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**UGC-SAP
INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

on

**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA & NEIGHBOURING
COUNTRIES: POSSIBILITIES & CHALLENGES**

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Sustainable development and efforts at its localization cannot be overemphasized. The necessity to identify an effective roadmap to facilitate such a process has been well recognized. The status of the North Eastern states of the country also demands a clear look into such challenges and prescription of necessary solutions. Given the fact that the states are surrounded by a number of neighbouring countries, with a cumulative international land border of 5182 kilometres (more than a third of the country's international land border of 15106.7 kilometres), efforts at meaningful cooperation with the neighbouring countries – between bordering districts, in particular – may emerge as a game changer in opening up the contours of sustainability. An international seminar titled: “Development Cooperation between India & Neighbouring Countries: Possibilities & Challenges” will be organized jointly by the Department of Economics, Tripura University & Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi during March 22-24, 2022 to deliberate on the relevant issues at Agartala.

The Conference:

The South Asian region is full of complexities and contestations. In the post-colonial period, the South Asia has witnessed inter-state wars, civil wars, liberation movements, nuclear rivalry, and military dictatorships and continues to suffer from insurgencies, various religious fundamentalism and terrorism, besides a serious problem of ensuring effective regional cooperation. India has taken a responsible and leading role to bring peace in this region even at the cost of its own. Initiatives to establish South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation in 1985, followed later by efforts to formalize the ideas of BBIN and BIMSTEC are worth noting. Declaration of Act East Policy also manifests the intent of India's commitment to regional cooperation in the region. The aim of it is to build all countries in the South Asian region and beyond.

Now that technological innovations have become rapid and disruptive in the world as well in the south and Southeast Asian regions, digitalisation, Fintech, e-commerce, social media, etc are emerging as new forces of change and hope for people in the Sub-continent. In this backdrop, development cooperation is essential to build up the bonding and bilateral relationship among the neighbouring nations. This cooperation would more strengthen the country through socio-cultural, political and economic exchanges among the neighbouring countries. This approach is useful to uplift the condition of the habitat across the nations and would facilitate peace and prosperity across the region. In this regard the role of both state actors and non-state actors like civil society and private entrepreneurs are also important. With these cumulative efforts, all countries in this region can achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

In particular, the development of the North-eastern region needs greater attention because of its unique topography, natural resource endowments, and beautiful people and the communities. This region is surrounded by five neighbouring countries. The region has already started its journey on the way of its development through different government initiatives and efforts though the progress is not satisfactory. As per the latest estimates available on the SDG India Index, as maintained by the Niti Aayog, only Sikkim registered a value more than the Indian average in 2020. The dashboard created for the districts in NE states further indicates the challenges ahead. It needs to go long way to make the engagement between India and neighbouring countries comprehensive, holistic and impact-oriented. The faster development is essential because of its strategic location and the potential for its sustainable development. This International Seminar would explore the possibility of development in different sectors of the economy towards fulfilling the SDGs through globalization and development cooperation, so that it can be beneficial for the people in the region for creating income-generating activities and uplifting from the vicious cycle of poverty, ignorance

and inadequate access to the mainstream economy. The seminar would explore the possibility of localized sustainable development in different sectors and regions of North East states through development cooperation, so that it can be beneficial for the income generation of the stake holders not only in this region but also of the neighbouring countries.

The theme of the International Seminar is “**DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION BETWEEN INDIA & NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES: POSSIBILITIES & CHALLENGES**” which would provide a platform to address and share the issues concerning to the habitats of North-eastern region of India and its all neighbouring countries.

Themes and Sub-themes of the Seminar

1. INSTITUTION & HABITAT

- A. Settlements at Border Area: Trends, Forms, Sizes, Spacing and Patterns
- B. Local Self Government
- C. Financial Institutions, Microfinance and Inclusive Growth
- D. Community Organization, SHGs
- E. Migration: Nature, Pattern and Behaviour; Socio-Ethnic Harmony and Conflicts

2. SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE & COMMUNICATION NETWORK

- 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. Health Cooperation & Human Development to Protect Pandemic
- E. Aspects of Infrastructure for North-East India

3. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND LIVELIHOOD

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

4. 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
- E. Economy and Environment

5. TRADE & DEVELOPMENT

- A. Border Trade and Expansion of the Market
- B. Development through Special Economic Zone
- C. Formal and Informal Trade
- D. Opening up of New Trade Corridor for North East India
- E. Look East & Act East Policy

6. GLOBALIZATION & SDGs

- A. Achieving SDGs
- B. Policies, Emerging Issues and Human Response
- C. Liberalization, Economic Restructuring and Social Transformation
- D. Globalization & SDGs
- E. Development Cooperation and SDGs

7. CLIMATE CHANGE, COVID PANDEMIC & DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

- A. Environmental Challenges in North East India and Neighborhood
- B. Sustainable development and practices
- C. Community led sustainable development practices
- D. Development Cooperation on environment and sustainable and community development practices

Date and Venue:

The Seminar will be held during **March 22-24, 2022** at Department of Economics, Tripura University, Suryamaninagar, Tripura.

Registration Fee:

For Indian National Delegates: Rs.2000.00 (With Accommodation) & Rs.1000.00 (To attend Offline without Accommodation) & Rs.500.00 (To attend online)

For Foreign Delegates: US\$50 (To attend Offline) & US\$10 (To attend Online)

Registration fee can be submitted through online transfer to the SBI A/C No.32214908025, IFSC Code: SBIN0010495

Important Dates

Extended Last Date of Submission of Abstract	: February 24, 2022
Extended Intimation of Acceptance	: February 28, 2022
Extended Last Date of Full Paper Submission	: March 05, 2022
Extended Registration Deadline	: March 15, 2022

Submission of Abstract

The Organising Committee invites submission of abstract(s) and full paper of original research contributions on any topic related to the theme from the field of Social Science and interdisciplinary subjects of the conference. Abstract may kindly be send to the convener (subhrabaran@rediffmail.com) and a copy to the Chairman (dbjahar@tripurauniv.ac.in)

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 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, author may please contact the Conveners (e-mail: subhrabaran@rediffmail.com / salimshah@tripurauniv.in)
2. Acceptance letters will be issued to the corresponding author on or before **March 08, 2022** by e-mail only.

3. A soft copy of the full paper may kindly be sent to the Convener through email.

Young Researchers' Award

A competition will be conducted among the Young Social Scientists, **below the age of 45 years**. The winner will be felicitated with the '*Best Young Researchers' Award*'.

Outcome of the Seminar

- A plenary session would be organized on the final day of the seminar to discuss the prospective policies for the healthy and sustainable development of India and its neighbouring countries. A way out would be explored through this common brainstorming session if any, challenges obstruct the sustainable development and relations between India and neighbouring countries.
- Output in the form of Conference Volume and an Edited Book.
- Establish a network among the Policy makers, Academic Forum and different Researchers from the home country as well as participating neighbouring countries.

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 and Indigo. Railway transport is also available between Kolkata, Guwahati and Agartala.

Accommodation

Accommodation for the delegates will be arranged in different guest houses and youth hostels. A shared accommodation may be available for registered outstation participants from **March 21-24, 2022**.

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Tripura 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. Tripura University formally came into being as a State University on October 2, 1987. 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 of Economics: It is one of the oldest departments under the Faculty of Arts & Commerce of Tripura University that offers M.A./M.Sc., Integrated Master Degree and Ph.D. Degree programmes. This is the first department of the University to get University Grants Commission's SAP (DRS-I) and presently is running SAP (DRS-II) successfully.

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