

SHILLONG COLLEGE

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A Two-Day National Seminar
on
The Changing Dynamics
of
Tribal Society in India
with
Special Reference
to
North Eastern Region



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Shillong

Variously referred to as the Queen of the Hills, Rock Capital of India, A Photographer's Delight and Scotland of the East, Shillong the scenic capital of Meghalaya lies on a plateau in the North Eastern part of India at an altitude of 5,003 ft. The city is famous for its Golf Course, Cherry blossoms, whispering pines, cloud kissed hilltops, cascading waterfalls. One can savour the flavour of the festive season in the month of November. The people are warm and friendly and their love for music, fashion and food are well known.

About Shillong College

Shillong College is situated on a hillock in the beautiful City of Shillong. It was established on 15th August, 1956 purely on public initiative. The initiative was from across the various sections of people in this capital city. It is run by the Shillong College Educational Society (Regn. No. No. E.16 (Rs) 5/of 2006/71 dated 23rd March, 2006 under Meghalaya Societies Registration Act).

The college is one of the premiere co-educational institutions in this part of the country and has been awarded Grade 'A' with a CGPA of 3.06 in 2016.

An over-whelming majority (more than 80%) of the student population are tribal. The rest hail from other states of the North Eastern Region, as well as other parts of the country. In recent times few international students have also been pursuing different courses in the college. The college runs Under-Graduate Courses of study in different streams - Arts, Science, Commerce, Business Administration, Microbiology, and Computer Application and is affiliated to the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. It is a registered member of India Colleges Forum (ICF) with Registration No. 15B-009 dated 31-03-2014. Being a Partner Institution of IGNOU, it has also successfully floated some programmes with Post Graduate affiliation as well. The college has started with NEHU affiliated PG Programme in English from the year 2018.

About the Seminar

In trying to understand the tribal society, especially when referred to as pre-literate societies, researchers were exposed to a series of problems because of their lack of knowledge and information about such societies and their own ethno-centric biases. During the period of expansion of British imperialism in the nineteenth century the British officers (both civil and military) came across such societies in the British colonies in Asia and elsewhere. Some of these officers prepared accounts of these societies on the basis of their observations for the purpose of governance. British Anthropologists were also encouraged to visit these places for conducting systematic research.

The theoretical approach of these researchers (bureaucrats and the anthropologists) was evolutionary. With the advancement in sociological and anthropological theories the idea of objectivity gained ground and stress was laid on the value-free study of societies.

Social Change which is an ever present phenomenon in a society, becomes all the more important in our country, India, owing to its diversity. While discussing the changing dynamics in these tribal societies we have to consider the impact of the forces of change introduced by the British and the Christian missionaries during the British period and the new forces which emerged after the independence of India.

The Constitution of India made some special provisions for the tribes in India in general and North-East in particular. These provisions were made to protect the customary laws of the tribals in the region and simultaneously to encourage them to participate in the political and economic processes in the country. Tribals were given opportunities to get modern education through seat reservation in institutions of higher learning as well in employment by way of reservation of posts in government offices.

In view of the above and other factors which have had an impact on the tribal societies, the Department of Sociology, and IQAC, Shillong College proposes to hold a National Seminar on the theme entitled "The Changing Dynamics of Tribal Society in India with Special Reference to North Eastern Region" to provide an academic platform for discourse and dialogue amongst intellectuals, academicians, policy makers, bureaucrats, research scholars, teachers and students in order to understand the empirical reality of tribal society in the region.

