

# NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON



## INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSFER OF KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICES AMONGST HANDLOOM CLUSTERS IN INDIA

**Conference Dates:**

**21-22 March 2025**

### Organized by

**Department of Analytical and Applied Economics**

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### Important Dates:

Abstract Submission:  
20 January 2025

Decision on Abstract:  
24 January 2025

Full Paper Submission:  
24 February 2025

Decision on Full Paper:  
27 February 2025

Registration:  
1 March 2025

PPT Submission:  
15 March 2025

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### About the Department

The Department of Analytical and Applied Economics was born as Department of Rural Economics and Sociology in 1956 with an initial grant from the Ford Foundation. Post Graduate teaching in Applied Economics was introduced in the department in 1963 and in 1974 the name of the department was changed to the Department of Analytical and Applied Economics.

In recognition of its significant contributions in the field of economics research, the UGC selected the department as a Centre for Teacher-Fellowship Program in Economics in 1977, as a Department of Special Assistance (DSA) in 1989 and as Centre of Advanced Study (CAS) in 2010-11. The Department was also recognized by the UGC under the ASIHSS program for a period of five years starting from 2006-07 to 2011-12. The academic and research contributions of the department was also recognized by the SBI and it instituted a Chair in Rural Economics in 1981 with an Endowment of ₹6 lakh and it functioned till 2000. The RBI also instituted a Chair in Institutional Finance in 1982 which is still functioning.

The department now offers MA, and PhD courses in Analytical and Applied Economics. The faculty members of the department have won several national and international fellowships, awards and other grants from time to time. Almost every year, the department organizes various regional and national Seminars and workshops. The department brings out a journal titled "Utkal Economic Papers" (ISSN 0976 – 7592) to promote the publication of original research works by the faculty members of the department and affiliated colleges in Odisha.

### Background of the Conference

Handloom clusters represent not only a source of livelihood for millions but also a repository of unique skills and traditions that have evolved over generations. However, these practices are increasingly at risk due to factors such as migration, modernization, and shifting aspirations among younger generations. This conference provides a timely platform to explore innovative solutions to revitalize and sustain these traditional crafts through effective intergenerational knowledge and skill transfer.

This gathering will foster dialogue among policymakers, researchers, practitioners, and industry stakeholders to identify the barriers and opportunities for passing down traditional weaving skills. Discussions will focus on striking a balance between heritage preservation and economic viability by promoting market innovations, e-commerce platforms, and best practices that align with contemporary consumer demands. Odisha's vibrant handloom clusters serve as an example of how blending modern strategies with traditional practices can lead to sustainable growth, offering key lessons for other clusters across India.

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The conference will also delve into policy frameworks and market interventions necessary to create an enabling environment for skill transfer and capacity-building in handloom communities. Special attention will be given to addressing challenges such as labor migration, youth engagement, and technological transformation, ensuring that the younger generation is motivated to carry forward these traditional crafts.

By emphasizing sustainability, innovation, and social inclusion, this conference aligns with national priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It aspires to generate actionable insights and recommendations that will help policymakers and stakeholders foster economic resilience and cultural continuity in handloom clusters. Ultimately, the event will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of India's handloom sector by creating sustainable pathways for heritage-led development and market integration.

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## Conference Sub-themes

The Sub-themes of the conference are as follows:

1. Economics of the handloom sector
2. Intergenerational knowledge transfer in the handloom sector
3. Intergenerational practices transfer in the handloom sector
4. Barriers to intergenerational knowledge and practices transfer
5. Modernization and technological innovations in the handloom clusters
6. Protection of IPR of the handloom products through GI
7. Economic empowerment and sustainable livelihoods, and handlooms
8. Women's Role in the handloom sector: challenges and opportunities
9. Revitalizing Indigenous craft heritage through market access
10. Building institutional frameworks for cooperative growth
11. Climate resilience and environmental sustainability in the handloom clusters
12. Role of youth and innovation in the future of the handlooms
13. Employment and migration issues in the handloom sector
14. Health hazards of the handloom workers
15. Policy interventions and the role of state and non-state actors in the handloom sector
16. Global perspectives and opportunities for the handloom integration

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## Paper Submission

The paper contributors must send an extended abstract of 500 words on or before 20 January 2025 by e-mail to [itkphsconference@gmail.com](mailto:itkphsconference@gmail.com). The decision on the abstract will be communicated to the authors on or before 24 January 2025. Upon acceptance of the abstract, the author has to submit the complete/full paper to the Organizing Secretary on or before 24 February 2025 by e-mail to [itkphsconference@gmail.com](mailto:itkphsconference@gmail.com). The paper should describe the motivation/rationale, related literature, objectives, data and methods, results, conclusions, and policy implications and the length should not exceed 7000 words including tables and references. The authors may kindly send the papers in Word format, typed in Times New Roman 12 size font, and follow APA referencing style. The decision on the full paper will be communicated to the authors on or before 27 February 2025. All the authors have to register for the conference.

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Some of the presented papers will be published in “*Utkal Economic Papers*” (ISSN 0976-7592) and “*Manthan: Journal of Commerce and Management*” (ISSN 2347-4440) after peer-reviewed.
2. Selected conference papers will be published in an edited volume after peer review.
3. In addition, a brief policy document will be prepared and sent to government agencies.

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## Oral Presentation

The authors of accepted papers will have to present their paper preferably through power point slide presentation within 20 minutes. The power point slides of the paper should reach the Organizing Secretary on or before 15 March 2025 by e-mail to **iktphsconference@gmail.com**.

## Registration

Registration is mandatory for all delegates. The prescribed registration form duly filled in should be sent to the organizing Secretary's address given below along with the required demand draft in favor of “**Organizing Secretary, Conference Account**” payable at **Canara Bank, Utkal University Branch, Bhubaneswar**, or proof of online payments. Online payment information is given below.

1. Beneficiary Name: **Organizing Secretary, Conference Account**
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Normally, no spot registration is allowed on conference day. The registration fee structure is given below. Research scholars / PhD Scholars have to submit documentary evidence in support of them from the head of the department of the University /the Principal of the college.

Category of Delegates	Registration Fee
Teaching and Research Faculties (Outstation)	₹2000
Teaching and Research Faculties (Local)	₹1200
Research Scholars (Outstation)	₹1500
Research Scholars (Local)	₹1000
Accompanying Person	₹1200
Corporate Executives	₹5000

## Travel and Accommodation

Limited travel grants will be provided to the paper presenters (first author in case of joint paper presenters) as per Utkal University rules in the shortest route on the production of original tickets.

All the registered delegates will be provided moderate sharing accommodation from the afternoon of 20 March 2025 to the forenoon of 23 March 2025 free of cost. Breakfast, tea, and lunch for the conference days will be provided by the organizer.

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