



NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMANITY IN THE NEXT CHAPTER : PROSPECTS AND CHALLENGES

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MUNICIPAL COLLEGE, ROURKELA

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Municipal College took its birth under the auspices of REDS (Rourkela Educational Development Society) in the year 1978 and within a span of 41 years it has proved itself to be an institution of excellence .

The college has been accredited by NAAC in 2016 with B+ Grade (2nd Cycle) with a Grade Point of 2.67 .It is in receipt of World Bank Sponsored Institutional Development Grant (IDG) under the programme Odisha Higher Education Programme for Excellence and Equity (OHEPEE) of Gout. of Odisha , Department of Higher Education.It is also one of the leading colleges of Sambalpur University having established its academic credentials over the years in University Examinations consistently.

In NCC and Sports and Games it has excelled continuously producing number of International Hockey players such as Peter Tirkey, Prabodh Tirkey, Ignace Tirkey and Lajarus Barla.

Initially established as an Intermediate College imparting Arts, Science and Commerce, later on, it developed into a Composite Degree College, from the year 1980. It is recognized by the U.G.C. under section 2(f) and 12B of its Act as an undergraduate college.

Keynote Speaker:
Prof. Bijay K. Danta
Department of English
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Invited Speakers
(Special Speaker/Guest Speaker/ Plenary Speaker):

Dept of Odia

Prof. Prakash Pattnaik
Former Senior Professor, Modern Indian
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Retired. Principal, Dalmia College

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Professor & Head
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About the Conference

Humanity as a species (mankind as a whole) and the essential morals that define it as human, stands at an important turning point in the 21st century amidst unprecedented transformations in culture, technology, education, and the environment such as rapid advancements in artificial intelligence, biotechnology, and digital media climate change etc. However, literature, the humanities, and education remain crucial arenas where these shifts are interpreted, questioned, and reimagined. This conference seeks to foster critical dialogue on how humanity can navigate the uncertain terrain of the future while reaffirming the values of compassion, inclusivity, and sustainability. This national conference entitled "Humanity in the Next Chapter: Prospects and Challenges," aims to focus on a thoughtful and interdisciplinary discussion with an exploration on how we can direct the uncertain territory of the future while reaffirming the enduring values of compassion, inclusivity, sustainability, and justice.

- Humanity's Future: The Role of Literature, Environment, and Education
- From Tradition to Transformation: Delineating Humanity's Next Chapter.
- Literature's Address to Societal Challenges and Literary Response
- Science Fiction and its role in shaping and projecting future Human Challenges in the Coming Days
- Posthumanism and the Future of Humanity: Contemporary Theory and Fiction (AI, biotechnology, climate fiction)
- Reimagining the Human Condition through Literature, Culture, Education and Environment
- Media, Popular Culture, Cinema & Humanity's Future
- The Future of Humanities: Rethinking the relevance of literature and education.
- The Future of Education: Prospects and Challenges Gender, Body, and Agency: Feminist and queer readings of the future in literature.
- Science Fiction and Future Challenges: climate change, health, peace.
- Gender, Body, and Agency: Feminist and queer readings of the future.
- Post-humanist theories: The Definition and the redefinition of Humanity.
- Humanity's Prospects and Challenges in Contemporary Indian Literature
- Posthumanism and the Future of Humanity: Contemporary Theory and Fiction (AI, biotechnology, climate fiction)
- Ecocriticism and Climate Narratives: Literary responses to environmental crises
- The Future of Humanities: Rethinking the relevance of literature and education

