REGISTRATION FORM
(Deadline: September 10, 2019)

NATIONAL SEMINAR ON
“UNDERSTANDING TRIBES OF NORTHEAST INDIA: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES”

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The Review Committee of the Seminar will review the abstracts and notify the authors who must then submit the full text paper as per the deadlines indicated below:

- Deadline to Submit the Abstract (by E-mail): 10th August 2019
- Notification of Acceptance: 15th August 2019
- Deadline to Submit the Final Paper: 20th August 2019
- Deadline for Registration: 10th September 2019

Registration

Registration Fee (General): ₹ 600
Registration Fee (Research Scholar): ₹ 500
Registration Fee after 10th September 2019: ₹ 700
The registration fee shall be paid by UPIN/NEFT/RTGS Transfer only. The registration fee includes hospitality from September 19 (noon) till September 22 (mornning) and seminar kit. Participants are encouraged to register by e-mail.

Travel Grant

Depending on the availability of funds, we will try to meet the partial travel expenses of the presenters (3-star AC fare for train or bus/sumo fare by the shortest route). Local arrangements will be made for transporting the participants on seminar days.

Accommodation & Feeding

Free accommodation will be arranged on a twin-sharing basis at Itanagar for the paper presenters. However, if any participant prefers single room accommodation, a fee of ₹ 500 per night (i.e., ₹ 1,500 for 3 nights) must be paid along with the Registration Fee. Working lunch and two refreshments will be served at the seminar venue.

Itanagar: The Seminar Location

Itanagar is the well-connected capital city of Arunachal Pradesh. It has a direct bus service from Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, etc. and train service till Naharlagun from Delhi (Anuradha Vihar), Guwahati, and Tinsukia. In outskirts, Buddhist Monasteries, Zoological Park, Gwagla Lake, and J.N.T. State Museum are some of the tourist spots in Itanagar. During the seminar days, Itanagar will have pleasant weather with moderate temperature ranging from 25°C to 30°C.

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organising Committee, we invite you to the Department of Anthropology, Dera Natung Government College, Itanagar for a two-day National Seminar on “Understanding Tribes of Northeast India: Issues and Challenges” on September 20-21, 2019. This seminar is being organised in collaboration with Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Bhopal, Centre for Research & Documentation, AMA ABA MPC Ltd., Ziro; and Arunachal Anthropological Forum (AAF), Doltukh. DNGC is a NAAC accredited, UGC recognized college permanently affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh. Founded in 1979, it is the oldest college in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, established with an objective of imparting higher education to young and impressionable men and women of the state at a point of time when the opportunity was scarce in the locality. The founders had an ambitious notion not only to make it a centre of offering Degrees but also to let the youths explore new areas of knowledge, providing a platform for budding leadership in all walks of life, preparing them for future challenges in personal and social spheres and grooming them as competent human resources in turn who could promote the high social ideals such as equality, social justice, communal harmony and cultural plurality. DNGC publishes an annual refereed, peer-reviewed, and scholarly journal, DNGC College Research Journal [ISSN: 2455-8282].

Concept Note

The general understanding about tribes in Northeast India is somewhat obscure, confusing, and at times biased. Tribals are almost invariably equated with marginalised, deprived, or disadvantaged groups. With the rapid change of the so-called development scenario since independence, it is imperative to re-examine and re-interpret the tribe in the Northeast Indian context with a view to understand the major concepts that arise with tribal formation and see them in the context of their geographical location, historical perspective, ethnocentrically linked development and displacement, factional administrative categorisation, identity politics, economic priorities, and growing political consciousness. At the conceptual level, the tribes in Northeast India do not form a unified category and not all of them could be described in a unilateral manner.

Sub-Themes

1. Contextualising Northeast Indian Tribes
2. Distortion of Indigeneity as an Expression of Tribe
3. Question of Identity in Tribal Social Formation
4. Politics of Identity and Growing Tribalism
5. Promoting Indigenous Indicators to Tribal Development
6. Towards Demarginalisation of Tribes
7. Forest Policies and Tribal Livelihood
8. Tribe, Political Party, and Local Self-Government
9. Conceptualising Tribal Autonomous Zones
10. Tribal Entrepreneurial Growth
11. Evolving Inter-tribal and Intra-tribal Relationships Across the States of Northeast India
12. Women Questions in the Context of North-Eastern Tribes

Target Participants

Academics, Professors, Research Scholars, Policy Makers, Tribal Leaders, UG & PG students of Anthropology, and Interested Public.

Call for Papers

Papers are invited from academicians, practitioners, research scholars, and tribal activists on the issues relevant to tribes in general and north-eastern region in particular. The papers shall follow the American Psychological Association’s (APA) Manual of Style (6th Edition). Select papers from the Seminar will be published in the form of an edited volume. Interested presenters shall submit an abstract (not more than 500 words) on any of the relevant topics under the sub-themes given above.