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Government College (Autonomous),
Bhawanipatna**

National Seminar

On

**Recent Trends in
Ethnoarchaeological Research in
India**

20th & 21st February 2019



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Spot Registration Fee: INR-500/- will be collected from all delegates (Registration fee includes accommodation and refreshments)

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The Concept Note

Ethnoarchaeology, which gained recognition as an interdisciplinary academic discipline in the second half of the 20th century, can be defined as the ethnographic study of people for archaeological purposes and involves the study of the material remains of diverse societies. Ethnoarchaeology helps archaeologists to reconstruct ancient ways of life by studying the material and non-material traditions of modern societies. It is at the confluence of the fields of archaeology and anthropology that yields unique and fascinating insights on the human past.

This is a widespread research strategy for bridging the present and the past. It holds a very special position in the process of reconstructing the past, since it allows archaeologists to build frames of reference from the ethnographic present to explore, test, and infer about past phenomena. Ethnoarchaeologists learn from contemporary societies, exploring the fine distinction of current human behaviors in search of more refined and varied models to enhance our interpretive tools. Nowadays, the world is facing major changes, as economic insecurity, cultural and social conflicts are rapidly

altering global equilibria. In this transforming scenario, the development of anthropological and archaeological research is directly affected by reduced accessibility to regions or states and widespread decrease in funding. However, the questions that hold center stage are:

- Can a reshaped ethnoarchaeology mitigate these current problems and reconfigure, once again, as an innovative research strategy?
- Can ethnoarchaeology actively contribute to the debate around the preservation of local knowledge, sustainable development and climate change?
- How are new technologies affecting ethnoarchaeology?
- Are the advances in computer modeling and simulation really opening new horizons for ethnoarchaeology?

In this seminar contributions are welcome that envision ‘what ethnoarchaeology is going to be in the near future’, explicitly addressing (but not limiting to) one of the below mentioned themes, focusing on the role of ethnoarchaeology in the broad realm of current research in social sciences and humanities. The aim of the seminar is to discuss new and viable fields to promote ethnoarchaeology, and to highlight new

methodological and theoretical approaches that may shape the future of this discipline.

Theme of the Seminar

Ethnography and Archaeology

Sub themes:

- Landscape ethnoarchaeology: human-environment interactions and dynamics of choice
- Ethnoarchaeology and material culture: use, function, interaction with the environment, social implications, and cognitive patterns
- Ethnoarchaeology of rituals
- Ethnoarchaeology of urban contexts
- Remote sensing and automatic recognition techniques of the archaeological record
- Ethnoarchaeology of pastoralism
- Archaeology: Prehistoric Culture
- Tangible aspects of tribal culture
- Ethnography and Archaeology
- Ethnoarchaeology and Tribal Religion and culture
- Ethno-History and Cultural Studies
- Ethnoarchaeology and Ethno-Medicine
- Any issues related to the topic

About the Seminar

The aim of the seminar is to bring together young researchers, renowned scholars, eminent professors, ethnographers, archaeologists, anthropologists, and historians in the country with interest in the broad arena of ethnoarchaeological research to a common platform. The seminar also aims to create a conducive environment for young researchers and teachers to share their perspectives and findings.

Profile of the College

Government College (Auto.), Bhawanipatna, was established in the year 1960. It is the premier college in Kalahandi district of Odisha. The college caters the educational needs of the district as well as students from the neighboring districts such as Koraput, Nabarangpur, Nuapada and Bolangir take admission in different programs of the college. It received the Autonomous Status in 2002 for its academic potentialities. Recently, the college has been conferred with the status of "College with Potential for Excellence". The College is accredited by NAAC with Grade "B+" in 2017. For more details please visit our

Website : <http://www.gacbhawanipatna.org>

How to reach Bhawanipatna?

Nearest Railway Station is at Bhawanipatna and Kesinga. Nearest Airport to Kalahandi is at Bhubaneswar, and Raipur which are about 418 km and 261 away respectively. Bhubaneswar is well air connected with all major airports in India. Kalahandi is connected by regular bus services from many important cities in the state including Koraput, Bhubaneswar and Berhampur. State owned road Transport Corporation and private bus service providers operate buses between Kalahandi and other cities.

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Date & Time of Departure: _____

