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## National Seminar

### on Skill Empowerment and Sustainable Development among Tribal and Marginalised Communities in Madhya Pradesh

**Sponsored By**  
Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi

**Organized By**  
Vedica College of Education,  
RKDF University Bhopal M.P.

**Date: 07 & 08 October, 2025**

**Venue:**  
Conference Hall, Administrative Building  
RKDF University Bhopal M.P.

#### ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

RKDF University, Bhopal was established by the Ayushmati Education & Social Society through an act of the Govt. of Madhya Pradesh and officially notified in the State Gazette on 19th July 2011. The University is situated on a sprawling 107 Acre campus near Bhopal Airport, featuring a built-up area of 13.184 Lakh Sq.ft and beautifully maintained garden area of 6.31 Lakh sq.ft. The University is accredited by NAAC with grade A+, its Homoeopathy College is also Accredited by Govt. of India with Grade A+. The only private University in M.P. having recognized by SIRO, The Govt. of India for Grant of Research Fund from Govt. Agencies

RKDF University has earned recognition at Various international forums for its excellence in education, research and innovation. The University offers a wide spectrum of Diploma, Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Ph.D. programs through the following faculties:

Faculty of Social Science, Faculty of Architecture, Faculty of Ayurveda, Faculty of Agriculture, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Nursing, Faculty of Paramedical Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Engineering & Technology. Hon'ble Chancellor Dr. Sadhna Kapoor was honored by Oxford Academic Union U. K. two times in 2017 & 2022, due to its Academic & Research Achievement. (1<sup>st</sup> University in India) The University's educational approach is centered on skill-based, technology-driven learning with strong focus on: Industry-linked curriculum, Research-oriented learning, Hands-on training and practical exposure, A National and Global Outlook. Asia's 1<sup>st</sup> & world's 3<sup>rd</sup> Carbon Capture Plant established by University in 2019, where 5 CSIR, Govt. of India labs using the facilities of Carbon Capture plant of the University and 7 Post Doctoral fellow were awarded PDF in collaboration with RPI University, USA.

#### ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Vedica College of Education, Bhopal, established under the aegis of Ayushmati Education and Social Society, Bhopal, is a reputed institution approved by NCTE, New Delhi, dedicated to excellence in teacher education. Since its foundation, the college has upheld a vision of preparing competent, reflective, and socially responsible educators to serve the evolving needs of the education sector. The college has made significant strides in academic development and institutional growth. Vedica College of Education offers College of Education offers three major programs: Diploma in Education (D.Ed.) Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), and Master of Education (M.Ed.). The campus features well-equipped classrooms, modern laboratories, a rich library, ICT facilities, and essential student amenities that foster a conducive atmosphere for effective teaching and learning.

## ABOUT THE ICSSR

The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) New Delhi, was Established in 1969 by the Government of India to promote, fund and co-ordinate research in the field of Social Sciences and opened under the Ministry of Education. The ICSSR supports high quality, policy related research through research fellowship, grants, seminars/conferences and publication assistance. It plays vital role in fostering interdisciplinary studies, strengthening research infrastructure and encouraging collaboration between Indian and international scholars/researchers. By nurturing innovative and impactful research, ICSSR contributes significantly to the development of knowledge and policy making in India.

## ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Madhya Pradesh, is one of the largest tribal populations in India, possesses a rich mosaic of indigenous cultures, traditions, and knowledge systems. However, the tribal and marginalized communities of the state continue to face systemic exclusion, limited access to education and healthcare, low literacy levels, and underrepresentation in skilled employment sectors. In this context, the twin themes of skill empowerment and sustainable development have emerged as vital strategies to address socio-economic disparities, promote inclusive growth, and preserve cultural diversity. This seminar seeks to explore how targeted skill development initiatives, when grounded in sustainability and cultural sensitivity, can act as powerful instruments for empowering tribal and marginalized communities. It aims to serve as a forum for critical discussion, knowledge exchange, and policy suggestions that can enhance the effectiveness of ongoing programs and grassroots interventions.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

This seminar aims to bring together scholars, practitioners, policymakers, and community representatives to explore actionable solutions and promote inclusive development through academic engagement. Despite numerous government efforts, tribal and marginalized communities continue to face socio-economic challenges. This forum seeks to empower them through skill-building and sustainable strategies rooted in indigenous knowledge.

- To examine the current status and challenges of skill development among tribal and marginalized communities in Madhya Pradesh
- To explore the role of traditional knowledge systems and indigenous practices in sustainable livelihoods
- To identify best practices and innovative models for skill training and sustainable development.
- To assess the effectiveness of government schemes and non-government initiatives in promoting inclusive growth
- To formulate recommendations for policy makers, educational institutions, and development agencies.

