Team Member

: Humans in the Loop – An Independent Feature Film Written and Directed by Aranya Sahay

Executive Producers: Kiran Rao and Biju Toppo;

Produced by: Storiculture and SAUV Films

(The critically acclaimed film with several awards is deeply rooted in Jharkhand, weaving the lived realities of the Oraon community into a powerful narrative that interrogates the intersection of indigenous cultural identity, algorithmic labour, and the ethical frontiers of AI)



SIT-IN SESSION

Sujata Prasad

Former Civil Servant, Author
Curator and Heritage Conservationist

In conversation with

Biju Toppo

Executive Producer
Humans in the Loop

Uday Sahay

Chairman and MD, SAUV Communications
and Producer

7:30 pm

: DINNER

(Adivasi Cuisine)

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

RADHA KRISHNA

Govind Mahato & Bishwanath Kumbhakar

Raga: **Jogiya** Tala: **16 matras**

The eternal love of Radha-Krishna, a metaphor of the union between the supreme and human consciousness is a common motif that finds abundant representations in Indian art. In this particular dance composition Krishna's mellifluous flute that forms an intrinsic part of their love imagery becomes the center of focus. Their love play is given a unique dimension as Radha takes the flute from Krishna in an attempt to learn...and he has always is willing to please his beloved.

MAYURA

Shubham Acharya

Raga: **Megh and bahar,** Tala: **8 matra**

The peacock is a bird known for its grandeur and beauty. Its dance, at the sight of rain-laden clouds and the spreading of its resplendent plumage epitomizes an almost divine grace. This bird of extraordinary beauty- its feelings of joy and vanity, the qualities of grace in its movements are given an anthropomorphic representation.

CHANDRABAGHA

Satish Kumar Modak & Udit Pratap Singhdeo

Rag: **Piloo,** Talo: **8 matra**

The beautiful maiden Chandrabhaga is amidst nature-gentle waves and the golden sands- elements that glorify her resplendent beauty. Stunned by her extra-ordinary beauty and unknown to her, she is being watched by the sun god. Much to her horror, lust overcomes his sense of discretion as he begins to pursue her. In a feeble attempt she tries to escape him but is forced to seek protection by plunging in the waters of the ocean. A tragic end that casts an eternal shadow on the sun God, as he plunges into the darkness of remorse and guilt.

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Programme in Brief





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Eastern Regional Centre (IHD-ERC), Ranchi | Shri Krishna Institute of Public Administration (SKIPA)
Government of Jharkhand

PROGRAMME IN BRIEF

Venue:

Shri Krishna Institute of Public Administration (SKIPA) Campus
Ranchi, Jharkhand

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER 2025

8:00 am – 9:30 am : **BREAKFAST, TEA AND REGISTRATION**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

9:30 am – 10:30 am : **INAUGURAL SESSION**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Opening and : Welcome Remarks	Professor Alakh N. Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD) New Delhi and President, Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE)
:	Dr. Manish Ranjan, IAS Director General, Shri Krishna Institute of Public Administration (SKIPA), Ranchi
Address :	Professor Ramesh Chand Member NITI Aayog, Government of India
Keynote Address :	Professor S. Mahendra Dev Chairman Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council

Book Release

THE ADIVASIS OF JHARKHAND: IN SEARCH OF A PEOPLEHOOD

Edited by **Kumar Rana & Devika Modi**

(Brought out by Gaandhar and IHD- Ranchi)

Inaugural Address : **Shri Hemant Soren**
by the Chief Guest Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. Devika Modi**
Faculty and Deputy Director, IHD-Ranchi and
Conference Joint Coordinator

10:30 am – 11:00 am : **TEA**
Venue: Foyer, First Floor

11:00 am – 12:30 pm : **PLENARY SESSION 1**
**Trajectory of Twenty-Five Years of Development
of Jharkhand**
Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Avinash Kumar, IAS**
Chief Secretary, Government of Jharkhand

Theme Presentation : **Balwant Singh Mehta**
Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
Alakh N. Sharma
Director, Professor
Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Panelists : **T.C.A. Anant**
Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Secretary and
Chief Statistician, Ministry of Statistics and Programme
Implementation, Government of India; Former Member
UPSC and Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics
: **Achin Chakraborty**
Adjunct Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of
Technology (IIT), Kharagpur; Former Professor of
Economics and, Director Institute of Development
Studies, Kolkata

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm : **LUNCH**
Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

1:30 pm – 3:15pm : **PLENARY SESSION 2**

Accelerating and Diversifying Agriculture in Jharkhand

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Ramesh Chand**

Member
NITI Aayog, Government of India

Theme Presentation : **Anjani Kumar**

Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy
Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia Office, New Delhi

Panelists : **Aboobacker Siddique P, IAS**

Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry
& Co-operative, Government of Jharkhand

: **Smita Sirohi**

MS Swaminathan Chair ICAR–National Professor,
National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy
Research, New Delhi

: **Parmod Kumar**

Director,
Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm : **TEA**

Venue: Foyer, First Floor

3:30 pm – 5:15pm : **PLENARY SESSION 3**

Promoting Inclusion and Equality: Empowering Tribal and Other Marginalised Communities as Active Partners in Jharkhand Development

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Virginus Xaxa**

Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Professor of
Sociology, Delhi School of Economics; Former
Chairperson, High-Level Committee for Study of
Socio-Economic, Educational and Health Status of the
Tribal Communities

Theme Presentation : **Dev Nathan**

Professor, IHD, New Delhi

Devika Modi

Faculty and Deputy Director, IHD-Ranchi and
Conference Joint Coordinator

Panelists : **Shireen Jejeebhoy**

Visiting Distinguished Faculty, International Institute for
Population Sciences, Mumbai and Trustee, TATA Trusts

: **Nitya Rao**

Professor, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

: **Satish Mishra**

Executive Director, Arthashastra Institute, Bali, Indonesia

: **Kripanand Jha, IAS**

Secretary, Department of Tribal Affairs
Government of Jharkhand

: **Joseph Marianus Kujur S.J.**

Director, Xavier Institute of Social Science, Ranchi (XISS)

