



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
&
48TH REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE

on

**RURAL HABITAT, INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT:
CHANGING NATURE & CHALLENGES**

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TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

(A Central University)

Suryamaninagar, Tripura- 799022, India

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Prologue

The picturesquely beautiful state of Tripura is characterised by undulating topography with hillocks and dense vegetative cover. The average temperature of Agartala varies between 10°C-20°C in the month of January.

The University: The inception of Tripura University can be traced back to the establishment of UGC recognised Post-graduate Centre of the University of Calcutta at Maharaja Bir Bikram College in the year 1976. In 1987, Tripura University formally came into being as a State University on October 2. In the year 2007 it was converted into a Central University. The University campus is located about 18 km away from the Agartala Airport and 5 km from Agartala Railway Station towards the south.

The Department: The Department of Geography and Disaster Management, Tripura University was established in December, 2004, as a Post-Graduate Department under the Faculty of Science. Presently the Department offers M.A./M.Sc. course and has developed facilities for research leading to Ph. D. degree. So far 13 scholars of the department have been awarded with Ph. D Degree.

The Regional Science Association, India: The Regional Science Association, India was established on September 7, 1967 with its headquarter at the Department of Architecture and Regional Planning, IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal, India. The First International Regional Science Conference was organised at IIT Kharagpur during September 7-9, 1967. The last conference was held during January 27-29, 2016 in the University of Calcutta, Kolkata, West Bengal.

The Conference: The 20th Century witnessed the birth of nation states in the world, especially in African and Asian continents from colonial yoke. The approach for upliftment of rural habitat varied in response to selection of time, space, economic ability and socio-cultural stages. Till date, there is absence of universally agreed outlook for rural area development. The term rural development encompasses the development of agriculture and allied activities, village and cottage industries and crafts, socio-economic infrastructure, community services and institutions aimed at improving the social well being of people dwelling in rural areas. The United Nations postulated that the rural development is a process of change, by which the efforts of the people themselves are united and enable them to contribute fully to national programme. The growth and progress of a nation can be evaluated on its achievements of rural development policies and programmes. So, the theme of the International Seminar & 48th Regional Science Conference is “**RURAL HABITAT, INSTITUTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT: CHANGING NATURE & CHALLENGES**” which would provide a platform to address, share and debate to the issues concerning to the rural world.

Themes and Sub-themes of the Seminar

1. RURAL HABITAT

- A. Theoretical Aspects and Modelling
- B. Rural Settlements: Trends, Forms, Sizes, Spacing and Patterns
- C. Rural Morphology
- D. Settlement as Socio-Economic Node
- E. Rural Migration: Nature, Pattern and Behaviour; Socio-Ethnic Harmony and Conflicts

2. RURAL INSTITUTION

- A. Theoretical Aspects and Modelling
- B. Panchayati Raj Institutions
- C. Rural Financial Institutions
- D. Rural Market
- E. Approaches to Rural and Regional Planning
- F. Community Organization, SHGs

3. RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- A. Physical Infrastructure: Road Transportation, Communication and Connectivity, Electrification, Telecommunication, Digital India
- B. Social Infrastructure: Education, Health and Public Policy
- C. Health Facility and Human Growth Pattern
- D. Rural Infrastructure and Human Development
- E. Aspects of Infrastructure for North-East India

4. RURAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND LIVELIHOOD

- A. Agriculture and Allied Sectors; Agro-Industry
- B. Productivity, Efficiency and Sustainable Development
- C. Livelihood Pattern and Standard of Living
- D. Poverty and Food Security
- E. Rural Economy, Climate Change, Hazard
- F. Stand up India, Start up India

5. RURAL SOCIAL STRUCTURE, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

- A. Theoretical Aspects and Modelling
- B. Values, Belief and Norms
- C. Demography: Nature, Changing Pattern and Impact
- D. Religion, Caste, Class, Kin and Clan

6. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. Rural-Urban Interaction
- B. Women and Child Development
- C. Women Empowerment and Gender Issues
- D. Microfinance and Inclusive Growth
- E. Government Schemes and Programmes
- F. Social Inequality and Regional Disparity

7. IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION

- A. Theoretical Aspects and Modelling
- B. Policies, Emerging Issues and Human Response
- C. Liberalization, Economic Restructuring and Social Transformation

DATE AND VENUE

The seminar will be held during **January 5-7, 2017** at **Tripura University Campus, Suryamaninagar, Tripura.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Submission of Abstract (Soft copy): October 31, 2016

Intimation of Acceptance: November 15, 2016

Early Bird Registration deadline: November 30, 2016

Last Date of Full Paper Submission (Both soft and hard copy)

& Receipt of Registration Fees: December 15, 2016.

Submission of Abstract

The Organising Committee invites submission of abstract(s) and full paper of original contributions on any topic related to the theme from the field of geography and interdisciplinary subjects of the conference.

