

Travel Grant: To and fro- Three-tier A/C fare will be provided to the selected participants along with local hospitality. There is no registration fees to attend the seminar.

Submission of Abstract: Abstracts are invited in any of the proposed sub-themes. An abstract not exceeding 300 words to be sent including the objective, data and methodology and preliminary findings.

Submission of Full Paper: The selected authors will have to submit the full paper (not exceeding 6000 words) within the due date. Some of the selected papers for presentation might be considered for publication after necessary revisions as a book chapter in an edited book by a publisher of high academic repute.

Mode of Event: The event will be organised in physical mode.

Important Dates

Abstract Submission: 30 May, 2025
Abstract Acceptance: 10 June, 2025
Submission of Full paper: 5 July, 2025

Abstract Submission Link:

<https://forms.gle/WRQEnEtLsEpzXwyt6>

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National Seminar on
Building Resilience: Integrating
Sustainability, Nutrition, and Livelihoods
in Indian Agriculture
(10th -11th July, 2025)



Organised by
Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for
Development Studies, Bhubaneswar
(An ICSSR Research Institute in Collaboration
with Govt. of Odisha)

About the Institute: The Nabakrushna Choudhury Centre for Development Studies (NCDS), established in 1987, is Odisha's only state-supported socio-economic research and policy think tank. Jointly funded by ICSSR and the Government of Odisha, it engages in research, consultancy, and academic collaboration to shape public policy. NCDS notably played a key role in conceptualizing the Sree Anna Abhiyan (formerly Odisha Millet Mission), promoting nutrition, sustainable agriculture, and tribal livelihoods through millet-based farming systems.

About the National Seminar: India's agricultural sector, the backbone of its rural economy, sustains over 60% of the population directly or indirectly. However, it faces mounting challenges such as climate variability, soil degradation, groundwater depletion, malnutrition, and rural unemployment. These issues are intensified by regional disparities and socio-economic inequities, particularly impacting smallholders, women, and tribal communities. Despite several policy interventions, progress remains uneven across key indicators of agricultural productivity, nutrition, and environmental sustainability.

The concept of green growth has emerged as a forward-looking approach—fostering economic development while ensuring ecological balance and social inclusion. Closely aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially those addressing hunger, health, climate action, and decent work, green growth emphasizes climate-resilient agriculture, nutrition-sensitive farming, and agro-based entrepreneurship. The promotion of millets as Shree Anna is a prime example of leveraging traditional crops for enhancing nutrition, resilience, and rural livelihoods.

Odisha has taken a pioneering role in integrating sustainable agriculture with nutrition and livelihood strategies. The success of initiatives like the Shree Anna Abhiyan (formerly the Odisha Millet Mission) underscores the potential for scalable, inclusive agricultural transformation. However, expanding such efforts nationwide requires robust dialogue, collaborative research, and policy innovation.

The national seminar **“Building Resilience: Integrating Sustainability, Nutrition, and Livelihoods in Indian Agriculture”** offers a timely platform to explore these synergies. It aims to foster strategic partnerships, generate actionable insights, and contribute to India's journey toward inclusive and climate-resilient agricultural development.

The seminar seeks to:

- Foster cross-sectoral dialogue on climate-resilient and nutrition-sensitive agriculture.
- Highlight innovations and best practices in sustainable farming, food systems, and rural employment
- Promote inclusive development models that empower women, youth, and marginalised communities
- Strengthen policy linkages and institutional frameworks to support green and equitable growth and integrate sustainability, nutrition, and livelihoods

THEMES:

1. Climate-Smart Agriculture and Environmental Sustainability

- Integrating agroecological principles into mainstream farming
- Soil health regeneration and sustainable nutrient management
- Carbon farming, agroforestry, and biodiversity conservation
- Innovations in water-use efficiency and drought-resilient cropping
- Institutional frameworks for climate risk governance in agriculture
- Disaster risk reduction and community resilience

2. Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Food Systems

- Linking farm diversity to dietary diversity and health outcomes
- Biofortified crops and their role in reducing micronutrient deficiencies
- Role of school feeding programs and mid- day meals in nutrition security
- Local food cultures and indigenous nutrition knowledge systems
- Strengthening food safety, hygiene, and post-harvest nutrition
- Strategies and innovations in the production of millets as a high-value food crop

3. Social and Economic Empowerment through Shree Anna (Millets)

- Climate-resilient millet cultivation practices
- Nutritional benefits of millet-based diets
- Promotion of millet consumption through awareness and behavioral change
- Value addition and supply chain development
- Market linkages and millet entrepreneurship models
- Empowering Women through Millet-Based Microenterprises and SHGs

4. Livelihood Security & Employment Generation in Rural Areas

- Non-farm and off-farm employment through agri-allied activities
- Skill development for youth and women in the green economy
- Entrepreneurship models in food processing and organic trade
- ICT-based platforms and the gig economy in rural employment
- Green jobs and just transitions in agriculture and rural industries
- Community-based entrepreneurship and livelihood diversification

5. Governance, Policy Reforms, and Institutional Strengthening

- Evaluation of key national schemes: PM-KISAN, MGNREGA, PMFBY
- Land, credit, and insurance reforms for smallholder empowerment
- Local governance and community-led development approaches
- Convergence of health, agriculture, and nutrition policies
- Role of CSR, PPPs, and multi- stakeholder collaborations

6. Bridging Gender and Regional Disparities in Agriculture for Inclusive Growth

- Regional variations in gender participation in agriculture and allied sectors
- Best practices and innovations promoting gender-inclusive agricultural growth
- Empowering Women and Marginalised Communities in Green Transitions
- State-wise innovations and disparities in green agriculture
- Role of diaspora, international aid, and global partnerships

The contributors should focus on the above-mentioned themes but not limited to these sub-themes only.