5:15 pm – 5:30 pm : **TEA**

Venue: Foyer, First Floor

5:30 pm - 6:10 pm : **DIALOGUE**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Conversation with : **Nitya Rao**

Professor, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

: **Shireen Jejeebhoy**

Visiting Distinguished Faculty, International Institute for
Population Sciences, Mumbai and Trustee, TATA Trusts

6:10 pm – 8:00 pm : **TECHNICAL SESSIONS - PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

: **Session 1**

Diversifying Agriculture, Enhancing Income from
Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) and Addressing
Challenge of Climate Change

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

: **Session 2**

Urban Inclusion and Sustainable Financing: Small/
Medium/Market Town Development and Resource
Management

Venue: Sankalp, Hall No.- 105, Ground Floor

: **Session 3**

Quality Employment and Demographic Dividend;
Strengthening Livelihoods and Social Protection

Venue: Prerna, Hall No.- 201, First Floor

: **Session 4**

Strengthening Health Systems; Enhancing Food Security
and Nutrition

Venue: Srijan, Hall No. -305, Second Floor

: **Session 5**

Improving quality of Education

Venue: Computer Room, Second Floor

: **Session 6**

Public Institution and Service Delivery and Participatory
Development

Venue: Room No. 108, First Floor

: **Session 7**

Empowerment and Heritage: Supporting Tribal &
Marginalised Communities, Advancing Gender Equality,
and Celebrating Cultural Traditions

Venue: Sadhana, Hall No.- 302, Second Floor

8:00 pm : **CONFERENCE DINNER**

Venue: ODR, Rock Garden, Gandhi Nagar, Kanke, Ranchi

8:00 am – 9:00 am : **TEA AND BREAKFAST**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

9:00 am – 10:30 am : **THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS**

: **Thematic Session 1**

Diversifying Agriculture, Enhancing Income from Non-Farm Sector

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

: **Thematic Session 2**

Inclusive Urbanisation with Special Reference to Small, Medium and Market Towns

Venue: Sankalp, Hall No.- 105, Ground Floor

: **Thematic Session 3**

Generating Quality Employment, Reaping Demographic Advantage and Expanding and Strengthening Social Programmes

Venue: Prerna, Hall No.- 201, First Floor

: **Thematic Session 4**

Strengthening Health Systems

Venue: Srijan, Hall No. -305, Second Floor

: **Thematic Session 5**

Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition

Venue: Sadhana, Hall No.- 302, Second Floor

10:30 am – 11:00 am : **TEA**

11:00 am – 11.45 am : **SPECIAL LECTURE**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Alakh N. Sharma**

Director, Institute for Human Development (IHD)
New Delhi and President, Indian Society of Labour
Economics (ISLE)

Lecture by : **Montek Singh Ahluwalia**

Former Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission of India and Distinguished Visiting Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University, USA

11.45 am – 12:00 pm : **TEA**

Venue: Foyer, First Floor

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm : **PLENARY SESSION 4**

Expanding Access to Higher Education and Improving Education Quality

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **N.V. Varghese**

Distinguished Visiting Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay and Former Vice Chancellor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi

Co- Chair : **Rahul Purwar, IAS**

Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education, Government of Jharkhand

Theme Presentation : **Sudhanshu Bhushan**

Former Professor and Head, Department of Higher Education, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi

Abhishek Pandey

Visiting Fellow, Institute for Human Development New Delhi

Panelists : **Sonajharia Minz**

Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University and UNESCO Co-Chair in Transforming Indigenous Knowledge Research and Former Vice-Chancellor, Sido Kanhu Murmu University, Dumka, Jharkhand

: **Prabhat Barnwal**

Professor, Department of Economics and Policy Programme, Michigan State University, USA

: **Manisha Priyam**

Sir Louis Matheson Distinguished Professor, Monash University, Australia

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm : **LUNCH**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

2:45 pm – 4:30 pm : **PLENARY SESSION 5**

Enhancing Nutritional Outcomes of Children in Jharkhand

Organised by: UNICEF & IHD Ranchi

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Arjan de Wagt**

Deputy Representative (Programmes), UNICEF India

Theme Presentation : **Kaninika Mitra**

CFO, UNICEF, Jharkhand

Topic: **An overview of how nutritional indicators in the state have evolved over time, highlighting key shifts, progress areas, and remaining gaps**

Panelists : **Ajoy Kumar Singh, IAS**

Development Commissioner & ACS, Health, Government of Jharkhand

: **Manoj Kumar, IAS**

Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Jharkhand

: **B. Rajeshwari, IAS**

Director, Department of Panchayati Raj, Government of Jharkhand

: **Kiran Pasi, IAS**

Director, Department of Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Government of Jharkhand

: **Praveen Kumar**

Director and HOD, Dept of Paediatric, Lady Harding Medical College, New Delhi

Launch of the

Behaviour Insights Unit (BIU) for Jharkhand – IHD

Unveiling of the BIU's identity (name and logo), its mandate, and its institutional positioning within IHD as a state capability unit for behaviourally informed decision-making

Introduction to BIU : **Bhim Reddy**
Senior Fellow, IHD and Lead, IHD-UNICEF BIU-Jharkhand

Closing Remarks : **Shreeranjana, IAS (Retd.)**
Joint Director, Institute for Human Development
New Delhi

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm : **TEA**
Venue: Foyer, First Floor

4:45 pm – 6:15 pm : **PLENARY SESSION 6**
Partnering with Industry in Jharkhand's Development
Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Moderator : **Ajit Ranade**
Economist, Former Chief Economist and Vice President,
Aditya Birla Group and Former Vice Chancellor, Gokhale
Institute of Politics and Economics, Pune

Panelists : **Dhiraj Nayyar**
Director, Economics & Policy & Senior Vice President,
Vedanta

: **Kailash Pandey**
President and Head of Mining, Hindalco Industries Ltd.

: **D. B. Sundara Ramam**
Vice President – Corporate Services, Tata Steel Ltd.

: **Nilendu Kumar Singh**
Chairman-cum- Managing Director, Coal India Ltd.

