



55TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

of

**The Indian Anthropological Society
&**

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

on

Praxis of Anthropology in Human Development

On 15-17 October, 2025

Organized by

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
VISVA-BHARATI**

(A Central University and an Institution of National Importance)

Venue

**Vidya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati
Santiniketan
West Bengal, India
Pin- 731235**

Important Dates

Last date of submitting the Abstract	10th September, 2025
Intimation of Acceptance of Paper Presentation	14th September, 2025
Last date of registration	15th September, 2025
Date of the Conference & International Seminar	15th - 17th October, 2025



CONCEPT NOTE

The UN *Human Development Report* (1994), states that ‘Sustainable human development is a development paradigm that not only generates economic growth but distributes its benefits equitably that regenerates the environment rather than destroying it; that empowers people rather than marginalising them. It gives priority to the poor, enlarging their choices and opportunities, and provides for their participation in decisions affecting them. It is development that is pro-poor, pro-nature, pro-jobs, pro-democracy, pro-women, and pro-children’. The concept of development is subjective and varies from the vantage point of various stakeholders involved in this process. The government machinery and neo-liberal influenced market push for understanding development from an economic point of view. Though economic development is the key point for the whole process of development, however, it cannot be the only yardstick to measure the understanding of the process of development. The United Nations came up with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to guide the world's nations in the overall development of human beings. Anthropology, with its varied branches and holistic approach, understands the intricacies of the process of development. Most often, the developmental approach of Anthropology aligns with the SDGs and also with the Indian Government’s various initiatives through policies and programs aimed at developing our people. It becomes imperative to understand not from a top-down approach, but making people part of the decision-making and implementation process would yield better results and the results that are desired by the target group. Visva-Bharati as an institution founded by “*Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore*” and his notion of development was basically the all round development of human being, where economy and moral development is treated as inevitable parts of sustainable development. The development should be able to address the issues of indigenous communities, women, children and other marginalized groups.

In this context, the proposed International Conference calls for papers that are scientific and original contributions of the scholars. The international conference will be held at the Department of Anthropology, Vidya Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, West Bengal. The conference will be organised in collaboration with the Indian Anthropological Society, Kolkata. The Abstracts for the papers are expected in the following themes (but not limited to).

PROPOSED THEMES

- Developmental Anthropology or Anthropology of Development
- Anthropology of the Development of Women and Children
- Anthropology of the Development of Indigenous Communities
- Development Issues Pertaining to Specific Eco-cultural Regions
- Anthropology of the Development of Religious and Linguistic Minorities
- Anthropology of Sustainability beyond Development and Progress Discourses.
- Biological Anthropology and Its Contribution to Human Development
- Issues on Human Development: Anthro-po-archaeological Approaches
- IKS and Human Development
- Any other topic related to the theme

ABSTRACT FORMAT

Please submit an abstract that includes the title of the paper, the author's name(s) and affiliation, E-mail address, mobile number (*Preferably WhatsApp no.*), main text (**Background, Objectives, Methods, Results and Conclusion**) with not more than 5 keywords and send it to the following email IDs: indanthsoffice@gmail.com and jrghosh@visva-bharati.ac.in

- The abstract should not exceed 350 words (Times New Roman, Front Size 12, line spacing 1.5) and must cover the following points:
- What is currently known about the topic
- Identification of a research gap or problem
- How does your research address the gap or problem?
- The research methodology used
- Results and Discussion
- The contribution of your paper to existing knowledge or your study area, highlighting key takeaways from your research.

REGISTRATION FEES

- ❖ Without accommodation Rs. 1400/- (for IAS member, students & research scholars), Rs. 1500/- (others)
- ❖ With accommodation for one night Rs. 2400/- (for IAS members, students & research scholars), Rs. 2500/- (others)*
- ❖ With accommodation for two nights Rs.2900/- (for IAS members, students & research scholars), Rs. 3000/-(others)*
- ❖ With accommodation for three nights Rs.3400/- (for IAS members, students & research scholars), Rs. 3500/- (others)*

*(Modest Non A/C Accommodation on Sharing Basis Room)

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Type: Current Account

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