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ମାନବିକତା ହିଁ ହେଉଛି ମଣିଷର ପ୍ରକୃତ ପରିଚୟ । ମାନବିକତା ବ୍ୟତିରେକ ମଣିଷ ଜୀବନ ନିରର୍ଥକ । ଦୟା, କ୍ଷମା, ଉଦାରତା, ସ୍ନେହ, ଶ୍ରଦ୍ଧା, ଆବେଗ, ଅନୁରାଗ ହିଁ ହେଉଛି ପ୍ରକୃତ ମଣିଷତ୍ବ ବା ମାନବିକତାର ଆଧାର । ସାମ୍ପ୍ରତିକ ସମାଜକୁ ଗଭୀର ଭାବେ ଅନୁଶୀଳନ କଲେ ସ୍ପଷ୍ଟରୂପେ ପ୍ରତୀୟମାନ ହୁଏ ଯେ ଅତୀତର ମାନବବୋଧ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ତୀବ୍ର ଭାବରେ ସ୍ଥଳିତ ଓ ବିପର୍ଯ୍ୟସ୍ତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି, ଯାହାକି ସମଗ୍ର ମାନବଜାତିପାଇଁ ସଙ୍କଟପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ଅଟେ । ଯେଉଁ ମାନବିକତା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି-ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି, ଜାତି-ଜାତି, ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀ-ଗୋଷ୍ଠୀ ଏପରିକି ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ର-ରାଷ୍ଟ୍ରମଧ୍ୟରେ ସଂହତି ଏବଂ ଭ୍ରାତୃତ୍ବବୋଧ ସ୍ଥାପନ କରି ସମ୍ପର୍କକୁ ଆତ୍ମୀୟ ତଥା ଅନୁରକ୍ତ କରିଥାଏ । ତାହା ହିଁ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ମଣିଷର ହୃଦୟରୁ ଧୀରେ ଧୀରେ ବିଲୁପ୍ତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି । ଶିକ୍ଷା, ସଭ୍ୟତା, ବିଜ୍ଞାନ, ଶିଳ୍ପ, କଳା, ବାଣିଜ୍ୟ, ରାଜନୀତି, ଅର୍ଥନୀତି ଆଦି ପ୍ରତିଟି କ୍ଷେତ୍ରରେ ମଣିଷର ହୁଏତ ଅନେକ ଅଗ୍ରଗତି ସାଧୁତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି, ମାତ୍ର ଯେଉଁଠି ମାନବିକତାର ମୂଲ୍ୟବୋଧ ବିଚ୍ଛିନ୍ନ ଓ ବିପର୍ଯ୍ୟସ୍ତ ସେଠାରେ ମାନବର ଉନ୍ନତି ଓ ସମୃଦ୍ଧି ମଧ୍ୟ ସନ୍ଦିଗ୍ଧ ।

ଦୁର୍ନୀତି, ଭୁଷ୍ଟାଚାର, ଅତ୍ୟାଚାର ଆଦି ସମ୍ପ୍ରତି ସମାଜରେ ଯେଉଁଭଳି ଭାବରେ ବୃଦ୍ଧିପାଇବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି ତା'ର ମୂଳ କାରଣ ହେଉଛି ବିଚ୍ଛିନ୍ନ ମାନବବୋଧ ।

ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ମଣିଷର ଚେତନା, ଭାବ ଓ ଆବେଗ ସ୍ତରରେ ଧୀରେ ଧୀରେ ସଙ୍କୁଚିତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି । ତା'ର ଦୃଷ୍ଟିଶକ୍ତି ବୌଦ୍ଧିକ ଓ ଯାନ୍ତ୍ରିକ ସ୍ତରରେ ପ୍ରସାରିତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଲେ ମଧ୍ୟ ଆତ୍ମିକ ଆଦର୍ଶ ଓ ନୈତିକବୋଧ, ସେତିକି ସଙ୍କୁଚିତ ହେବାରେ ଲାଗିଛି । ଯାହାଫଳରେ ଆଜିର ମଣିଷ ସାମୂହିକ ସ୍ୱାର୍ଥ ଅପେକ୍ଷା ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଗତ ସ୍ୱାର୍ଥକୁ ଅଧିକ ପ୍ରାଧାନ୍ୟ ପ୍ରଦାନ କରିବା ସ୍ୱାଭାବିକ ।

ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଯଦି ଏହି ମାନବିକତା ଏତେ ପରିମାଣରେ କଳଙ୍କିତ କଲୁଷିତ ହେଲେ ଏହାର ଭବିଷ୍ୟତକୁ ପରିକଳ୍ପନା କରିବା ବାସ୍ତବରେ ବିଚାରଜନକ ଅଟେ । ତେଣୁ ବର୍ତ୍ତମାନ ଠାରୁ ସଚେତନ ହୋଇ ପ୍ରତିଟି ମାନବର ହୃଦୟରେ ଏହି ମାନବିକତାକୁ ପ୍ରତିରୋପଣ କରିବା ଆମ ମାନଙ୍କର ପରମ ଦାୟିତ୍ବ ଓ କର୍ତ୍ତବ୍ୟ ।

"ମାନବିକତାର ଭବିଷ୍ୟତ: ସମ୍ଭାବନା ଓ ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ" ଶୀର୍ଷକ ଉପରେ ଆମର ଜାତୀୟ ସମ୍ମିଳନୀ ଆୟୋଜନ କରାଯାଇଛି । ମାନବକତାର ପୃଷ୍ଠଭୂମି, କାରଣ, ସମ୍ଭାବନା, ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ ଓ ନିରାକରଣ ଉପରେ ଆଲୋଚନା କରିବା ହିଁ ଆମର ଏହି ସମ୍ମିଳନୀର ଉଦ୍ଦେଶ୍ୟ ।

- ଆତଙ୍କବାଦ ଓ ହିଂସାରେ ମାନବିକତାର ପତନ
- ମଣିଷର ସଂଘର୍ଷ ଜନିତ ସମସ୍ୟା ଓ ଦଳିତ ଚେତନା
- ସମାଜର ସମସ୍ୟା ଓ ତାର ସମାଧାନରେ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ଭୂମିକା
- ମାନବିକତାର ଜନ୍ମରେ ଶିକ୍ଷାର ଭୂମିକା ଓ ସାହିତ୍ୟରେ ତାର ପଦାବିହାର
- ଡିଜିଟାଲ ଯୁଗରେ ମାନବିକ ସହାନୁଭୂତି ଓ ସମ୍ବେଦନଶୀଳତା
- ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସାହିତ୍ୟରେ ମାନବିକତାର ଜନ୍ମ ଓ ବିକାଶ
- ଓଡ଼ିଆ ସାହିତ୍ୟର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଲେଖକମାନଙ୍କ ରଚନାରେ ମାନବିକ ଦର୍ଶନ
- ଓଡ଼ିଆ ଉପନ୍ୟାସ ଓ ଗଳ୍ପରେ ମାନବିକ ମୂଲ୍ୟବୋଧର ଚିତ୍ରଣ
- ସାହିତ୍ୟ ଓ ସଂସ୍କୃତି ମାଧ୍ୟମରେ ମାନବିକତାର ପୁନଃରୋପଣ
- ଆଧୁନିକ ଓଡ଼ିଆ କବିତାରେ ମାନବିକତାର ଚିତ୍ରଣ

Concept Note (Education)

In the era marked by rapid technological transformation, ecological urgency, and shifting cultural landscapes, the question before us is not merely what the future holds—but how we shape it. The conference, “Humanity’s Next Chapter: Prospects and Challenges,” brings together educators, thinkers, and changemakers to explore the future of learning, values, and global citizenship in a rapidly evolving world. Through dynamic sessions on digital transformation, climate literacy, equity, and indigenous wisdom, the event reimagines education as a force for empathy, creativity, and sustainable development. It addresses pressing issues such as mental well-being, inclusive pedagogy, and ethical governance, while celebrating cultural diversity and spiritual resilience. This gathering aims to inspire collaborative action and visionary frameworks for a more just, connected, and purposeful human future.