: **Abhijit Kumar**
Head, Corporate Communications, Adani Power

6:15 pm – 6:30 pm : **TEA**
Venue: Foyer, First Floor

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm : **THEMATIC ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS**

: **Thematic Session 6**

Mobilising and Managing Financial Resources for
Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

: **Thematic Session 7**

Enriching the Cultural and Literary Heritage of Local and
Tribal Communities

Venue: Prerna, Hall No.- 201, First Floor

: **Thematic Session 8**

Addressing Challenge of Climate Change and Pollution
and Promoting Green and Resilient Development

Venue: Sadhana, Hall No.- 302, Second Floor

: **Thematic Session 9**

Expanding and Improving Quality of School and Higher
Education

Venue: Sankalp, Hall No.- 105, Ground Floor

: **Thematic Session 10**

Empowering Tribal and Marginalised Communities and
Enhancing Gender Equality

Venue: Srijan, Hall No. -305, Second Floor

8:00 pm : **DINNER**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

7:30 am – 9:00 am : **TEA AND BREAKFAST**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA

9:00 am – 10:45 am : **PLENARY SESSION 7**

Roundtable on
Enhancing Skills and Creating Decent Livelihoods and Employment in Jharkhand

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **T.C.A. Anant**

Visiting Professor, IHD and Former Secretary and Chief Statistician, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India; Former Member UPSC and Former Professor, Delhi School of Economics

Co-Chair : **Jitendra Kumar Singh, IAS**

Secretary, Department of Labour, Employment, Training and Skill Development, Government of Jharkhand

Theme Presentation : **Sarthi Acharya**

Professor, Institute for Human Development (IHD)
New Delhi

Panelists : **Jean Dreze**

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics
Ranchi University

: **Dinesh Awasthi**

Vice Chancellor, L J University, Ahmedabad and
Former Director, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India, Ahmedabad

: **Govind Kelkar**

Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development
New Delhi and Executive Director and
Professor, GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation
Gurugram

: **Manish Ranjan, IAS**

Director General of Shri Krishna Institute of Public
Administration (SKIPA), Ranchi

: **Saurabh Sinha**

Formerly Chief, Social Policy, UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

10:45 am – 11:10 am : **TEA**

Venue: Foyer, First Floor

11:10 am – 12:30 pm : **PLENARY SESSION 8**

– Open House on Key Takeaways from the Thematic Roundtable Sessions

– Finalisation of Ranchi Consensus: Pathways for a Prosperous and Inclusive Jharkhand

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Moderator : **Ritul Joshi**

Media Consultant and Former Deputy Editor, Aaj Tak

Highlights of the Conference : **Bhim Reddy**

Senior Fellow, IHD and Lead, IHD-UNICEF BIU-Jharkhand

: **Devika Modi**

Faculty and Deputy Director, IHD-Ranchi and Conference Joint Coordinator

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm : **VALEDICTORY SESSION**

Declaration of Ranchi Consensus: Pathways for a Prosperous and Inclusive Jharkhand

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Welcome Remarks : **Shreeranjana, IAS (Retd.)**

Joint Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi and Conference Director

Key Insights from the Conference : **Kumar Rana**

Deliberations : Director, IHD-Ranchi

Valedictory Address : **Ashwani Saith**

Honorary Professor, IHD, New Delhi; Professor Emeritus, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague; Former Professor & Director, Development Studies Institute, London School of Economics

Vote of Thanks : **Rakesh Ranjan**

Senior Fellow, IHD; Former Advisor, NITI Aayog and Conference Coordinator

1:45 pm : **LUNCH AND DEPARTURE OF DELEGATES**

Venue: Canteen Area, SKIPA



Details of Thematic Roundtable Sessions



FRIDAY **12** DECEMBER 2025

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Thematic Roundtable Session 1

Diversifying Agriculture and Enhancing Income from Non-Farm Sector

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair : **Aboobacker Siddique P, IAS**

Secretary of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-Operative and Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-Operative, and Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand

Theme : **Sukhpal Singh**

Presentation Professor and Former Chairperson
Centre for Management in Agriculture (CMA)
Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ahmedabad

Panelists : **Paritosh Upadhyay, IFoS**

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and
Chief Wildlife Warden for Ranchi, Department of Forest,
Environment & Climate Change, Government of Jharkhand

: **Pradeep Hazari**

Special Secretary & Adviser, Department of Agriculture, Animal
Husbandry & Cooperatives, Government of Jharkhand

: **Achintya Pramanik**

Senior Scientist
Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Jharkhand

: **Minaketan Behera**

Chairperson and Professor of Economics
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

: **Anjani Kumar**

Senior Research Fellow
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
South Asia Office, New Delhi

- : **Madan C Sarkar**
Fellow, Institute for Human Development, ERC
- : **Konathala Kusumavathi**
Assistant Professor
Department of Rural Management, XISS, Ranchi

Thematic Roundtable Session 2

Inclusive Urbanisation with Special Reference to Small, Medium and Market Towns

Organised by: Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy

Venue: Sankalp, Hall No. 105, Ground Floor

- Co-Chair : **Mukesh Kumar, IAS**
Secretary, Department of Planning and Development
Government of Jharkhand
- Co- Chair : **Debolina Kundu**
Director (Additional Charge)
National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA), New Delhi
- Theme : **Astha Joshi**
Presentation Associate Manager
Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy
- Lead : **Rakesh Ranjan**
Discussants Senior Fellow
IHD and Former Adviser, NITI Aayog, Government of India
- : **Alok Kumar Mishra**
Professor in the Department of Economics at the University of
Hyderabad
- : **Suraj Kumar, IAS**
Director, State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) and
CEO Ranchi Smart City, Government of Jharkhand
- Panelists : **Rajeev Chadda**
Architect, Chadda and Association
- : **Anita Das**
President, Women Hawker's Federation

- : **Rakesh Kumar Nandkeolyar**
General Manager, Ranchi Smart City, Ranchi
- : **Kumar Prem Chand**
WASH Specialist, UNICEF
- : **Harshit Sosan Lakra (TBC)**
Fulbright Nehru Postdoctoral Fellow, SEAS University of Michigan and Assistant Professor, Dept. of Architecture & Planning, IIT Roorkee
- : **Tanushree Kundu**
Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ)
- : **Nikhil Singh**
Monitoring and Evaluation Lead, UNICEF, Bihar

