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3rd Annual Conference of South Odisha Economic Association

Dear Madam/Sir,

On behalf of COATS I invite you to the 3rd Annual Conference of South Odisha Economic Association to be held in the Seminar Hall of COATS on 17th February, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. The broad theme of the Conference is “Tribal Development in South Odisha: Opportunities and Challenges”.

I request you kindly to attend the one day Seminar and register your name at 9:30 A.M. You are also requested to present a paper on the topic mentioned above. The details of the Sub-themes are enclosed herewith in the broucher.

There are regular bus services from Berhampur, Aska, Bhanjanagar, Parlakhemundi, Gunupur and Kandhamal etc. One can also come in train to Vizianagaram and can get a bus to Koraput with in half an hour. There are Train services like Howarah – Jagadapur Samaleswari Express reaches Koraput by 8:30 P.M. and Bhubaneswar – Jagadapur Hirakhand Express reaches Koraput by 10:30 A.M.

Kindly confirm the date and time of your arrival to Koraput for making necessary arrangements.

With kind Regards,

Yours faithfully,

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Tribes are the most marginalized communities in Odisha. Despite special enabling provisions for them in the constitution, a legal framework for implementation of these provisions and several targeted public policy initiatives, they continue to suffer from various deprivations in their socio-economic life. In addition to economic marginalization, their distinctive culture and identity are at a stake.

Odisha has the third largest concentration of Tribal population in the country i.e. 22.85 per cent of the total population of the state, next to Chhatisgarh (30.6%) and Jharkhand (26.2%). About 44.7 per cent of the states geographical area is declared as Scheduled Areas extending over 118 out of 314 blocks in 12 districts including a portion of Ganjam district.

Southern Region of Odisha mainly consists of seven districts i.e. Koraput, Malkangiri, Rayagada, Nabarangpur, Kandhamal, Gajapati and Ganjam. These seven districts comprise of 12 sub-divisions, 84 Tahasils, 83 blocks, 59 TSP blocks, 1552 Gram Panchayats and 14047 villages.

The southern region accounts for 21.49% of the population over 30.52% geographical area of the state. As per 2011 census STs and SCs taken together constitutes 50.93% to the total population of Southern region out of which Scheduled Tribes constitute 34.36% and Scheduled Castes 16.57% as against the state average of 39.98% (22.85% ST and 17.13% S.C).

The incidence and severity of poverty in south Odisha is very high ranging between 55% BPL families in Ganjam district to 83.81% in Koraput district as per 1997 BPL survey. Frequent droughts and floods, incidence of sever malnutrition and food insecurity and chronic poverty characterise these districts. There are substantial regional, social and gender disparities in terms of literacy, health and other socio-economic indicators in these districts vis-à-vis Odisha.

In agriculture sector the irrigation potential created in Southern Region is much less than the State average except in Ganjam district. In respect of production of milk, egg and meat the position of these districts is no better.

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Thus it is found that the Southern region is at the lowest level of development in all respects in comparison to the Odisha state. This situation calls for organization of a conference by the economists of Southern region to discuss on the problem and find out strategies which may be helpful for the Government, and other non-governmental organisations to take up appropriate measures for the development of the Southern Region in general and that of the tribals in particular.

The broad theme of the Conference is **“Tribal Development in South Odisha: Opportunities and Challenges”**.

Sub Themes : with reference to South Odisha:

- Policies and programmes for Tribal Development : Implementation and Impediments.
- Socio and Economic issues and challenges facing tribes.
- Education development of the tribes : Perspectives, Policies and Problems.
- Livelihood issues : Displacement, Forest and Land issues, Migration and Rehabilitation.
- Tribal Agriculture – Issues, Problems and Solutions.
- Problems of Health Sector of tribes.
- Tribal Art, Culture and Heritage.

Guideline for Paper Submission:

The length of full paper including tables, figures, illustrations, references etc. should be within 3000 words. The full paper should be in English and neatly typed in MS Word in Times New Roman with Font Size 12. The full paper should be submitted in both hard and soft copy forms latest by 10th February, 2019 along with an abstract to the Convenor of the Conference Dr. N.K. Rath, Reader in Tribal Studies by E-mail : coatskoraput@gmail.com. The abstract of the paper should reach the Convenor latest by 5th February, 2019 for consideration of publication in the Souvenir.

**Director, COATS
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South Odisha Economic Association

Odisha is regarded as a land of plenty with vast natural, mineral, water and forest resources. But the state still continues to remain economically backward with 32.59 percent of population living below poverty line as against the national average of 21.92 percent. The magnitude of rural poverty of Odisha has been the highest all along and in the South Odisha this is more acute and invited supreme court attention few years back.

The districts coming under South Odisha are Ganjam, Gajapati, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangapur and Kandhamal. Except some parts of Ganjam all other districts are highly backward in the area of socio-economic development. The region has highest concentration of SC/ST population. The literacy rate is low compared to state average. The percentage of the total workers to total population in the region is very high compared to state as a whole. Net area sown constitutes 30 percent of land area out of which 40percent is getting irrigation from difference sources as per the official record. The forest coverage is around 38 percent of the total state forest area.

The South Odisha is backward due to inadequate industrialization. The mineral resources extracted from this part of the state are 5 percent of the total state figure. Percentage of village with electricity in this region is low as compared to state. The social sector development of the region is very poor. Education and health infrastructure is relatively less in this region. All this shows a gloomy picture of South Odisha.

In view of the above, the South Odisha Economic Association(SOEA) was formed on 6th October 2016 for the discussing the socio-economic issues of the region at regular intervals. Prior to this Ganjam Economic Association was functioning as a district level Association to discuss the economic issues relating to Ganjam district since 1980. The main objective of the association was to bring together the economists, academicians, administration and NGOs to a common platform to discuss the various socio-economic issues of South Odisha and to devise effective strategy to mitigate the problems.

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