

KOLKATA SOCIETY FOR ASIAN STUDIES
in collaboration with
CENTRE FOR STUDIES IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT
(CSIRD)

&
GURUSADAY MUSEUM, JOKA
invites papers for Two Day Conference on

**ASPECTS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH -EAST
INDIAN STATES**

at the
Gurusaday Museum Hall

Application & Abstract Submission deadline: November 10th

Concept Note:

The North- East Indian states which is widely known as seven sisters (Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura) and eighth one being Sikkim, share international borders with the countries like Bhutan, China, Myanmar and Bangladesh. The region is the repository of a pulsating socio-cultural mosaic which is both vibrant and promising. The region is strategically important from the point of view of society, politics, economy, language and history. Though the communities of north-east Indian states contribute to the formation of the composite culture and history of the country, they (mostly tribal communities) are still under represented and the region still under developed in terms of health, education and economy. The reasons of such under development are varied. A wide range of problems like poverty, poor health condition, lack of connectivity/road ways, dearth of power supply, transportation, unemployment, illiteracy, border insurgency, drug trafficking, identity crisis is a reality of the day.

It is a matter of grave concern for the country that until and unless the true development of the communities of the region can be attained the country will continue to suffer from lack of peace and security which will ultimately hamper the development of the nation as a whole. Therefore exploration of the potential of the region in respect to natural wealth, culture, language and heritage across time and space needs to be considered fundamental to the welfare program of the region. A sustained program should aim at reviewing the existing system adopted for the development, the lacunae therein along with an integrated effort to adopt new methodologies to deal with the issue. Practical implementation of the findings /observation needs implementation within stipulated time period. The maintenance

of equanimity/ equilibrium with man and the nature should be considered integral to the efforts.

Kolkata Society for Asian Studies and CSIRD are pleased to announce a two-day program which will aim at discussing different aspects of under development of the communities of North-East India. The conference being an interdisciplinary forum for the presentation of advances and research findings, the program will highlight the required developmental activities for the communities of the region. The eminent scholars/researchers working on the developmental aspects of the communities of north-east India will be invited to deliver lectures and provide vision.

Call for Papers

The conference solicits contributions of full length papers (original and unpublished) in the following areas but is not limited to:

1. Issues of Environment and Ecology in respect of community development in NER
2. Issues of economy in perspective of community development both in regional area and in relation with neighboring countries
3. The Development and Connectivity among the community people of North East India and their relations with neighboring countries
4. Security aspect and IDP of the community people of North East India
5. The heritage and cultural aspects of the communities of North-East India keeping in view the cultural heterogeneity of the region.
6. Gender as a social variable, communities' world view of gender in the light of the developmental issues of the communities.
7. Language as the facet of culture and identity of the speech community.
8. Aspects of folkloric traditions of the speech communities.

Important Dates

Deadline of Abstract Submission: November 10, 2014

Notification of Acceptance: November 16, 2014

Deadline of Final Paper Submission: December 4, 2014

Date of Registration: December 1, 2014

Conference Dates: December 10-11, 2014

Registration Procedure: Will be informed shortly

Conference Venue: Gurusaday Museum, Joka, Kolkata

Conference Program: will be uploaded after December 6, 2014

Conference Publication

All the submitted papers will be blind peer reviewed and published in the *Kolkata Society for Asian Studies' Occasional Papers volume (North –East India)*.

Kindly note that if the author/s is unable to present at the Conference for presentation the papers can be considered for publication procedure.

Conference Information:

1. Address of the Venue: Bratacharigram, Joka, Kolkata - 700104
2. Conference Lunch, Tea and conference Kit will be covered under conference registration.
3. There is no provision for TA/ DA for outstation candidate

Conference Committee:

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