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THEME:

**Health and Wellbeing in India: Socio-economic
and Gender Implications**

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at

SAMBALPUR UNIVERSITY, ODISHA

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Conference Theme

Health and Wellbeing in India: Socio-economic and Gender Implications

Background:

Given the issues concerning the health status, behaviour and health care system in India, there is a need to critically analyze various inter-connected issues pertaining to gender, health, wellbeing & sustainable development, with a view to develop useful perspectives and approaches. It is important for social scientists working in this field to debate and discuss the possibilities for evolving suitable mechanisms to interlink research, practice and policy. The conference provides much needed platform for researchers to present their views and ideas, thereby, making significant contributions towards a better understanding of the inter-relationship between health, gender, well-being and socio-economic development.

A healthy population is an important foundation of sustainable development, contributing to inclusive growth in the country. Despite some progress in last few decades, the human development index of the country highlights the need to take actions for health promotion and disease prevention among different demographic segments of the population, especially among the disadvantaged groups such as tribal communities. The investments and interventions in healthcare and health infrastructure are critical to accelerate progress towards the SDG goals and to break the inter-generational cycle of poverty.

The IASSH conference is a leading forum for exchanging insights and experiences on different emerging issues in health and social sciences to address the challenges of achieving adequate and affordable health care in India. Professionals from diverse backgrounds are coming together to advance knowledge and understanding by debating on health and wellbeing aspects with regional and gender perspectives.

Sub-Themes

S1: Health and Wellbeing

S2: Health, Gender, and Environment

S3: Health and Sustainability: Policy and Practice

S4: Health and Development: Multidisciplinary Perspectives

Technical Sessions

S1: Health and Wellbeing

- T1: Public Health and Sanitation
- T2: Health and Nutrition
- T3: Maternal and Child health care
- T4: Health and Ageing
- T5: Morbidity and Mortality

S2: Health, Gender, and Environment

- T6: Women Empowerment and Development
- T7: Gender dimensions of Health care
- T8: Gender Equality and Identity
- T9: Health and Climate Change
- T10: Health, Migration and Urban Challenges

S3: Health and Sustainability: Policy and Practice

- T11: Evidence-based policies to achieve SDGs
- T12: Innovation and Infrastructure
- T13: Health care and role of Corporate Social Responsibility
- T14: Health, poverty and reforms
- T15: Healthcare and Technology

S4: Health and Development: Multidisciplinary Perspectives

- T16: Social and Economic Determinants of Health
- T17: Emerging Health Issues
- T18: Health Management and Information Systems
- T19: Tribal Health and Knowledge Systems
- T20: Health Policies and Programs

Conference Organizers

IASSH

Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH) is a vibrant professional association with more than 1300 life members. It has played an important role in bringing together social scientists working in the field of health and development. Through annual conferences, workshops and publications, IASSH reaches out to large number of scholars, researchers, NGOs and health practitioners in India and abroad. One of the goals of IASSH is to encourage youth participation in knowledge transfer in social sciences and health research.

IASSH is an independent professional association to meet the felt need of having an exclusive forum for social scientists from various disciplines who are working on health and related issues to meet periodically and share the research findings. By highlighting the implications of the study findings among different stakeholders, it is hoped to bring about concerted action to address the emerging issues in health and development sectors. Association tries to enable scholars in health social sciences to enlarge their career opportunities and fulfil their professional commitment.

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Sambalpur University

Sambalpur University occupies an important position in the academic scenario of the state of Odisha and India. The University started functioning from 1st January, 1967. It is located in a valley down the world's longest earthen dam (Hirakud Dam) which spread across a green hillock. The University's 671 acres wide area of land and natural environment create a peaceful and studious atmosphere. The territorial jurisdiction of the University covers 6 districts of the state of Odisha namely Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Jharsuguda, Deogarh, Bargarh, Boudh and Athamallik Sub-Division of Angul District. Sambalpur University ranks 'A' Grade in the third cycle of academic evaluation by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

The University has expanded its academic profile over the years to comprise 26 Post-graduate Departments in 42 subjects, and running self-financing programmes in 12 subjects. This institution has continuously expanded its curricular range in keeping with the emergent academic needs of the region. Along with this, the university also provides Doctoral and Post-doctoral degree courses in various subjects of Science, Arts and Humanities. The University has produced many outstanding scholars spread across the globe. The University has many prominent alumni and they have occupied key positions in India and abroad. The university campus exhibits a diverse cultural background to share, interact and learn from each other.

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Call for Abstracts

Abstracts (maximum 300 words) are invited on topics relevant to the technical themes from scholars who want to present papers at the conference. You must submit the abstract online at: <http://www.iassh.org/onlineabstract.aspx> by **25th December 2024**.

Youth Best Paper/ Poster Awards

An Expert Committee will select best research papers from young scholars (less than 30 years of age). These should be single authored research papers. Interested young scholars encouraged to submit their abstracts online for the competition by mentioning “**For Young Scholars Research Paper Award**”. There will be “**Best Poster Awards**” in the category of poster presentations. Oral presentation will be allotted 15 minutes’ time.

Memorial Lectures

IASSH has instituted a memorial lecture in honour of Prof. John Caldwell, doyen of Demography, who passed away in 2016. The Eighth **Prof. John Caldwell Memorial Lecture** will be held during the conference. In honour of late Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan, a distinguished demographer and former President of the Association, the Tenth **Prof. K. E. Vaidyanathan Memorial Lecture** will also be held during the annual conference.

Important Dates:

Last Date for Receiving Abstracts online	25th Dec 2024
Intimation about Acceptance of Abstracts & Travel Grant	05th Jan 2025
Last Date to Pay Conference Registration Fee	20th Jan 2025
Submission of Full paper	20th Feb 2025
20th Annual Conference	5th -7th March 2025

Travel Grants

Travel Grant may be awarded to paper presenters of some selected abstracts which include to and fro rail fare. All participants are requested to explore the possibility of obtaining TA/DA from their organizations, which will facilitate participation of more young scholars. Decisions regarding the award of travel grants rest with the review committee and depends upon the availability of funds. Preference will be given to the life members of the Association. Local hospitality (accommodation and food) will be provided to all registered paper presenters of selected abstracts.

Registration Fees (Non-Refundable):

Type of Participant	Early Registration by 20 th Jan 2025	Late Registration by 10 th Feb 2025	Spot Registration (including Registrations after 10 th Feb 2025)
Conference Registration Fee:			
Member of IASSH	Rs. 2000	Rs. 2500	Rs.3000
Non-Member	Rs. 3500	Rs. 4000	Rs.4500
Overseas Participants	\$ 100	\$ 120	\$130

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Places to visit in Sambalpur

Sambalpur is the Education hub of Odisha and named from the presiding Goddess Samalei, whose stone image was discovered by Balaram Dev, the first king of Sambalpur. Apart from the Samaleswari Temple, the city offers many places to visit like Hirakud Dam, The Leaning Temple of Huma, Ghanteswari Temple, Sambalpur Zoo, Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary and Nature Camp, Gandhi Minar, Singhpali (to observe Sambalpuri textile weaving) etc.

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