Thematic Roundtable Session 3

Generating Quality Employment, Reaping Demographic Advantage and Expanding and Strengthening Social Programmes

Venue: Prerna, Hall No. 201, First Floor

- Chair : **A.P. Singh, IAS (Retd.)**
Chairman, 5th State Finance Commission, Jharkhand
- Theme : **Balwant Singh Mehta**
Presentations : Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
- : **Keshab Das**
Visiting Professor, IHD-Ranchi
- : **Onkar Nath Tripathi**
Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF, Jharkhand
- Lead : **Kishore Kumar Singh**
Discussants : Visiting Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi and Former Skill Specialist, International Labour Organisation

	R.N. Mohanty CEO, Sightsavers, India
	Binju Saramma Abraham Leader, Livelihoods, Azim Premji Foundation (APF)
	Nazrul Haque Faculty, Azim Premji University
	Yogeshwar Bharat Faculty, School of Humanities and Social Sciences Shiv Nadar University
	Aakash Dev Associate Fellow (Macroeconomist), NCAER Centre for Gender and Macroeconomy, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), New Delhi
	Saurabh Sinha Formerly Chief, Social Policy UN Economic Commission for Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Panelists	Harsh Nath Mishra Director, Human Resources, Central Coal Fields Ltd.
	Manju Bhagat Professor, Department of Management, BIT Mesra
	Shashmita Jena TBC Development Professional, Welthungerhilfe (WHH)
	Bajrang Singh Founder, Badlao Foundation
	Gurjeet Singh Faculty (Practice), SCE-URC, Azim Premji University
	Binod Narayan Associate Professor Department of Sociology, Ranchi University
	Diwakar Kishore Researcher, London School of Economics

- : **Satish Girja**
Secretary and Founder of Nav Bharat Jagriti Kendra (NBJK)
- : **Sandeep Singh Solanki**
Dean PG, BIT Mesra
- : **Afzal Hassan Khan**
Assistant Professor, NSHM, Durgapur

Thematic Roundtable Session 4

Strengthening Health Systems

Venue: Srijan, Hall No. 305, Second Floor

- Chair : **Sanjay Pandey**
National Policy Advisor and Health Financing Lead Global Health Advocacy Incubator
- Theme : **Anant Kumar**
Presentation : Professor and Head, Coordinator – Fellow Programme in Management, Rural Management Programme, Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS)
- Panelists : **Akai Minz**
State Program Coordinator, National Health Mission (NHM), Jharkhand
- : **Raj Kumar Gope**
Core Team Member, EKJUT
- : **Mary Nancy Tirkey**
Independent Researcher, Ranchi
- : **Purnima Bajre**
Assistant professor, FLAME University, Pune
- : **Kumar Rana**
Director, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi
- : **Anand Kumar**
Assistant Prof, Department of Management, BIT Mesra

Thematic Roundtable Session 5

Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition

Venue: Sadhana, Hall No. 302, Second Floor

Chair : **Sameera S. TBC**

Deputy Commissioner, Palamu,
Government of Jharkhand

Theme : **Swati Dutta and Sunil Kumar Mishra**

Presentation Senior Fellows, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Lead : **Shreeranj, IAS (Retd.)**

Discussant Joint Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Panelists : **Priti Srivastava**

Child Protection Officer, UNICEF, Jharkhand

: **Haldhar Mahto**

Director, Social Audit Unit, JSAS, Department of Rural
Development, Government of Jharkhand

: **James Herenj**

Right to Food

: **Balram Ji**

Right to food

: **Kumar Harsh**

Senior Deputy Collector and Executive Magistrate
West Singhbhum, Jharkhand

: **Archana Rohini Toppo**

Associate State Lead, PHIA Foundation, Jharkhand

: **Astha Aalang**

Communication advocacy and Partnership Specialist, UNICEF,
Jharkhand

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Thematic Roundtable Session 6

**Mobilising and Managing Financial Resources
for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth**

Venue: Conference Hall, First Floor

Chair :	Prashant Kumar, IAS Secretary, Department of Finance Government of Jharkhand
Theme : Presentation	Sudhanshu Kumar Economist, Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance Patna
Lead : Discussant	Harishwar Dayal Member, 5 th State Finance Commission Government of Jharkhand
Panelists :	Chandra Bhushan TBC Joint Secretary and Budget Officer Department of Finance, Government of Jharkhand
	: Alok Kumar Mishra Professor, Department of Economics University of Hyderabad
	: Rajeev Kumar Gupta Curator, TEDx Kanke and Visiting Fellow, IHD-Ranchi
	: Alakh N. Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
	: Devika Modi Deputy Director and Fellow, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi
	: Nikhil Singh UNICEF, Bihar
	: Astha Joshi Associate Manager Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy

Thematic Roundtable Session 7

Enriching the Cultural and Literary Heritage of Local and Tribal Communities

Venue: Prerna, Hall No. 201, First Floor

Chair : **Manoj Kumar, IAS (TBC)**

Secretary, Department of Tourism, Arts, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Jharkhand

Theme : **Samar Basu Mullick**

Presentation Secretary, Jungle Bachao Andolan

Panelists : **Asif Ekram**

Director, Department of Culture, Government of Jharkhand

: **Amitava Ghosh**

Founder and Secretary, Kala Mandir

: **Madan Meena**

Director, Adivasi Academy

: **Mahadev Toppo**

Tribal Poet, Writer, Actor, and Cultural Activist, Ranchi

: **Florence Purty**

Assistant Professor and Head, Department of Education, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

: **Kathinka Sinha**

Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development-Eastern Regional Centre, Ranchi

: **Seema Joshi**

Professor, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi

: **Bishnu Charan Parida**

COO, JSLPS, GoJ

: **Uday Sahay**

MD/ CEO, SAUV Communications

: **Nishikant Kumar**

Assistant Professor, Department of Business Studies, BIT Mesra

Thematic Roundtable Session 8

Addressing Challenges of Climate Change and Pollution and Promoting Green and Resilient Development

