

COUNCIL OF ANALYTICAL TRIBAL STUDIES (COATS)
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017-2018

The important activities / achievements of the Council during the period from 01.04.2017 to 31.03.2018 are mentioned hereunder:

1. Academic Activities:

A) Library:

At present there are 6229 books and 2538 Journals in the Library including the books and journals procured during the year 2017-18. During the year under reference 184 books and 50 Journals have been added to the Library. Prof. Gyana Chandra Kar, former Director of NCDS, Bhubaneswar has donated 123 books and ten copies of the Journals to our Library during February, 2018. Only 61 books and 40 volumes of Journals have been purchased.

B) M.Phil in Tribal Studies

Till 2015-16 academic session COATS was conducting M.Phil entrance examination in the centre and 16 students were selected on the basis of the marks secured in entrance examination, performance in Viva-voce test and career marks. During 2016-17 session the University advertised for entrance examination centrally for all departments at Berhampur University. However, Tribal Studies subject was not included in the original advertisement. Later on, it was advertised on our complaint made to the registrar. For Tribal Studies, only 12 students applied in time and appeared the entrance examination out of whom only two students were selected. Both of them have appeared the theory examination and only one student has submitted the dissertation along with three old students.

During 2017-18 session the UGC made a circular debarring retired Professors / Readers supervising M.Phil / Ph.D. scholars. As a result of this, Dr. P.C. Mohapatro and Dr. J. Samal, the two retired persons who

were guiding the scholars so far were deprived of being the supervisors. Therefore, our subject was not included in the advertisement. Hence, during 2018 there are no M.Phil students. The Board of Governors meeting held on 12.05.2017, vide Item No.11 resolved to take steps to appoint a Reader with Ph.D. qualification. Accordingly, a Reader has been appointed and he is working since 15.10.2017.

C) M.A. in 'Tribal Studies':

In spite of reduction of course fee from Rs.8,000/- to Rs.5,000/- in respect of General students and from Rs.4,000/- to Rs.2,000/- in respect of ST / SC students only 4 candidates applied for admission into M.A. class in Tribal Studies. The University rule is that in the second year after opening the P.G. class, there must be at least 10 students. Hence, we could not run the M.A. class during 2017-18.

D) Ph.D. Programme

Three candidates submitted their Ph.D. dissertations in 2015. The evaluation has been conducted and two of them have received their Ph.D. degree as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Scholar	Topic of Research	Date of Publication of the result
1.	Sri Dayanidhi Bag, Asst. Director, Soil Conservation, Koaput Under the Supervision of Dr. Premanda Das & Dr. Malaya Kumar Mishra	Impact of Cashew Plantations (Anacardium Occidentale) in Ecology and Livelihood of Tribals in Koraput Region	31.08.2016
2.	Sri Nandi Kishore Tandi, A.D.W.O., Nuapada Under the Supervision of Dr. P.C. Mohapatro & Dr. Arunendra Nanda	Tribal Development Schemes and Programmes Retrospect and Prospect : Case Study of Koraput Region	09.09.2017

The results of Sri Upendra Narayan Jena, Lecturer in Economics, Biju Patnaik College, Kundra who has submitted his Ph.D. dissertation on 28.05.15 to the University under the supervision of Prof. J. Samal has not been published till date. On enquiry to the Ph.D. section of the University it is learnt that both the examiners have submitted their evaluation report. The Examination Committee has approved to fix the date to

conduct of Viva-Voce Test. It is expected that within a couple of months his results will be published.

E) Publications

The Vol.V, Issue-I and Issue-II of the Journal titled, "Tribal Studies: A Journal of COATS" has been published during the year under report.

The Ph.D. thesis of Dr. Anup Kumar Mohanty, Sr. Lecturer in Economics, Semiliguda College titled "Watershed Management : Effective tool for Sustainable Livelihood" has been jointly published by COATS and Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd. in October, 2017.

2. Project work from NCDS, Bhubaneswar

The Draft Report of Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study on Land Acquisition for Construction of Sambalpur – Titilagarh Doubling of the Railway Link Project in Bolangir District was submitted to the Special Land Acquisition Officer on 19.11.16. However, due to the ban imposed by the Election Commission for conduct of three tier Panchayat Raj Election, the public hearing was conducted between 27.01.17 to 03.01.17. The final report has been submitted to NCDS and Government of Odisha on 1st August, 2017.

3. New Projects

An application has been made to the Member Secretary, PHDMA, Planning and Convergence Department for entrusting COATS the preparation of Human Development Report of Rayagada District during December, 2017.

