

IMPORTANT DATES

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION	
20 th May, 2025	Abstract Submission
31 st May, 2025	Acceptance of Abstract Submission
FULL RESEARCH PAPER SUBMISSION	
30 th June, 2025	Early Bird Registration - (15% Discount)
10 th July, 2025	Full Paper Submission

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 - List of recommended hotels and guest houses will be shared post-registration.
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HOW TO REACH SAMBALPUR

- Air Connectivity: The nearest airport to Sambalpur is Veer Surendra Sai Airport Jharsuguda (JRG) which is 50.4 km away. Sambalpur's air connectivity is supported by other two major international airports: Swami Vivekananda Airport in Raipur (265 km away) and Biju Patnaik Airport in Bhubaneswar (300 km).
- Rail Connectivity: Sambalpur is a divisional headquarters of East Coast Railway, with four railway stations (Sambalpur, Sambalpur Road, Hirakud, and SambalpurCity). It offers direct rail links to major cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and more.
- Road Connectivity: The city is positioned along National Highways 6 (Mumbai-Kolkata) and 42 (Bhubaneswar). It has two bus terminals: the Government Bus Stand at Laxmi Talkies Chhaka and the Private Bus Stand at Ainthapali, providing frequent services for regional travel.



PRAYAS
Progressive Rejuvenation and Awakening of Youth for Atmanirbharata and Sustainability
National Conference

Theme of the conference:

NEP 2020: A Transformational Education Policy for Humanity



Organised by
Odisha State Open University (OSOU)
Sambalpur
in collaboration with
Sambalpur Public Library (SPL)
Sambalpur



6TH & 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2025
Venue: OSOU/River Inn Resorts, Sambalpur

OSOU (ODISHA STATE OPEN UNIVERSITY)

Odisha State Open University (OSOU) offers flexible, inclusive, and skill-based education through Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Learning (OL) across Odisha. It focuses on education and vocational training to enhance employability, especially for marginalized groups. OSOU aims to boost the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education and bridges academic-industry gaps through technology-enabled, practice-oriented learning.

SPL (SAMBALPUR PUBLIC LIBRARY)

The Public Library in Sambalpur, Odisha, is a vital community hub that promotes literacy and education. It supports students, researchers, and educators with a wide range of academic, fiction, non-fiction, and reference books. The library fosters lifelong learning, digital literacy, and academic collaboration, providing a serene and conducive environment for focused study and intellectual engagement.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVE:

- The key objectives of the conference are to:
- Transformative roadmap for the effective implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.
 - Promote interdisciplinary collaboration and knowledge exchange among academicians, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners.
 - Provide a platform for showcasing innovative practices, policy insights, and research outcomes aligned with the vision of inclusive, skill-driven, and technology-enabled education.
 - Empower young scholars and emerging voices by fostering dialogue, mentorship, and academic partnerships.

THE 7S FOCUS AREAS:

This annual conference aims to address 'S' in every year as a theme of the conference. This time Shiksha (Education) is the focused area.

Shiksha (Education)

- Swasthya (Health)
- Swabalamban (Self-dependence)
- Sakshamta (Competence)
- Samriddhi (Development)
- Satatta (Sustainability)
- Samaj (Society)

CONCEPT NOTE

PRAYAS: Progressive Rejuvenation and Awakening of Youth for Atmanirbharata and Sustainability is an Annual National Conference of (OSOU) Odisha State Open University envisaged to provide a platform to researchers and the progressive researchers to discuss present and collaborate their research findings to bring out feasible impactful solutions in the 7 focus areas Shiksha (Education), Swasthya (Health), Swabalamban (Self-dependence), Sakshamta (Competence), Samriddhi (Development), Satatta (Sustainability), Samaj (Society). Every year the conference will emphasize one of the 7S as the theme of the conference. This year conference aims to evolve effective path ways of implementation to leverage the potential of the transformational National Education Policy 2020. The conference has a pre-conference workshop to address the core issues of the theme of the conference. This workshop will deal upon understanding and effective participation of the faculty members and researchers in NIRF, NAAC & NBA.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

- Reimagining Indian education through indigenous knowledge system
- Flexible curriculum frameworks and credit system
- Integration of Artificial Intelligence and Educational Technology
- Vocational Education and Skill-Based Learning
- Open and Distance Learning (ODL) and Online Education
- Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in Education
- Role of Public Libraries in Promoting Lifelong Learning
- Research, Innovation, and Industry-Academia Collaboration
- Implementation of Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)
- Edu-Tech platforms for inclusive learning
- Inclusion of children with special needs (CwSN)
- NEP-2020 and Alignment with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Implementation Challenges: State and National Perspectives

CALL FOR PAPERS:

Odisha State Open University (OSOU) invites academicians, researchers, professionals to submit their original research papers and case studies for presentation and publication. This conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue and share cutting-edge research across various focus areas of NEP 2020.

KEY DETAILS

1. Abstract and Full Paper Submission-Authors are requested to submit an abstract/Summary note of up to 500 words to the email ID: prayas@osou.ac.in by 20th May, 2025. The abstract should clearly outline the research problem, objectives, methodology, key findings, and relevance. All accepted abstracts will be published in the Conference Proceedings. The Author(s) of accepted abstract requires to submit full length paper not exceeding 3000 words by 10th July, 2025.

GUIDELINE FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION:

- Accepted abstracts will be notified through email (Authors must provide a valid email address with each abstract submission).
- Abstracts should be submitted in English/Hindi/Oriya.
- Full papers (2000-3000 words) should follow APA (7th edition) referencing style.
- Submit via email: prayas@osou.ac.in

ABSTRACT FORMAT:

- Times New Roman/, font size 12 with regular texts and headings in bold; lines spacing 1.15, and alignment “justified”.
- All submissions must be in editable MS-Word document format only.

Please include the following details in your submission Name, Designation, Institutional affiliation and Subtheme
Google form link for abstract submission

<https://forms.gle/VQaB7WqsNPnz1Je67>

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP:

A pre-conference workshop led by experts focused on implementing NEP 2020 effectively. It covered key aspects of NBA and NAAC accreditation, highlighting quality benchmarks and institutional excellence. The session also explained the NIRF ranking process, emphasizing performance indicators and strategic planning. Overall, it served as a platform for capacity building and quality enhancement.

BEST PAPER AWARDS

The criteria for best paper award will focus on - Originality, Significance, Quality of Argument and Clarity of Presentation.

Top three research papers, as recommended by the Jury, will receive:

- First Prize: ₹10,000
- Second Prize: ₹5,000
- Third Prize: ₹2,500

PARTICIPATION AS DELEGATE

Non-presenting participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

• Pre-Conference Workshop + Conference	
With Accommodation	Rs. 2500/- + Room Rent
Without Accommodation	Rs. 2500/-
• Conference Only	
General	Rs. 2000/-
Academicians	Rs. 2000/-
Research Scholars / Students	Rs. 1000/-
Industry Experts / Delegates	Rs. 3000/-
• Early Bird Discount	
15% discount available for registrations before 30 th June 2025	



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