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NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

Revisiting Odisha’s Past: New Historical Perspectives

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Theme of the Seminar

Our historical knowledge has expanded rapidly over the past several decades and new ideas and interpretations have expanded its horizon. As a discipline, History has evolved from the simple narratives of great people to a very complex multidisciplinary subject overlapping and intersecting several social science disciplines such as Psychology, Political science, Sociology, Anthropology, Environment, and Gender studies etc. Historical methodology and approaches have reached a kind of plateau where searching new horizons itself has become a challenge. Starting from Cinema, Sports, Animal Husbandry to Health Hazards, Disaster Management, Marketing Regulation including Poverty eradication, New avenues, New dimensions, new approaches have made the canvas of the subject so broad to be treated from micro to grassroots level, from subaltern to individual roots, from written to oral tradition and the like. Thus the fact that History is inescapable to human knowledge that has become indisputable.

Coming to the Odishan context the recent historical trends have made it imperative to revisit the past with new perspectives, approaches and outlooks along with new perception of the happenings. The trends of the study of socio-economic history of Odisha may be reviewed from different standpoints. The history of different dynasties of Odisha, the history of religions and political and administrative history continued to spread up to the 70s of late twentieth century. The beginning of the studies on the people’s history, in terms of socio-economic trends may be traced since 80s of late twentieth century of Odisha. The history of Freedom Movement in Odisha gained momentum with the incorporation of ideas of contribution of Tribes, Dalits, Women and other marginalized sections of the society. Not only leaders but the masses received a considerable position in the pages of history. The

intellectual movements for socio-cultural awakening and struggle for an egalitarian social order continued to emerge from 15th century of Odishan history. In spite of this the specific studies of social structure on caste, class and gender, history of land system, peasants, zamindars and labourers, traders and manufacturers, cultural and commercial connectivity through maritime trades are slow spaced. The history of international understanding, exchange and cooperation developed since very early time at the peoples level is yet to be highlighted. What new areas have emerged recently in Odishan history to enrich our knowledge? How this knowledge has engaged itself with the socio-political dynamics of the present scenario? To what extent this knowledge will help for our cultural existence, economic stability and individual identity? Time has come to pause over, revisiting the past to find out the explanation.

Sub –Themes

- ❖ New Trends in the study of Society, Culture and Economy
- ❖ Interplay of Religion and State; Society and Literature
- ❖ Art and Architecture: Its Socio-economic and cultural manifestations
- ❖ Oral narratives and folk tradition
- ❖ Environment, Science and Technology
- ❖ Health and Medicine
- ❖ Migration, Settlement and Urbanization
- ❖ Connectivity, Interaction and Growth of composite culture
- ❖ Social Protest and Cultural Awakening
- ❖ Communities and Local History
- ❖ Mutual interaction, Sufi and Bhakti Movements in Localities
- ❖ Freedom Movements in Localities

About the Department

The Post-Graduate Department of History was founded on 1 December 1959 at the then Ravenshaw College, Cuttack. It was shifted to Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar in July 1962 when the University moved to its present premises from Cuttack. Ever since the Department is functioning in the Old Arts Block of the University. One among the two largest departments, it functions at present as an autonomous Department of Learning and Research. The output of research in the Department, both in the qualitative and quantitative sense, has also got due recognition by the community of scholars and academics all around. The University hence, has accorded it the status of an autonomous Department since January 1995. The Department has successfully celebrated Golden Jubilee Year of its foundation during the session 2009-10.

Points to remember

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