Venue: Sadhana, Hall No. 302, Second Floor

Chair : **Achin Chakraborty**

Adjunct Professor of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur and Professor of Economics and Former, Director Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata

Theme : **Dev Nathan**

Presentation Professor
Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Lead : **Mukesh Kumar, IAS**

Discussants Secretary, Department of Planning and Development
Government of Jharkhand

: **Johnson Topno**

Executive Director, PHIA Foundation

Panelists : **Ramapati Kumar**

Founder and CEO, Centre for Environment and Energy Development (CEED)

: **Nitish Priyadarshi**

Lecturer, Department of Environment and Water Management, Ranchi University

: **Nrusingh Sutar**

Team Coordinator (Partnership), PRADAN

: **Diksha Alok**

Lead, WASSAN (Watershed Support Services and Activities Network), Jharkhand

: **Navin Kumar**

Strategic and Operational, DMFT Falcon

: **Prashant Kumar Arya**

Visiting Faculty, Institute for Human Development, Ranchi

Thematic Roundtable Session 9

Expanding and Improving Quality of School and Higher Education

Venue: Sankalp, Hall No. 105, Ground Floor

Chair : **Rahul Kumar Purwar, IAS**

Principal Secretary, Department of Higher Education and Technical Education, Government of Jharkhand

Co- Chair : **Uma Shankar Singh, IAS (TBC)**

Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Jharkhand

Theme : **Kumar Rana**

Presentation Director, IHD-Ranchi

: **Abhishek Pandey**

IHD, New Delhi

Panelists : **Piyush Ranjan**

Vice Chancellor, Jharkhand Rai University, Ranchi

: **Satyadeo Poddar**

Vice Chancellor, YBN University, Ranchi

: **Sudhanshu Bhushan**

Former Professor, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA), New Delhi

: **Joseph Marianus Kujur**

Executive Director, Xavier Institute for Social Service (XISS), Ranchi

: **Jeganathan Chockalingam**

Vice Chancellor, Sarala Birla University, Ranchi

: **Shukla Mahanty**

Former VC, Kolhan University

: **Jyoti Prakash**

Assistant Professor, Head, Department of Economics Ranchi University

: **Vibha Pandey**

Department of Higher and Technical Education
Government of Jharkhand

: **Avinav Kumar**

State Programme Officer, Jharkhand Education Project Council

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Senior Manager, Collectives for Integrated Livelihood Initiatives
(CInI) Tata Trusts

: **Parul Sharma**

Jharkhand State Office, UNICEF

: **Mamta Lakra**

State Programme Officer, JEPC

: **Syed Sarique Mashhadi**

Social Impact Strategist, Policy Implementation Expert,
Strategic Programs Lead, Jharkhand and Nagaland, Dream
A Dream

: **Pramod Sinha**

Specialist, Monitoring Research and Evaluation, JEPC

: **Joshila Palapatti**

Social & Behaviour Change Specialist, UNICEF
Jharkhand State Office

Thematic Roundtable Session 10

Empowering Tribal and Marginalised Communities and Enhancing Gender Equality

Venue: Srijan, Hall No. 305, Second Floor

Chair : **Kuldeep Chaudhary (TBC)**

Tribal Welfare Commissioner, Government of Jharkhand

Co-Chair : **Sucheta Sen Chaudhuri**

Head of Department
Anthropology, Central University of Jharkhand

Theme : **Bhim Reddy**

Presenter : Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

	: Deepali Dungdung Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ranchi University
Lead	: Govind Kelkar Executive Director GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation LLP, India
Discussants	: Virginius Xaxa Former Professor of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics; Former Chairperson, High-Level Committee on the Socio-Economic, Educational and Health Status of Tribal Communities.
Panelists	: Rakesh Oraon Assistant Director Ramdayal Munda Tribal Research Centre, Ranchi
	: Kundan Gupta Field and Forest
	: Punam Toppo Co-Founder, Asha
	: Marcus Barla Head of Department, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College
	: Christina Kujur Senior Research Associate Institute for Human Development Eastern Regional Centre, Ranchi
	: Tania Chakraborty Fellow, IHD
	: Manju Bhagat Professor, Department of Management, BIT Mesra
	: Sunita Kumari Assistant Professor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa
	: Seema Minz Central University of Jharkhand



Details of Technical Sessions – Paper Presentations



THURSDAY **11** DECEMBER 2025

6:10 pm - 8:30 pm

Session 1 Diversifying Agriculture, Enhancing Income from Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) and Addressing Challenge of Climate Change	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Conference Hall, First Floor
Chair	Harishwar Dayal Member, 5th State Finance Commission, Government of Jharkhand
Co-Chair	Jyoti Prakash Assistant Professor, Head, Department of Economics Ranchi University
Discussant	Anjani Kumar Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), South Asia Office, New Delhi

Integrating Agricultural Marketing and Diversification for Enhancing Farmers Income in Jharkhand

Dewashish Kumar, Assistant Professor, Binod Bihari Mahto Koyalanchal University, Dhanbad

Advancing Sustainable Mining at Hindalco

Anoma Basu, AVP Head Sustainability, Hindalco Industries Limited

Deep Narayan Singh, Lead Sustainable Mining, Hindalco Industries Limited

Economic Contribution of Non-Timber Forest Products to Tribal Households in Odisha: Opportunities, Challenges, and Strategic Interventions

Minaketan Behera, Chairperson and Professor of Economics, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

Giridih Dynamics of Agricultural Growth in Jharkhand: Causes and Emerging Concerns

Nayan Kumar Soren, Assistant Professor and Research Scholar, Giridih College and Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi

Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) and Their Role in Sustaining Rural and Tribal Livelihoods in Jharkhand

Smita Paul, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Role of Minor Forest Produce on Augmenting the Income and Employment of Tribals in Ranchi District

Harish Singh Munda, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Marcus Barla, Associate Professor, St. Xavier's College Ranchi

Enhancing Rural Livelihoods and Income through Agricultural Diversification and Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs)

