

**REGISTRATION FORM**

(Deadline: September 10, 2019)

**NATIONAL SEMINAR ON  
"UNDERSTANDING TRIBES OF NORTHEAST INDIA:  
ISSUES AND CHALLENGES"**Organized by: Department of Anthropology, DNGC, Itanagar  
(In Collaboration with IGRMS, AAMPCS, & AAF)  
Date & Venue: 20-21 September 2019, DNGC, Itanagar, A.P.

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**Dear Colleague:**

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 &amp; Documentation, Ama ABA Multipurpose Coop. Society Ltd., Ziro, and Arunachal Anthropological Forum (AAF), Doinmukh. Besides, we had requested Indian Council of Social Science Research-North Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-NERC), Shillong and Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI), Kolkata for collaborative supports.

Dera Natung Government College (DNGC) is a NAAC accredited, UGC recognized college permanently affiliated to Rajiv Gandhi University, Doinmukh. Founded in 1979, DNGC being the second institute of Higher Education in Arunachal Pradesh, was established with an objective of imparting higher education to young and inquisitive men and women of the state at a point of time when the opportunity was scarce in the locality. The founders had an ambitious endeavour not merely 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 who in turn 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, *Dera Natung Government College Research Journal* [ISSN: 2456-8228].**Concept Note**

The general understanding about tribes in Northeast India is somewhat obscure, confusing, and at times biased. Tribes 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-assess tribes in the Northeast Indian context with a view to underline the major concepts that go with tribal formation and see them in the context of their geographical location, historical perspective, ethnicity-linked development and displacement, fallacy of administrative categorisation, identity politics, economic priorities, and growing political consciousness. At the conceptual level, tribes in Northeast India do not form a unified category and not all of them could be described in a unilateral manner.

Clearly there is a need for redefining the rather one-sided view of tribes in terms of social exclusion and inclusion propagated by those who are primarily engaged in academic theorising and by those who in the name of governance use it rather mechanically as a set pattern.

With above ideas in mind, the present national seminar is a sincere effort to critically examine the conceptual process fraught with cross-current of ideas that goes with tribal formation. This seminar is expected to presents realities, issues, and challenges confronting tribes in various contexts in contemporary Northeast India. Besides tribal activists and policy makers, the seminar will be of interest to researchers and students of anthropology, sociology, political science, economics, tribal studies, social work, etc. Hopefully, the ideas put forth by participants through their papers and discussions on this seminar will be a substantial contribution to tribal studies in Northeast India, looking beyond mere inclusion and exclusion perspective.

**Sub-Themes**

1. Contextualising Northeast Indian Tribes
2. Distortion of Indigeneity as an Expression of Tribe
3. Question of Inequality in Tribal Social Formation
4. Politics of Identity and Growing Tribalism
5. Promoting Indigenous Indicators to Tribal Development
6. Towards Demarginalisation of the Tribes
7. Forest Policies and Tribal Livelihood
8. Tribe, Political Party, and Local Self-Government
9. Conceptualising Tribal Autonomous Role
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 &amp; 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 (6<sup>th</sup> Edition). Select papers from the Seminar will be published in the form of an edited volume/book. Interested presenters shall submit an abstract (not more than 500 words) on any of the relevant topics under the sub-themes given above.

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

- ◊ **Deadline to Submit the Abstract (By E-mail): 10 August 2019**
- ◊ **Notification of Provisional Acceptance: 15 August 2019**
- ◊ **Deadline to Submit the Full-Length Paper: 30 August 2019**
- ◊ **Deadline for Registration: 10 September 2019**

**Registration**

Registration Fee (General): ₹ 1000/-

Registration Fee (Research Scholars): ₹ 500/-

Registration Fee after 10.09.2019: ₹ 200/-

The registration fee shall be paid by UP/NEFT/RTGS Transfer only. The registration fee includes hospitality from September 19 (noon) till September 22 (morning) 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-tier 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 & Fooding**

Free accommodation will be arranged on a twin-sharing basis at Itanagar for the paper presenters. However, if any presenter 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 services from Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, etc. and train services till Naharlagan from Delhi (Anand Vihar), Guwahati, and Tinsukia. Itafords, Buddhist Monasteries, Zoological Park, Ganga Lake, and J.N. 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.