



Veer Narmad South Gujarat University, Surat



Under the aegis of



Department of Sociology

Organizes

One Day Workshop

On

'Empowerment of Tribals through their Traditional Health Practices'

(Date: 27-09-2025)

The University was originally established under the South Gujarat University Act, 1965 passed by the Gujarat State Legislative Assembly. It became functional from the academic year of 1966 and was incorporated as a University on 23 May, 1967 and recognized by the University Grants Commission in 1968. It was renamed as Veer Narmad South Gujarat University in 2004 after the great Gujarati poet Narmad (Narmadashankar Lalshankar Dave). The mandate of the University is to meet the developmental needs of the seven districts and two Union Territory in the region and attempts at realizing their potential in every walk of life ranging from technology, business, industry and commerce to language, culture, and fine arts.

The Department of Sociology initiated its maiden journey in 1970 to impart Master's Degree and Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology. In its due course, it started imparting Master's Degree in Social Work (Self-Financed-2005) in order to meet the reciprocity of both the disciplines that cover vast ranges of complex gamete of social fabrics and forces. It also offers Doctor of Philosophy programme. The Department has been steadily growing and meeting the emerging challenges of the region. It is also entrusted with the duty to cater the needs of tribal social ecology in which it has been surrounded with, and a vast number of tribal students opt for Sociology to understand social realities in their perspectives. On the other hand, the Department has been equally careful about the growing industrial set ups and their related studies. This contrast between the tribal ecology and industrialization at the backdrop of post modernity in something the Department of Sociology has been empirically scanning over decades and has proportionately been enriched with.

The Workshop:

This workshop aims to explore the rich traditional practices of tribal communities and their potential for sustainable development and empowerment. By recognizing the value of indigenous knowledge, skills, and cultural heritage, the workshop is intended to focus on the practices that are carried on to preserve, promote, and integrate these practices into modern economic and social systems. Experts, practitioners, and community representatives are supposed to discuss strategies for livelihood generation, policy support, and capacity building so that they could become self-reliance and could live dignified life in their society and its ecological settings.

Key Highlights:

- Understanding traditional tribal knowledge and practices
- Exploring sustainable livelihood opportunities
- Strengthening community participation and self-governance
- Bridging traditional wisdom with modern development approaches

The interactive session on the theme will provide valuable insights to those academicians, policymakers, social workers, and tribal representatives who are committed to tribal welfare and development.

Registration Process

Registration is **FREE** for all Participants. Faculties, Research Scholars and PG Students are requested to register by filling up given **form** on or before 04:00 pm, 22nd September, 2025.

Link: <https://forms.gle/jLpDBdHzs2mNzuX49>

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