

NATIONAL LEVEL SEMINAR

Santali Language and Cultural Continuity : Policy Perspectives from West Bengal Government

Date : 28.01.2026 Time : 11.00 a.m. Onwards

Venue : Sree Chaitanya Mahavidyalaya, Habra



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Objective of the Seminar



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1. Academicians and Researchers
2. Policy Makers and Government Officials
3. Teachers and Educators
4. Students and Research Scholars particularly, Students of Santali Language and Literature
5. Santali Writers, Poets, and Cultural Practitioners
6. Community Leaders and Tribal Representatives
7. Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Civil Society Groups
8. Linguistic and Cultural Institutions

The National Level Seminar on “**Santali Language and Cultural Continuity: Policy Perspectives from West Bengal Government**” is designed to provide an interdisciplinary forum to explore the linguistic, cultural, and policy dimensions connected to the Santali-speaking community. The key objectives are -

1. To examine the current policy framework of the West Bengal Government regarding the promotion and preservation of the Santali language and cultural heritage.
2. To assess the effectiveness of Santali language implementation in education, administration, and community development programmes across various districts of the state.
3. To explore challenges and gaps in the existing policy mechanisms, including rural-urban disparities, resource limitations, and issues of policy execution.
4. To discuss the significance of Santali language in sustaining cultural identity, indigenous knowledge systems, and intergenerational continuity within the Santal community.
5. To highlight community-led initiatives and best practices that contribute to linguistic revitalization and cultural preservation.
6. To promote dialogues among scholars, policymakers, educators, and cultural practitioners to develop a more holistic understanding of Santali linguistic and cultural issues.
7. To analyse the role of educational institutions, including Santali-medium schools, colleges, and research bodies, in strengthening language-based empowerment.
8. To investigate the impact of globalization and digital communication on Santali language usage, transmission, and cultural expressions.
9. To identify opportunities for digital and technological interventions such as digitization of literature, creation of digital archives, and use of ICT tools for language promotion.
10. To encourage interdisciplinary research on Santali linguistics, folklore, anthropology, cultural studies, and public policy.
11. To develop actionable recommendations for strengthening policy measures and ensuring sustainable linguistic and cultural continuity.
12. To contribute to national discourse on linguistic diversity by situating the Santali experience within the broader context of India’s indigenous language rights and cultural preservation efforts.
13. To foster partnerships among government agencies, academic institutions, NGOs, and community organizations for long-term initiatives.

Through these objectives, the seminar aims to create a meaningful and collaborative platform that advances the preservation of Santali language and celebrates the cultural richness of the Santal community.

Sub Theme of the Seminar

1. Santali Language and the Eighth Schedule of Constitution
2. Santali Language as Cultural Identity
3. Contributions of Santali Language to the Wider Indian Cultural Landscape
4. Government Policy Framework for Santali Language Development
5. Implementation of Ol-Chiki Script in Administrative and Educational Spheres
6. Role of West Bengal's Tribal Welfare and Backward Classes Welfare Departments
7. Santali Language in Primary, Secondary, and Higher Education: Progress and Gaps
8. Teacher Training and Curriculum Development for Santali Medium Education
9. Preservation of Santali Oral Traditions, Folklore, and Indigenous Knowledge
10. Digitization of Santali Language: Media, ICT, and E-Governance Initiatives
11. Santali Literature, Publications, and Government Support for Writers and Researchers
12. Cultural Festivals, Art Forms, and Ritual Practices as Tools of Continuity
13. Community Participation and Local Governance in Language Preservation
14. Economic and Social Empowerment of Santali Communities through Cultural Heritage
15. Challenges in Language Standardization and Promotion in Multilingual Settings
16. Policy Gaps and Recommendations for Strengthening Santali Language Promotion in West Bengal
17. Future Directions: Sustainable Models for Linguistic and Cultural Continuity

Technical details for submission of Abstract & Full Paper

- The Abstract should be between 250 – 300 words in one page with five key words maximum, within the midnight of 20th January 2026 through e-mail to icssrseminarscm@gmail.com.

The review committee will send the acceptance of the research paper for presentation in the Seminar within 22nd January 2026.

- Full length paper and abstract should be submitted in latest APA format. The length of the full paper along with abstract has to be within 3000 words in MS-WORD (.docx) format.
- Font -Times New Roman for Title 14 pt, Sub Heading 12 pt, running text - 11 pt, 1.5-line space, standard A4 size with Normal Margin, Word processed in Microsoft office.
- For Reference style Please follow APA style Sheet 6 edition.
- Commonality of contents permissible to the tune of 10% only. Participants are requested to pre-check with standard software and attach the requisite certificate with full paper.
- Both Offline and Online mode of presentation via Google Meet is acceptable, which has to be informed in advance.

Publication Opportunity

Selected full papers presented in the Seminar will be published in the form of Edited Book by a reputed publishing house.

Registration Process

STEP ONE :

e-PAYMENT of the Registration Fee of Rs. 100/- through Internet banking / Debit Card / Credit Card / UPI (use barcode of Bandhan Bank as given) – **applicable for Paper Presenters only. No Registration Fee for other participants.**

STEP TWO :

Use the Google Form link - to enter the details of the participants/ delegates.

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Save the Acknowledgement Message as received on submission of the Google Form, and bring the copy of it on the date of Seminar for registering the physical attendance.

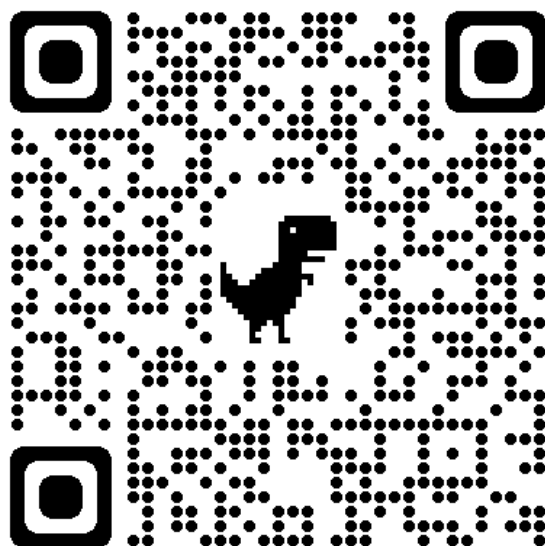
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- Registration is compulsory for all.
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- The Registration Fee will cover refreshment lunch and conference kit.
- No TA / DA is payable by the College for the Delegates and Paper-presenters.
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Take any Bongaon/Habra bound local train from Sealdah. The nearest railway station is Ashoknagar Road. From Ashoknagar Road Station take Auto Rickshaw/E-Rickshaw or Bus.

Important Dates

Date of the Seminar: **28.01.2026**

Last Date of Receipt of Abstract: **20.01.2026**

Last Date of Confirmation of acceptance :
22.01.2026

Last Date for On-line Registration :
25.01.2026