Anant Kumar Sharma, Assistant Professor, SNSRKS College, Saharsa, Bihar

Empowerment of Tribal Communities through Ragi Production in Jharkhand

Neetu Kumari, Assistant Professor, Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College, Ranchi

Nancy Tirkey, Assistant Professor, Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College, Ranchi

NTFPs, Agroforestry and Rural Livelihood Security: Strategies for Sustainable Agricultural Diversification in Jharkhand

Vineeta Rani Ekka, Assistant Professor, Ranchi University

Addressing Climate Change through Green and Resilient Development: The Jharkhand Experience

Asmi Raza, Professor of Economics, University of Delhi, New Delhi

Displacement and Development: A Study of Tribal Communities Affected by Mining in Jharkhand

Bidhulata Nayak, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Marcus Barla, Associate Professor, St. Xavier's College Ranchi

Resettlement Laws in the Century-Old Coalfields of Jharia

Pooja Kumari Narnoli, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) New Delhi

Assessing the Socio-Economic and Health Impacts of Coal Mining on Vulnerable Communities: Evidence from Palamu District, Jharkhand

Anubha Aditi Kujur, Consultant, The Humsafar Trust, New Delhi

Nirmal Singh, PhD Scholar, International Institute for Population Sciences
Mumbai

Humanising Coal-Based Development: A Sociological Analysis of Participatory R&R in Jharkhand

Shankar Kumar Jha, Research Scholar, Ranchi University

Session 2	
Urban Inclusion and Sustainable Financing: Small/Medium/Market Town Development and Resource Management	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Sankalp, Hall No.- 105, Ground Floor
Chair	Alok Kumar Mishra Professor, Department of Economics, University of Hyderabad
Co Chair	Marcus Balra Head of the Department, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College
Discussants	Sudhanshu Kumar Economist, Centre for Economic Policy and Public Finance, Patna

Analysis of Simdega's Story: Transformation from Periphery to Prominence

Seema Joshi, Professor, Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi, New Delhi

A Century of Urbanization in Jharkhand: Continuity and Change in the Mineral Belt (1901–2011)

Tanushree Kundu, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ)

Inclusive Urbanism in Jharkhand: Lesson from Ranchi's Experience for Sustainable Growth

Srishti Sahay, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Abhinav Alakshendra, Associate Professor, University of Florida

Nalin Bharti, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Urban Transport and Informal Work: Exploring the Mobility Experiences of Women in Jamshedpur

Anchal Kumari, Assistant Professor, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry

Rinki Chokhani, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Durgapur

Pushpendra Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Mumbai

The Role of Infrastructure Development in Economic Growth in Jharkhand: Determinants and Policy Suggestions

Manas Kumar Pedi, Assistant Professor, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubneshwar, Orissa

Tulasi Malini Maharatha, Assistant Professor, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubneshwar, Orissa

A Policy Framework for Formalizing Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Protocols for Women Pickers in Jharkhand's Urban Solid Waste Management System Under 'Zero-Waste Goals

Prakash Kumar Hajam, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Mobilizing Micro Enterprises for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Jharkhand: A Composite Index Approach

Rosy Sulochana, Assistant Professor, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

Anupriya Sulochana, Research Scholar, B.R.A. Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

The Production of Space and Urbanisation: A Case of Jamshedpur

Vinay Kumar, Frontline Supervisor, TATA Steel, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand

Local Governance and Fiscal Autonomy: A Case Study of Jharkhand

Krishna Mohan Poddar, Program Manager, Piramal Foundation, Ranchi

Payel Naskar, Senior Program Manager, Piramal Foundation

Endogenous Growth Constraints under Resource Dependence: Human Development and Innovation Dynamics in Jharkhand

Mohan Teja, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Dhaswanth M, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Public Expenditure and Growth Dynamics in Jharkhand: Evidence from Time-Series Analysis

Ashish Ranjan, Research Scholar, Ranchi University

Dhiraj Mani Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College

Silk, Sustainability, and Grassroots Development: The Jharkhand Model

Punita Bharti, Research Scholar, Ranchi University

Manju Kumari, Associate Professor, Ranchi University

Community Participation and Tribal Development from Policy to Practice: A Case Study of Ara-Keram Model Village of the State of Jharkhand

Jisuketan Pattanaik, Assistant Professor, Nation University of Research in Law, Ranchi

Technical Session	
Quality Employment and Demographic Dividend; Strengthening Livelihoods and Social Protection	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Prerna, Hall No.- 201, First Floor
Chair	Ranajana Srivastava Former Head, Department of Economics, Ranchi University
Discussants	Alakh N. Sharma Director, Institute for Human Development and President, Indian Society of Labour Economics Balwant Singh Mehta Professor, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

From Informality to Inclusion: Rethinking Women's Labour in Jharkhand

Yogeshwar Bharat, Shiv Nadar University

Evaluating Eastern India Through the Lens of Major Economic Sectors: A Disaggregated Analysis

Arpita Bhowmick, Assistant Professor, Panchmura Mahavidyalay, Bankura

Demographic Potential and Policy Pathways for Inclusive and Sustainable Development

Ankit Dubey, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Saumya Maniny Sinha, Assistant Professor, St Xavier's College, Ranchi University

Wage Share, Labour Productivity and Unit labour Cost in Jharkhand : Assessing Regional Competitiveness in the Era of Globalisation

Tushar Das, Research Scholar, Netaji Subhas Open University, Kolkata

Employment and Livelihood Diversification in Bihar and Jharkhand

Maryam Sabreen, Assistant Professor, Oriental College, Patna

Assessing Sustainable Livelihood Security Across Districts in Jharkhand

Bhavya Siddhi, Student, Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), Ranchi

Technology as an Enabler for Equal Opportunity Growth in Jharkhand

Prateek Khanna, Director, SoI Finder Research, Ranchi

Techno-Economic Feasibility Study for Rooftop Solar and Battery Storage in Jharkhand

Shubham Sanyal, Research Scholar, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

S.K. Samdarshi, Professor, Central University of Jharkhand, Ranchi

Jharkhand's Forest Products: Exploring Sustainability and Livelihood through Massive GI Registration

