A hearty welcome to Academicians, Research Scholars & PG Students to the

ONE DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

(on 18-03-2026 Hybrid Mode)

Organized by

Department of English Studies

K.K.S. Women's College, Balasore, Odisha

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EXPLORING THE NEW TERRIANS OF ECOCRITICISM: CONCEPT, CONTEXT AND CONTENT

About the College:

Kuntala Kumari Sabat Women's College, Balasore (KKS Women's College, Balasore) is a premier institution of higher learning in Northern Odisha. Accredited with a NAAC B++ grade and recognized in the NIRF rankings, the college has been a cornerstone of women's education since its inception on July 1, 1960. Named in honor of the legendary colonial-era Odia poetess, Kuntala Kumari Sabat, the college is centrally located in Balasore, Odisha's renowned *Missile City,* roughly 210 kilometers from Bhubaneswar. The college serves as a vibrant hub for knowledge dissemination, offering comprehensive Undergraduate (UG) and Postgraduate (PG) programs across diverse streams like Social Sciences & Humanities, Physical & Biological Sciences and Commerce. Supported by a dedicated and scholarly faculty, the college continues to reach new milestones. A particular highlight is the Department of English Studies, a flourishing wing of the institution. The department is celebrated for nurturing exceptional literary talent and providing students with the critical skills necessary to achieve their diverse career aspirations.

Seminar Note:

The intersection of Literature and Ecology-frequently conceptualized as Ecocriticism or Green Studies-represents a profound intellectual paradigm shift that moves beyond the traditional anthropocentric view of the world to explore the intricate, symbiotic relationship between humans, non-human entities, and the broader environment. While the formal academic discipline of Ecocriticism gained prominence in the late 20th century, the spiritual and aesthetic connection between the written word and the natural world is as old as the evolution of world civilization itself. From the Vedic hymns of ancient India and the pastoral idylls of Greece to the indigenous oral traditions that predate written history, ecology has always served as the primary wellspring of

literary inspiration. Today, this relationship is more important than ever because the planet faces many challenges. Writers now focus on how human actions change the climate and destroy habitats. The seminar intends to analyse the ways in which literary works reflect, shape, and challenge societal attitude towards nature.

Objective of the Conference:

The objective of the conference is to gather a plethora of Academicians, Research Scholars, Students and Experts to foster a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics of human-environment interactions and the role of literature in shaping our relationship with the natural world.

Thrust areas on which Papers are invited for the Conference:

- Anthropocene and Climate Fiction
- Ecofeminism and Gender
- Environmental Justice
- Colonialism and Environment
- Material Ecocriticism
- Postcolonial Ecocriticism
- Nature Writing and Eco-Activism
- Posthumanism
- Eco-Anxiety
- Enviromental Displacement
- Blue Humanities
- Green Humanities

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	
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PATRON	**CONVENOR**
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Language	: English
Full Paper	: 2500 to 5000 words
Abstract	: 150 words with 5 Keywords

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Full Paper/Abstract guidlines:

Abstract : 150 words with 5 Keywords
Full Paper : 2500 to 5000 words
Papers should be original
Plagiarism (less than 10%)

Registration Details:

- Participation,Presentation & Publication (offline & online) : 1200 INR for Faculty, Research-scholars and PG Students
- Participation &Presentation (offline & online) : 500 INR for Faculty, Research-scholars & PG Students
- Only Participation(offline) : 300 INR for Faculty, Research-scholars
  100 INR for UG & PG Students
- Accommodation : Paid accommodation can be arranged on prior information

Refreshment:
Tea, Snacks and working Lunch will be provided.

Key benefits of the Conference:
Selected papers after review will be published in a peer-reviewed referred e-journal (Special Issue).
All the paper presenters and attendees will get soft copy of presentation and participation certificates

Important Dates:

Last Date of Proposal/Abstract : 01-03-2026 Send Abstract to - niroj2050@gmail.com

Acceptance Notice : 05-03-2026

Last Date of Full Paper : 10-03-2026 Send full paper - salini.spa1@gmail.com

Last Date for Registration : 10-03-2026

Last Date for payment : 10-03-2026

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