Subtheme:

- Reimagining Humanity and the Humanities: Prospects in the Light of NEP 2020
- Education in the Digital Age – rethinking knowledge, skills, and human creativity
- Cultural Identities and Diversity – negotiating tradition and modernity in a globalized era
- Philosophy, Spirituality, and Human Values – reimagining meaning and purpose in uncertain times.
- Education for Sustainable Futures – integrating climate literacy and ecological responsibility into curricula
- Digital Transformation in Education – Artificial Intelligence, virtual classrooms, and the future of learning
- Equity and Inclusion in Education – bridging gaps for marginalised, tribal, and differently-abled learners
- Global Citizenship Education – preparing students for interconnected and multicultural societies.
- Ethics, Values, and Human Development in Education- Nurturing Empathy, Morality, and Social Responsibility
- The future of Teachers and Pedagogy- Rethinking Teachers’ Roles and Responsibilities in an AI-driven world
- Education and Mental Well-being- Addressing stress, identity, and resilience among learners
- Indigenous Knowledge System- Blending Tradition with Modern Knowledge
- Policy, Governance, and the Right to Education- Challenges of Access, Quality, and Accountability in the future Era.

Concept Note (Hindi)

मानव जीवन का मूल आधार मानवता है। मानवता वह मूल्य-व्यवस्था है जो व्यक्ति को जैविक अस्तित्व से ऊपर उठाकर संवेदनशील, सहृदय तथा सामाजिक प्राणी बनती है। वर्तमान युग में विज्ञान, प्रौद्योगिकी, वैश्वीकरण और सूचना विस्फोट ने जहाँ एक ओर अभूतपूर्व प्रगति के द्वार खोले हैं, वहीं दूसरी ओर मानवीय संवेदनाओं के ह्रास, नैतिक मूल्यों के क्षरण, भौतिकवादी प्रवृत्तियाँ और सांस्कृतिक विघटन आदि सामने आए हैं। बदलते सामाजिक, राजनीतिक, आर्थिक तथा तकनीकी परिदृश्य में आज मानवता का स्वरूप अनेक चुनौतियों से घिरा हुआ दिखाई देता है।

आज आवश्यकता इस बात की है कि हम मानवता के अगले अध्याय को संभावनाओं और चुनौतियों के द्वन्द्व से मुक्त कर एक नई दिशा प्रदान करें। इसमें करुणा, सह-अस्तित्व, पर्यावरणीय संतुलन, समानता, न्याय और आपसी सहयोग की भावना को आधार बनाना होगा। साहित्य, शिक्षा और संस्कृति इस नए अध्याय के संवाहक बन सकते हैं। शिक्षा जगत और विशेषकर भाषा और साहित्य की भूमिका इस संदर्भ में अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण है, क्योंकि यह मानवता संवेदना और विचारों को सशक्त रूप में अभिव्यक्त करता है।

"मानवता का अगला अध्याय: संभावनाएं और चुनौतियाँ" इस विषय पर राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन का उद्देश्य विद्वानों, अध्यापकों, शोधार्थियों और विचारकों को एक मंच प्रदान करना है, जहाँ वे समकालीन समय में मानवता के समक्ष उपस्थित चुनौतियों पर विमर्श कर सकें तथा भविष्य के लिए उसके संभावित आयामों और दिशाओं की रूपरेखा प्रस्तुत कर सकें।

- कला और साहित्य : साहित्य और कला के माध्यम से मानवता की अभिव्यक्ति और संवेदनशीलता
- इक्कीसवीं शताब्दी के साहित्य में मानवता का उत्थान और पतन
- हिंदी साहित्य और फिल्मों में मानवीय संवेदनाओं का प्रस्तुतीकरण
- मानवता के क्षेत्र में हिन्दी महिला लेखिकाओं का योगदान
- मानवता के जन्म में शिक्षा की भूमिका और साहित्य में उसके पदचिह्न
- परिवेश जनित सतर्कता के लिए साहित्य एक शैक्षिक हथियार
- परिवर्तन के समय में मानवता की पुनर्कल्पना
- हिंदी उपन्यास और कहानी में सामाजिक यथार्थ और मानवीय संघर्ष
- दलित, स्त्री और आदिवासी साहित्य : हाशिए से मानवता की पुनर्परिभाषित
- छायावाद से समकालीन कविता तक : संवेदना का विकास
- नई शिक्षा नीति में मानवता का आयाम

Submission Guidelines

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