Shivaditya, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Nalin Bharti, Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Patna

Decoding Rural Entrepreneurial Intention: A Study from South Chotanagpur Division, Jharkhand, India

Arindam Banerjee, Academic Associate, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi

Deep Narayan Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

Sucharita Ghoshal, Research Scholar, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

Ratan Priya, Student, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

Sutapa Ruidas, Student, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

Utilizing Technology-Enabled Human Resource Management for Inclusive and Sustainable Development in Jharkhand and Bihar

Akhil Anand, Master's in Business Administration, IIT Jodhpur, Jayanagar

Prajna Jha, Assistant Professor, Amity University

Empowering Tribal Communities as Active Partners in Development: Integrating Sustainable Livelihoods and Women's Health through Aantrika

Manshi Kumari, Student, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

From Marginalization to Empowerment: How Women's Self-Help Groups are Reshaping Rural Livelihood and Economic Landscape in Jharkhand

Bishnu Charan Parida, COO, JSLPS, Govt. of Jharkhand

Livelihood Strategies of Interstate Migrant Labourers in India: The Case of Jharkhand Labourers

Amit K. Giri, Assistant Professor, J.D. Women's College, Patliputra University, Patna

Technical Session	
Strengthening Health Systems; Enhancing Food Security and Nutrition	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Srijan, Hall No. -305, Second Floor
Chair	Anant Kumar Professor and Head, Coordinator – Fellow Programme in Management, Rural Management Programme, Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS)
Co Chair	Binod Narayan Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Ranchi University
Discussants	Sunil Kumar Mishra Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Economic Analysis of Regional Health Disparities Among High Focus States in India: A Comprehensive Cost-Effectiveness and Financial Burden Assessment

Umendra Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Vinobha Bhave University, Hazaribagh

Arti Mehta, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Economics, Vinoba Bhave University Hazaribagh

Socioeconomic Determinants of Out-of-Pocket Expenditure and Health Financing Strategies Among the Elderly in Jharkhand: Evidence from LASI Wave 1

Mary Nancy Tirkey, Independent Researcher, Ranchi

Strengthening Health Systems for Equity and Universal Health Coverage: Analysing District-Level Inequities in Maternal and Child Health in Jharkhand's Progress Toward Universal Health Coverage

Ananthapuri A.A., Research Scholar, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai

Health Care Access Barrier among Tribal Women of Jharkhand: Evidence from NFHS-5 (2019-2021)

Ananya Barman, Research Scholar, International Institute of Population Sciences (IIPS), Mumbai

Health Inclusion Through Pradhan Mantri Jan-Aarogya Yojana: A Micro-Level Study of Tribal Households in Jharkhand

Sweta Sharan, Assistant Professor, Magadh Mahila College, Patna

Naboshree Bhattacharya, Assistant Professor, Amity University, Ranchi

Determinants and Prevalence of Anaemia Among Women(15-49 years) in Jharkhand

Rajnee Kumari, Assistant Professor, Dr. Shayama Prashad Mukherjee University, Ranchi

Strengthening Health System Resilience for Tribal Women in Jharkhand

Richa Pandey, Research Scholar, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Ranchi

Noopur, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Ranchi

Anuj Singh, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Ranchi

The Role of Anganwadi Scheme on Nutritional Status of Children: Special Reference to Chouparan Block of Hazaribagh District of Jharkhand

Manisha Kumari, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Marcus Barla, Associate Professor, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Dietary Calcium Insecurity: Hidden Challenge in Women's Food and Nutrition Security

Tahreem Ekram, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Budgetary Provisions for Combating Malnutrition and Hunger in Jharkhand: An Analysis of the Department of Food, Public Distribution and Consumer Affairs

Neha Prasad, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Beyond Staples: Exploring Dietary Diversification and Nutrition Trends In Jharkhand Using NSS Consumption Data

Sunil Kumar Mishra, Senior Fellow, Institute for Human Development, New Delhi

Vikas Dubey, Senior Research Associate, Institute for Human Development New Delhi

Socioeconomic and Demographic Determinants of Child Malnutrition: Evidence from School-Going Children (aged 6-12 years) in Jharkhand

Dhiraj Mani Pathak, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Zeba Ashraf, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Ranchi University

Ashish Ranjan, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Ranchi University

Women Breadwinners and Their Challenges Towards Food and Nutrition Security in Jharkhand

Ishaan Krishnan, Student, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University, Ranchi

Anshu Kumari, Student, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University, Ranchi

Priya Namrata Topno, Assistant Professor, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University, Ranchi

Food Security, Health and Nutrition amongst Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTG's) Women of Jharkhand

Sania Jamal, Research Scholar, Jamia Milia Islamia, New Delhi

An Empirical Analysis of the Impact of Socio-economic Factors on Malnutrition among Children Aged Under Five Years in Jharkhand

Zeba Ashraf, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Ranchi University

Dhiraj Mani Pathak, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Xavier's College

Strengthening PM POSHAN Scheme: A Multi Sectoral Approach in Jharkhand

Shiv Kumar Mahato, Research Scholar, Ranchi University

Food Security: A Thematic Discussion

Apparna Kumari, Research Scholar, Ranchi University

Improving the Food Security Nutrition Status of Women and Children Through Distinctive Intervention of Peer Group Counselling

Ajay Anand Shrivastava, State Nodal Officer – Health and Nutrition, Jharkhand State Livelihood Society, Government of Jharkhand

Technical Session Improving quality of Education	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Computer Room, Second Floor
Chair	Shukla Mahanti Former VC, Kolhan University
Co Chair	Manju Bhagat Professor, Department of Management, BIT Mesra
Discussants	Abhishek Pandey IHD, New Delhi B K Sinha Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

An Econometric Analysis of Access to Higher Education in The Context of Wagner's Law in Jharkhand

Rishi Raj, Research Scholar, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, New Delhi

Bridging the Skill Gap: Assessing the Mismatch between Higher Education output and Skill Development Priorities in EAG States

Aditi Mishra, Research Scholar, Vinobha Bhave University, Hazaribagh

Pallavi Kumari, Research Scholar, Vinoba Bhave University, Hazaribagh

Higher Education in Jharkhand after 25 Years: Crisis, Challenges and Prospects

Santanu Sahu, Assistant Professor, Patna University, Patna

A Discussion on Status of Higher Education in Jharkhand

Jyoti Prakash, Head, Department. Of Economics, Ranchi University

Access and Equity in Higher Education in India: Where have we reached so far?