## THEMES / SUB THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

### Theme 1: Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainability:

- Integration of forest-based and agricultural traditional knowledge into development
- Medicinal plants, organic farming, and herbal healing as sustainable livelihoods

- Tribal cosmology and natural resource management
- Community participation in environmental conservation.
- Socio-cultural transformation, Customs & Traditions, and Indigenous Knowledge.

### Theme 2: Skill Development and Livelihood Enhancement:

- Status and gaps in vocational training among tribal youth
- Promoting traditional skills and crafts: Tribal arts & Rock Paintings, bamboo work, pottery, weaving, iron craft, etc
- Role of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), NGOs, and CSR initiatives Women-centric skill training and gender equity.
- Gender issues- Women, Youth & Unemployment problems Policies and Implementation.

### Theme 3: Policy, Governance, and Institutional Support:

- Critical analysis of government schemes: PMKVY, DDU-GKY, National Skill Mission, TRIFED
- Role of Panchayati Raj Institutions and Tribal Advisory Councils
- Challenges in implementation: digital divide, bureaucracy, monitoring
- Public-private partnerships and social entrepreneurship

### Theme 4: Education, Technology, and Innovation:

- Digital literacy and access to technology
- Mobile-based learning and e-skilling platforms in tribal areas
- Case studies of successful ad-tech and skilling startups working in rural MP.
- Bridging the gap between formal education and employability.
- Effects of Urbanization, Modernization on youth in Tribal and Under-privileged Communities.
- Innovative Science & Technologies.

### Theme 5: Cultural Identity and Empowerment:

- Role of tribal arts, folklore, and festivals in community bonding and identity.
- Tribal museums and heritage tourism as tools of empowerment.
- Language preservation and multilingual learning strategies.
- Marginalized Communities and Unorganized sectors- Scheduled castes, Peasants, Artisans, Factory worker, Laborers, Weavers, etc.

### Theme 6: Multi-Disciplinary research work related to the theme of the seminar:

- History, Eminent leaders and his role in Freedom Struggle, Archeological & Anthropological Evolution. Social Sciences, Humanities and Languages.
- Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries.
- Forestry, Ecology and Environment related issues, Policies and implementation.
- Economics, Human Development, Commerce & Management. Heath Care Applied Medicine & Pharmacy.
- Law, Human and Land Rights and Policy Making,

### Chief Guest and Guest of Honor of The Seminar:-

Prof. Kapil Deo Mishra Former Vice Chancellor, Rani Durgawati University, Jabalpur, M.P.(Chief Guest)

Prof. Narayan Vyas, Eminent Senior Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi.

Prof. Durgesh Tripathi, Dean, University School of Mass Communication, Guru Govind Singh Indraprastha University, Delhi. (Guest of Honor)

Prof. Dharmendra Pare Director, Janjatiya Lok Kala Evam Boli Vikas Academy, Department of Culture Government of M.P. (Guest of Honor)

(Guest of Honor)

**Abstract and full Papers is to be submitted through Email id:**

icssr.nationalseminar2025.rkdf@gmail.com

**Guideline For Research Paper : Submission and Presentation**

**Abstract:**

Word Limit: 250 – 300 words

**Full Paper:**

Word Limit :2500 - 3500

Citation Style APA 7 Edition

Format: For English, A4 Size Times New Roman, Font - 12pt, Spacing -1.5

For Hindi, Kruti Dev / mangal -10, font – 14pt, Spacing -1.5

Include: Title, Author's Name, Designation, Institute name, Email id, Contact No.

Submit: As MS Word Documents.

Selected papers will be schedule for presentation during the seminar.

Presentation time: 8 – 10 minutes.

Presenters must be reaching before 30 minutes in the conference hall.

Co- authors are welcome but only one author will be allowed to present the research paper.

**Important Dates:**

**Last Date:** Submission of Abstract of the Research Paper – September 07, 2025.

**Last Date:** Submission of Research Paper – September 22, 2025.

Selected research Papers will be Published in Reputed ISSN Journal/ Edited Book

Additional Publication Charges: 1. Online Copy: Rs.1000

2. Online & Offline Copy: Rs.1500 ( 2 Copy)

E-Certificate Will be issued after the Seminar

**Registration Fee Details:**

Categories	Before Date	On Spot
Academicians/ faculty	500	600
Research Scholars	400	500
Students	200	300
Industry Delegates	2000	3000
Foreign/NRI	100 USD	120 USD

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**Facilities:**

**Accommodation :** Accommodation Charges:

Single occupancy room without meal (Per Day) - **Rs 100/-**

**Transportation :** Participants should arrange their own Transportation

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