A Research Project titled, "Panchayat Raj Extension to Scheduled Areas (PESA) Act and Tribal Self Rule : A Critical Reflection in Koraput, Rayagada, Malkangiri and Nabarangpur Districts was submitted for award of Ajim Premji University Research Grants in collaboration with PRAGATI, an NGO of Koraput during February, 2018. In the first round the reviewers appointed by the University have selected the proposal submitted by us along with the other best proposals.

The stage-2 proposal on the above subject has been submitted online on 10.04.2018. The intimation about the acceptance of the proposal is expected to be known in the 1st week of June, 2018.

4. **M.P. LAD Building**

The new MPLAD building sponsored by Late P.M. Mohapatra, Hon'ble M.P. (R/S) for construction of a class room and hostel has been completed. The Building was inaugurated by Sri Jhina Hikoka, Hon'ble M.P. Lok Sabha in the presence of Sri Anupam Saha, IAS, Collector, Koraput, Sri Gadadhara Parida, Secretary of Sri Jagannath Temple, Koraput and Dr. P.C. Mohapatro, Director, COATS on 24.09.2017. As per the decision taken in the Board of Governors meeting held on 22.05.2017, the Director and Prof. Digambara Satapathy contacted with Smt. Pratibha Mohapatra and the name of the building has been given as Soudamini Bhawan. It may be noted that Smt. Soudamini Mohapatra, Mother of Late P.M. Mohapatra was a Social Worker and was helping the Scheduled Castes people of Dhenkanal district in many ways.

5. **Sanction of funds by ICSSR for publication of Journal**

Application has been sent to ICSSR for sanction of Grant-in-Aid of Rs.1.00 lakh (Rupees one lakh only) for publication of the Journal. We have sent five copies of the Journal of Volume-V, Issue-I on 30.10.2017 and have made an application for Grant of Rs. One lakh on 30.10.2017 in the revised format supplied by ICSSR. We have also sent five copies of the Journal Vol.V, Issue-II to ICSSR on 13.04.2018 with a request to sanction funds for the year 2017-18.

6. **Publication of Research Articles in the Journals bearing ISSN No. and other Magazines**

The following Articles contributed by the members of the staff of COATS have been published in Journals / Magazines during 2017-18 session:

SI. No.	Contributed by	Title of the Paper	Published in
1.	Prof. J. Samal Professor, COATS, Koraput	Culture and Heritage of Tribals in Scheduled Areas	Published in the Souvenir ' NISHANI' published by COATS, January, 2018.

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2.	Prof. Rabi Narayan Patra with S.P. Samal, B.B. Nanda and M.K. Das	Growth and Instability in Food Grains Productions in Odisha : A District Level Analysis	SSRC International Journal of Economics and Management Studies, Vol.4, Issue-II, P.1-7, 2017.
3.	Prof. Rabi Narayan Patra, S.P. Samal, M.K. Das and B.B. Nanda	Growth and Instability in Oilseed Production in Odisha : A District Level Analysis	International Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences Invention, Vol.6, Issue-II, PP.39-45, 2017.
4.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Rath, Reader in Tribal Studies	A Study of Shifting Cultivation Practices and Measures adopted for Control in Koraput Region	Tribal Studies: A Journal of COATS, Vol.5, Issue-2, Dec, 2017, PP.56-81, ISSN No. 2321-3396
5.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Rath, Reader in Tribal Studies	Kondha : The largest Tribe of Koraput Region	Published in the Souvenir ' NISHANI' published by COATS, January, 2018.
6.	Sri Gopinath Pradhan, Lecturer in Tribal Studies & Soumya Ranjan Pradhan	Impact of Development Programmes on Socio-Economic Life of Tribals : A Micro Study	Vanyajati, July, 2017, Bharatiya Adim Jani Sevak Sangh, New-Delhi, PP.20-28, ISSN No. 0975-064
7.	Sri Gopinath Pradhan, Lecturer in Tribal Studies	Role of ICDS & Anganawadi workers in the promotion of Rural Health and Nutrition with Special Reference to Koraput District of Odisha	Tribal Studies : A Journal of COATS, Vol.5, Issue-2, December, 2017, PP.38-55, ISSN No.2321-3396
8.	Sri Gopinath Pradhan, Lecturer in Tribal Studies	Description of Tribes of Odisha	Published in the Souvenir ' NISHANI' published by COATS, January, 2018.
9.	Sri Ashok Kumar Nanda, Lecturer in Tribal Studies	The Koya : A Tribe of Southern Odisha	Published in the Souvenir ' NISHANI' published by COATS, January, 2018.
10.	Sri Laxmi Narayan Padhi, Librarian	A Narrative Analysis of Low Literacy Rate among SC & ST women in Koraput District of Odisha	Published in the Souvenir ' NISHANI' published by COATS, January, 2018.

