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(HYBRID MODE) ON

"Empowering Disadvantaged
Groups in India: Addressing
Disparities, Challenges and Way
Forward"

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Students	100/-	200/-
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About The National Seminar

Disadvantaged groups in India, including scheduled castes, tribes, minorities, and others, face social, educational, economic, and cultural barriers. This seminar aims to raise awareness, facilitate dialogue, identify barriers, propose solutions, and foster collaboration for inclusive growth.

Objectives:

- Raise awareness about challenges faced by marginalized groups.
- Discuss intersectional issues of identity and empowerment.
- Identify structural, cultural, and educational barriers.
- Promote research-based solutions and policy recommendations.

About The S.S.J. University, Almora

Soban Singh Jeena University (SSJ University), Almora, was established on 14 August 2020 under the Uttarakhand Act No. 19 of 2020, following long-standing demands from residents of the region for a separate university. Formerly a campus of Kumaun University, Nainital, it became an independent residential-cum-affiliating university, with jurisdiction over colleges in the districts of Almora, Bageshwar, Champawat, and Pithoragarh. The university is named after Sri Soban Singh Jeena, a prominent lawyer, political leader, and social reformer of the region.

About LDT Women's Studies Centre

The Lakshmi Devi Tamta Women's Studies Centre, established in 2021 under the Faculty of Education, Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora, is named after Smt. Lakshmi Devi Tamta, the first Scheduled Caste woman graduate and Dalit woman editor of Uttarakhand. The Centre focuses on advancing knowledge on women in state, national, and global contexts, and supports efforts to create a safe, inclusive, and empowering environment for women through rights-based education.

About GDC Baluwakote

Government Degree College Baluwakote, established on July 1, 1996, is a state institution in the remote Pithoragarh District of Uttarakhand. Affiliated with Soban Singh Jeena University, Almora, it offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs across disciplines, providing quality education to students from underdeveloped areas and contributing to the region's socio-economic and intellectual growth.

About Baluwakote

Baluwakote is a scenic village in Munsyari tehsil of Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand, situated in the Johar Valley near the Indo-Nepal border. Surrounded by forests, terraced fields, and snow-clad peaks, it reflects the rich cultural heritage and traditional lifestyle of the Kumaoni people.

How to Reach Baluwakote

Baluakote is accessible by road and connected to nearby towns via regular bus and jeep services. The nearest airport is Pantnagar (310 km), and the closest major railway station is Kathgodam (280 km), both linked to key cities. Taxis and buses are available from Kathgodam to Pithoragarh or Munsyari, followed by local transport to reach Baluwakote.

Sub-Themes of the Seminar

- Gender identity of Women as underrepresented group with Multiple Disadvantages
- Social identity among SCs
- Social identity among STs
- Cultural identity of Disadvantaged groups
- Socio-cultural identity of Religious Minorities
- Socio-cultural identity of Linguistic Minorities
- Educational and Economic disparities among Non-creamy layer OBCs
- Educational and Economic disparities among EWSs
- Students from the Vernacular Medium Schools/Language identity
- First Generation Learners
- Persons with Disabilities and Benchmark Disabilities
- Migrant communities with vulnerable and low socio-economic conditions
- Denotified and Nomadic Tribes with vulnerable and low Socio-economic conditions
- Low-income households Below Poverty Line (BPL) with vulnerable and low socio-economic conditions
- Children in vulnerable situations
- Victims of trafficking
- Any other group of low socio-economic conditions
- Case studies on less-developed, poor-access, and disadvantaged locations
- Social Transformations
- Historical Developments and Movements
- Political Frameworks
- Economic Empowerment
- Educational Advancement
- Psychological Empowerment
- Legal Provisions and Constitutional Safeguards
- Human Rights and Equality
- Leadership and Employment
- Quality of Life and Skill Development
- Indigenous Knowledge for Health and Well-being
- Indigenous Knowledge in Literature and Arts
- Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Development
- Government Support System: Policies and Programmes
- Relevant themes related to the main theme of the Seminar will only be entertained.

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- Abstract: 150–250 words
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