Objectives

- i. To understand the dynamic tribal society in terms of change.
- ii. To understand the changes that have taken place in the tribal societies in terms of population, economy, polity, culture etc.
- iii. To understand socio-cultural, economic and political movements in tribal societies.
- iv. To analyse the issues and concerns of tribal identity especially in the modern context.
- v. To look into Inter-tribal and tribal-non-tribal interaction and situations emerging thereon.
- vi. Government intervention and measures for the tribal society in the North Eastern Region
- vii. To understand the paradigm shift in the context of socio cultural, economic and political aspect of tribal societies of North Eastern Region

Call for Papers

Papers are invited from academicians, social workers, policy makers, bureaucrats, research scholars, students and faculty of different colleges of our state as well as from the other colleges of the country for the seminar on any of the sub-themes mentioned below. **Abstract of the papers not exceeding 500 words must be submitted latest by 25th September, 2019** and acceptance of the paper should be intimated by 1st October, 2019. Full paper must be submitted within 15th October, 2019 (Hard copy and soft copy in MS Word format).

Sub Themes :

1. Economy/Economic practices/Indigenous Trading Systems
2. Land and Natural Resources
3. Traditional & Customary Laws
4. Preservation and enhancements of Indigenous and Traditional Knowledge
5. Socio-Cultural Practices-including problems relating to cultural disparity
6. Tribal Identity/Tribal-Non Tribal Conflicts
7. Tribal Non-Tribal Discourse
8. Traditional Institutions and Forms of Governance
9. Tribes in a majoritarian Democracy
10. Government Policies and Development
11. Induced Development and Industrial programmes
12. Development of Tribal Literature - oral and written
13. Traditional Knowledge and its Importance

Accommodation & Conveyance

Accommodations will be arranged for participants and guests (resource persons) by the organizers. Only TA will be provided to the outstation participants by shortest possible route in sleeper class or by bus where railway service is not available.

How to Reach Shillong :

BY BUS : There is direct Guwahati to Shillong bus service and this is the most convenient way to travel. The distance from Guwahati to Shillong is approximately 100 km which takes 4 hours by bus.

BY CAR/CAB : Cab service is also available to cover the Guwahati to Shillong distance. Travelling from Guwahati to Shillong by car takes around 2 hours and 30 minutes via NH40 depending on the service and traffic conditions.

BY TRAIN : The nearest railway station is Guwahati. It is 104 km from Shillong and very well connected with all major cities of India. Meghalaya Transport Corporation (MTC) has bus services coordinated with train arrivals at Guwahati. The bus services are available from 6 am till 5 pm.

BY AIR : There is a small airport at Umroi, about 35 km from Shillong. At present, few Flights operates from Kolkata to Umroi. Buses/Taxis are available from Shillong to Umroi and back. Another convenient airport is the Gopinath Bordoloi Airport in Guwahati (128 km from Shillong) is connected to the rest of India with regular flights. Shared cabs (typically small cars from the Airport and larger Tata Sumos from Guwahati town center) are also available.

Weather : The month of November in Shillong is usually cloud clear and free from the chills of winter. It is a pleasant month with temperatures ranging between 16°C to 26°C.

Registration

The Filled-in Registration form (attached) can be submitted to the Convener or Joint Conveners at Shillong College Campus on the 5th November, 2019.

Time : 08:30AM - 09:30AM

Registration Fee:

Rs. 500/- for Research Scholars / Students.

Rs. 1000/- for other participants.

Important Dates:

25th September, 2019 : Last date of receipt of the abstract.

15th October, 2019 : Last date of receipt of full paper
(hard copy and soft copy)

Method of Presentation:

Selection of papers will be made by an internal screening committee and the decision of the screening committee shall be final and binding. Organizers will provide infrastructure for audio-visual presentation of the selected papers such as OHP, LCD Projector etc. the papers are expected to be academic, factual and suggestive in nature.

Sending the abstract and the full paper:

The abstract should not exceed 500 words, typed in A4 Size using Times New Roman Format, font size 12 pt, single line spacing, introducing the sub-theme, objectives and findings along with the filled in registration form and registration fee within the specified date. The sub-theme selected must be prominently indicated at the top of the paper. The author may email the paper to socio.sem2019@shillongcollege.ac.in

Address for Communication:

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5.Email:

6.Title of the Paper:

7.Need Accommodation: Yes []; No []

8.Registration Fee Details ₹ :

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Date:

Place:

Signature