7. Research Papers presented in different Seminars & Workshops

The following research papers have been presented in different Seminars / Workshops by the Member of the staff of COATS:

Sl. No.	Presented by	Title of the Paper	Presented in the Seminar / Workshop
1.	Dr. P.C. Mohapatro Director	Policy Issues on Shifting Cultivation	In the Seminar on, "Shifting Cultivation in Odisha : Status and Issues" by Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation Research Centre, Sunabeda on 10.11.2017.

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2.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Rath Reader in Tribal Studies	Socio Economic Status and Productivity in Shifting Cultivation	In the Seminar on, "Shifting Cultivation in Odisha : Status and Issues" by Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation Research Centre, Sunabeda on 10 th November, 2017.
3.	Dr. Narendra Kumar Rath Reader in Tribal Studies	Role of Tribal Women in Agricultural Development : A Case Study of Koraput Block of Southern Odisha	National Seminar on Tribal Rights : Issues and Challenges, organized by COATS in collaboration with Central University of Orissa, Koraput.
4.	Sri Gopinath Pradhan Lecturer in Tribal Studies	Exploitation among the Tribals of Odisha (with Special Reference to Koraput District)	National Seminar on Tribal Rights : Issues and Challenges, organized by COATS in collaboration with Central University of Orissa, Koraput.
5.	Sri Ashok Kumar Nanda Lecturer in Tribal Study	Industrialization and Sustainable Rural Livelihood in Damanjodi Area, Odisha	National Seminar on Tribal Rights : Issues and Challenges, organized by COATS in collaboration with Central University of Orissa, Koraput.

A one day Seminar was organized in the Seminar Hall of COATS on, "Managing People in the Era of Globalisation" on 13.04.2017. Prof. Rajendra Prasad Das, Vice chancellor, Berhampur University was the Chief Guest, Prof. Arun Kumar Panda, Prof. of M.B.A. was the Guest of Honour and Sri Gadadhara Parida, Director, Tribal Museum and Secretary of Sri Jagannath Temple presided over the function. It was attended by the teaching staff of COATS, neighbouring colleges, Central University of Orissa and District Level Officers.

8. Organisation of Silver Jubilee of COATS

COATS was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister of Orissa Late Biju Patnaik on 9th January, 1993 and has completed 25 years of its service on 8th January, 2018. As per the resolution adopted in the Board of Governors meeting held on 12.05.2017 the Silver Jubilee function was organized by COATS in a befitting manner. A sum of Rs.1,44,000.00 (Rupees one lakh forty four thousand only) was collected through advertisement for publication of a Souvenir and a sum of Rs.2,01,050.00 (Rupees two lakhs one thousand fifty only) was donated by M.Phil, and

Ph.D. scholars and staff of COATS for the organization of the Silver Jubilee.

A National Seminar on “Tribal Rights : Issues and Challenges” was organized in collaboration with the Central University of Odisha, Koraput. The Vice-Chancellor of the University contributed Rs.1 lakh for the organization of the National Seminar as a share of the University.

The National Seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor of the Central University of Odisha. Prof. Sunita Mishra, Dean of the school of Social Science of Lucknow University presented the Keynote address on the subject. Prof. Rita Ray presided over the meeting. Dr. Latika Mishra, Assistant Regional Director, IGNOU who was the Convenor of the Seminar also addressed.

The Seminar was conducted in four sessions as detailed below:

Session No. Date	Name of the Chairman	Name of the Rapporteur	No. of Papers presented
08.01.2018 Hall-I, 4:00 P.M.	Prof. Digambara Satapathy Vice-Chairman, COATS	Dr. Kartik Chandra Lenka, Scientist	07
08.01.2018 Hall-II	Prof. R.N. Patra Professor in Tribal Study, COATS	Dr. Kapil Khemundu Asst. Professor of Sociology, Central University of Orissa	05
09.01.2018 Hall-I	Prof. K.K. Mishra Vice-Chancellor, Utkal University of Culture, Odisha	Dr. S.K. Padhy Reader in Political Science, Govt. College, Koraput	16
09.01.2018	Prof. R.N. Patra Professor in Tribal Study, COATS	Dr. Kapil Khemundu Asst. Professor of Sociology, Central University of Orissa	14

The Seminar was attended by participants from Jharkhand, Chattisgarh, West Bengal, New-Delhi and Odisha. Around 100 participants were present on each day.

On 9th January, 2018 the Silver Jubilee function was inaugurated by Sri Anupam Saha, IAS, Collector, Koraput. Smt. Rashmita Panda, IAS, Collector, Nabarangpur, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice-chancellor, Central University of Orissa, Koraput and Prof. K.K. Mishra, Vice-

chancellor, Utkal University of Culture were the Guests of Honour. The session was presided by Prof. Rita Ray, Chairperson of COATS.

