

**International Seminar
2012
Department of Geography
North-Eastern Hill University,
Shillong**

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North-Eastern Hill University

North-Eastern Hill University was set up by an Act of Parliament and notified on 19th July 1973. The objectives of the University, as laid down in the act, are "to disseminate and advance knowledge by providing instructional and research facilities in such branches of learning as it may deem fit; to pay special attention to the improvement of the social and economic conditions and welfare of the people of the hill areas of the North-eastern region, and in particular, the intellectual, academic and cultural advancement".

Department of Geography

The Department of Geography, under School of Human and Environmental Sciences started in June 1976 by Prof. R. C. Sharma who was appointed as the Head of the Department and the Dean of the School. Under his able leadership, the department offered M.A./M.Sc. and M.Phil./Ph.D. Programmes with just two lecturers. Subsequently, to overcome the difficulties of space and equipment, the newly established department was housed in Mayurbhanj Complex in August 1977.

The present composition of the faculty members includes five Professors, four Associate Professors and two Assistant Professors.

How to reach Shillong

Shillong is connected by road and air. Rail connection to Guwahati is four hours away from Shillong. Busses and taxis are available next to the train station. For participants coming by air, connection is best through Guwahati. However, flights from Kolkata are also available to Shillong airport.

Climate

Weather condition in March is pleasant. However, participants are advised to bring light sweaters as evenings may be cool.

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**International Seminar
on
'Natural Resources and Rural
Livelihoods among Tribes in
Hilly Areas'
(22nd -24th March 2012)**



Jointly Organised by:

**Department of Geography
North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.**

And

**Greater Himalayan Bio-Cultural Society,
Shillong.**

About the Seminar

Human use and needs of natural resources are ever growing and increasing every passing day. Today there is a great anxiety of how these resources are used and maintained. On the other hand, if these uses are curbed, then the most vulnerable groups of people are affected. It has been found that natural resources are highly linked to livelihoods (UNEP) especially in the rural areas. Most of these people especially in the developing countries work for several tedious hours but earn so little, hardly enough to meet their daily needs.

Soil, water and vegetation are the three basic resources that are linked with human survival on the earth surface and have been exploited by man over the ages. Rapid growth of human population within the last few decades has raised an alarm as to how these support systems would be affected. Currently such exploitation far exceeded the natural replenishment rates leading to scarcity of such resources and hence, deterioration of the physical environment. Planned development objectivity is to bring about balanced growth but indiscriminate exploitation of nature resulted to irreversible destruction. The outcome of such destruction is slowly defined by lowered quality and inadequacy of supply of resources like water, air, soil and vegetation. Natural resource exploitation spread over different parts of the region is extremely critical especially with respect to forest resources. Therefore, there is a need to understand how resources are linked to livelihoods especially the rural villages where many problems riddle the population at large.

The Department of Geography is organizing an International Seminar on '**Natural Resources and Rural Livelihoods among Tribes in Hilly Areas**' on the 22nd-24th March 2012 to deliberate and understand how the tribes in the hilly regions are utilizing their resources. There is a need to look into the issue as this is highly linked to rural livelihoods and where the gap between the have and have-nots is discretely divided. In some areas the exploitation of natural resources are guided by the wishes of some while people at large are left behind.

It is therefore obvious that questions will emerge in the academic exercises of how sustainable these activities would be on the long run. To highlight these problems and emerge with possible suggestions the seminar would address on the following sub-themes:

1. Livelihood Strategies: Portfolios & Pathways
2. Approaches to Sustainable Rural Livelihoods.
3. Traditional livelihood issues.
4. Traditional Ecological Knowledge systems.
5. Rural livelihoods : Its implication on Culture
6. Bio-resource Utilization.
7. Role of NTFPs in Rural Economy
8. Rural Livelihoods & Climate change adaptation.

Call for Papers :

Abstract & Paper Submission: Abstracts within 200 words may be sent by *e-mail to livelihoodseminar2012@gmail.com* to the Convener or the Organizing Secretary by the 16th January, 2012. The Abstract should be written in Times New Roman (font 12), with the title of the paper, Author(s) and Corresponding email address.

Completed papers may be sent by 10th February, 2012 .

Please mention the preferred mode of presentation in the Registration form.

Registration : INDIAN

Delegates ` 1800/-

FOREIGN

USD 250

Mode of Payment : Registration Fees will be accepted by Bank Draft (mentioning your name(s) and addresses at the back side of the DD) in favour of Convener, International Seminar 2012

Accommodation : Accommodation would be provided within the University Campus. However, if delegates would like to stay in the hotels it would be possible to do so at their own cost for which they have to intimate the Convener by the 1st March, 2012.

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