Purnima Bajre, Assistant Professor, FLAME University, Pune

Digital Inclusion and Educational Equality Under NEP 2020:A Comparative Study of Muslim Women's Participation in STEM Education in Jharkhand

Zeba Shaheen, Research Scholar, Ranchi University, Ranchi

Human Capital and Inclusive Growth in Jharkhand: An Economic Analysis of Education and Skill Development

Sweta Kumari, Assistant Professor, Sarala Birla University (SBU), Ranchi

Aman Raj, Student, St. Xavier's College, Ranchi

Role of Anaganwadi Workers in Strengthening Early Childhood Education in Jharkhand

Krishna Kant Kar, Student, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University (JRSU), Ranchi

Priya Namrata Topno, Assistant Professor, Jharkhand Raksha Shakti University

Institution Response to Tribal Access to Inclusive Education: An Assessment of Institutional Preparedness in Implementation of National Education Policy of 2020

Rajashree Padhi, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), Ranchi

Measuring Gendered Gaps in Literacy and Work in Jharkhand: A District-Level Study Using Sopher's Index

Kumar Purushotam, Research Scholar, Central University of Jharkhand (CUJ), Ranchi

Technical Session	
Public Institution and Service Delivery and Participatory Development	
Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Room No. 108, First Floor
Chair	Rakesh Ranjan Senior Fellow, IHD and Former Adviser, NITI Aayog, Government of India
Discussants	Onkar Nath Tripathi Social Policy Specialist, UNICEF, Jharkhand

Collaborative Pathways, Advancing Tribal Development through Participatory Government, Governance and Inclusive Strategies

Sujata Priyambada Dash, Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

Rajeshwari Chatterjee, Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Technology, Mesra, Ranchi

The Role of PESA Act 1996 in Enabling Tribal Communities as Active Stakeholders in Jharkhand's Development

Swati Deogam, Research Scholar, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa

Uneven Progress in Human Development among the Tribal population of Jharkhand

Bibha Kumari, Research Scholar, Vinobha Bhave University, Hazaribagh

Dynamics of Social Development in Jharkhand: A Regional Perspective

Sunita Kumari, Assistant Professor, Kolhan University, Chaibasa

Child Nutrition Disparities in Jharkhand: Evidence-Based Insights from NFHS-5

Tulasi Malini Maharatha, Assistant Professor, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT), Bhubneshwar

Manas Kumar Padi, Assistant Professor, KIIT Deemed to be University, Bhubneshwar

Multidimensional Poverty Analysis in Jharkhand: A Regional and Socio-demographic Assessment

Naveen Linda, Research Scholar, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Pushpendra Singh, Research Scholar, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Lucknow

Understanding the Implementation of the Graduation Approach to Address Extreme Poverty: The Case of Jharkhand, India

Aditya Raj, Assistant Project Officer, Xavier Institute of Social Sciences, Ranchi

Women's Livelihood and Empowerment through SHGs and MMSY: A Study in Nawadih Block, Bokaro District, Jharkhand

Anshu Kumari, Research Scholar, Indian School of Mines (ISM), Dhanbad

Jharkhand Opportunities for Harnessing Rural Growth (JOHAR): An Initiative for Strengthening Livelihood in Jharkhand

Nilima Rose Kullu, Assistant Professor, Ranchi Women's College, Ranchi

Community Initiatives for Rejuvenation of Jumar River

Prateek Khanna, Research Scholar, Amity University, Ranchi

Bottom up accountability? Information, Expectations and Civic Action in India

Diwakar Kishore, Research Scholar, London School of Economics, London

Pallavi Prabhakar, PhD Student, Norwegian School of Economics, Norway

Indigeneity and Protective Land Tenure Regimes: A Case Study of Chotanagpur Tenancy Act in Urban Ranchi

Nidhi Kumari, Independent Researcher, Ranchi

Budhaditya Das, Assistant Professor, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Spatial Study of Right to Service Act In The Context of Scheduled Areas of Jharkhand

Sanjay Kumar, Research Scholar, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Ranchi

Technical Session

Empowerment and Heritage: Supporting Tribal & Marginalised Communities, Advancing Gender Equality, and Celebrating Cultural Traditions

Time	6:10 pm – 8:00 pm
Venue	Sadhana, Hall No.- 302, Second Floor
Chair	Govind Kelkar Executive Director, GenDev Centre for Research and Innovation LLP, India
Discussants	Kumar Rana Director, IHD-ERC, Ranchi

Democratic Decentralization, Political Empowerment and Developmental Participation: A Case Study of Elected Tribal Women in Jharkhand

Abboobacker Siddique P, Secretary of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-Operative and Forest, Environment & Climate Change, Department of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Co-Operative, and Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Jharkhand

Poverty, Patriarchy, and Protection - A Field Study of Child Marriage Practices in Bero Block, Ranchi District, Jharkhand

Seema Joshi, Professor, Kirori Mal College, New Delhi

Charanjit Kaur, Independent Researcher, Delhi University

Sweta Kumari, Assistant Professor, Sarala Birla University

Shruti Shreya, Student, Sarala Birla University

Multidimensional Assessment of Financial Inclusion Vulnerability among Widowed Women in Coastal Odisha (India)

Prakash Chandra Lenka, Research Scholar, Utkal University, Bhubneshwar

Rajesh Barik, Assistant Professor, BITS Pilani KK Goa

Beyond Income: Mapping the Determinants of Multidimensional Poverty Among Tribal Communities of Jharkhand

Sucharita Ghoshal, Research Scholar, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Ranchi, Jharkhand

Arindam Banerjee, Academic Associate, Indian institute of Management

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