On 09.01.2018 in the evening at 6 P.M. another session was organized under the Chairmanship of Dr. Anup Kumar Mohanty, President, Silver Jubilee organizing Committee. The welcome address was given by Sri Paresh Rath, Organising Secretary of the Silver Jubilee Committee. Hon'ble M.P. Sri Jhina Hikoka was the Chief Guest. Sri Chandra Sekhar Majhi, Hon'ble MLA, Kotpad, Sri Bhagaban Bahinipati, Chairman, Koraput Municipality were present on the dias as Guests.

On 10th January 2018 the Valedictory function was organized at 3:30 P.M. Sri Ramesh Chandra Majhi, Honourable Minister of ST, SC, Development Department was the Chief Guest. Hon'ble M.P. Sri Balabhadra Majhi, Hon'ble M.P., Sri Jhina Hikoka, Sri Prabhu Jani, chairman, Zilla Parishad, Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty, Vice-Chancellor of Central University of Orissa, Koraput, Sri Deben Kumar Pradhan, ADM were the Guests of Honour. Prof. Digambara Satapathy, Vice-Chairman, COATS Presided over the function.

In all the sessions Dr. P.C. Mohpatro, Director, introduced the Guests and gave a warm welcome to them. Prof. Jagabandhu Samal, Professor in Tribal Study offered the Vote of thanks on the inaugural session of the National Seminar and the Valedictory function. Prof. R.N. Patra offered the Vote of thanks on the inaugural function of the Silver Jubilee celebration.

The Proceedings of the National Seminar have been Video Recorded and around 150 Photographs have been taken during the Seminar in hard copies.

9. IGNOU Centre

The Term-End-Examinations of IGNOU held in December, 2017 was conducted peacefully. Around 528 students of different subjects appeared the examination. More than 300 students have been enrolled in 2018 in IGNOU study centre including Re-registration of old students.

10. Jagannath Skill Development Centre

In collaboration with Centurian University a Skill Development Centre was running in COATS premises. More than 600 SC & ST Girls were trained between 2011-2016 as Operator of Electrically operated Sewing Machines. Around 550 trained ladies were posted in export oriented apparel industries at Chennai, Tirupur, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kerla etc. However, the Centurian University has closed the Centre in 2017.

As per the discussion made with Chairperson COATS and few members of the Board of Governors such as Sri Gadadhara Parida and Prof. J. Samal, Stitching and Cutting training is now imparted by COATS to 10 women candidates of Koraput town. The classes have started on 05.03.2018.

11. Prof. Ajit Kumar Mitra Memorial Lecture

The 8th Prof. Ajit Kumar Mitra Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. S.N. Tripathy, Professor of Economics, Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics on 8th May, 2017 on "Displacement and Deprivation of Tribes in India". Prof. Sachidananda Mohanty was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Sri Gadadhara Parida, Former Collector, Koraput and the Secretary of Sri Jagannath Mandir Parichalana Sanstha presided over the meeting.

12. Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

With the permission of the Chairperson of COATS the following to Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) have been signed with the Central University of Odisha, Koraput 'O' Foundation, Bhubaneswar and SCSTRTI, Bhubaneswar.

The main objectives of the MoU with the Central University of Odisha are:

- a) To promote and enhance academic interest between Central University of Orissa and COATS.
- b) To provide expert advice and support for the overall development of the Centre for Tribal Welfare and Community Development (CTWCD) of CUO into a Centre of Excellence of Tribal Studies.

- c) To promote collaborative research activities between the institutions as well as with institutions of National and International. This MoU was signed on 25.07.2018.

Another MoU was signed with 'O' Foundation, Bhubaneswar on 17th October, 2018 with the following objectives.

- a) COATS and 'OFDN' will work towards identifying indigenous languages that are threatened and / or need digitization.
- b) Both the parties will engage with regional and community stakeholders to grow linguistic and anthropological research and documentation in digital medium.
- c) The parties will strike towards publishing their research findings and archival documents with open access and make their work outcome publicly available under open licences.
- d) The parties will organize outreach and educational campaigns and other activities to promote indigenous cultures.

The third MoU was made with SC ST Research and Training Institute on 10th November, 2017 with the following terms at Bhubaneswar:

- a) That all publications already done and will be done in future by both the institutions will be exchanged by each other which will enhance the capacity of both the institutions for pursuing quality Research.
- b) That both the institutions will collaborate on selected subjects for Empirical Research which will be mutual interest.

Director, COATS