Layout of the Abstract & Full Paper

Abstract with a suitable title must be written in English within 300 word limit along with maximum three keywords.

Title: A good title within 15 words is suggested.

Author(s): Author's affiliation should be mentioned. In case of multiple authors, corresponding author should be mentioned properly.

Text: Normal, Times New Roman Font & 12 point indent (Compatible Mode). The abstract must clearly indicate the problem, methodology, result of the work.

Reference: Author (s) should follow the latest APA style of referencing system.

Word Limit of the Full Paper: Full paper should be written within 6000 word limit, maximum 15 A4 size pages with 1.5 line spacing.

Layout of the Poster

The Poster should be in Landscape Format measuring 1.05 m (3.5 ft) x 0.9 m (3 ft).

Other Information

1. If confirmation e-mail is not received within 48 hours after submission, please contact the Convener.

(e-mail: 48regionalscience@gmail.com).

2. Acceptance letters will be issued to the corresponding author on or before November 15, 2016 by e-mail only.

3. A soft copy and hard copy of the full paper to be sent to the Convener of the Conference through email and by post respectively.

YOUNG GEOGRAPHERS' & BEST YOUNG SOCIAL SCIENTISTS' AWARDS

A competition will be held among the Young Geographers and Young Social Scientists, below the age of 32. The winners will be felicitated with the '***Best Young Geographers' Award & 'Best Young Social Scientists' Award***. In order to participate in the competition, one should submit an abstract of 300 words under sole authorship (clearly indicating either Abstract submitted for '***Young Geographers'*** or Abstract submitted for '***Young Social Scientists' Awards Competition'***', at the top of the abstract). The best Poster Presenter will also be awarded. The candidates shall register their names within the early bird registration deadline along with registration fee.

Seminar Proceedings

A Seminar Proceeding Volume will be published after the event.

Transport and Communication

Tripura is well connected with Silchar, Shillong and Guwahati by road. A daily bus service (AC only) from Kolkata to Agartala via Bangladesh is also available for which a transit visa is required. Agartala is also directly connected with Guwahati, Kolkata, Delhi by Air. Available flights for Agartala are Air India, Indigo and Spicejet. Railway communication is available between Kolkata, Guwahati and Agartala.

Accommodation

Accommodation for the delegates will be arranged in different guest houses and youth hostels. Free shared accommodation will be available for registered participants from **January 5 (morning) to January 8, 2017 (morning)**. Accommodation, before and after those dates, not be provided by the organiser except the participants, registered themselves for Field visit too.

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Registration Fees

Registration	Early Bird			Late Registration		
	(Before November 30, 2016)			(After November 30, 2016)		
	INDIAN	SAARC	NON SAARC	INDIAN	SAARC	NON SAARC
Currency	₹	\$	\$	₹	\$	\$
Regular (Member)	2200	200	250	2700	250	275
Non-Member	3000	250	300	3500	300	325
Research Scholar	2000	100	150	2500	150	175
Accompanying Person	2500	150	220	3000	200	245
Student	1500	100	150	2000	150	175
Indian Senior Citizen (Member)	₹2000					
* Only Outstation Delegates will be provided Accommodation						
Field visit (Optional)	Indian Delegates		₹1500	Foreign Delegates		\$ 100

All Co-authors are to register themselves. Payment of registration fee entitles a person to get conference kit, lodging and food. This registration fee does not cover transportation and Post conference field tour at Unakoti. Fee for the field visit includes travelling; food and accommodation at Agartala on January 8, 2017 only. Interested persons have to enroll their names at the time of registration.

Mode of Payment of Registration Fee

Registration Fee can be paid through bank draft to be drawn in favour of “**REGIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE 2017**”, payable at the **State Bank of India, Tripura University Campus Branch, (Branch Code 10495)**. Original Demand Draft should be sent to the address of the Convener. Registration fee can also be deposited in the bank account directly through core/online banking (A/C No. **35660996430**) (RTGS/NEFT: IFSC SBIN0010495). However, a scanned copy of Demand Draft or Deposit/Transfer slip **must** be sent alongwith registration form through e-mail to the Convener.

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Mode of Presentation	Poster	Oral	
Accompanying Persons	Yes	No	
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Choice of Food	Vegetarian	Non- Vegetarian	
Field Visit (Optional)	Yes	No	
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Participation in Young Geographers' Competition	Yes	No	
Participation in Young Social Scientists' Competition	Yes	No	

Declaration & Undertaking

1. I do hereby declare that all the information given by me is true and if any information is found incorrect, my registration for the said event is liable to be cancelled by the organising Committee.

2. The paper is not communicated for publication or presented elsewhere.

• *ID Proof is Mandatory for **Student** Participant and **participation in Young Geographers' and Young Social Scientists' Competition.**

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