

An International Seminar on

ETHNICITY, LIVELIHOODS AND CULTURE CHANGE AMONG THE
HIMALAYAN PEOPLE: ANTHROPOLOGY AND BEYOND

ORGANISED BY

The Department of Anthropology

Rajiv Gandhi University

Arunachal Pradesh in Collaboration with

IGRMS, Bhopal

Rescheduled Date: 23-24 September, 2019

Theme and subtheme:

1. **Land and People:**

Ethnicity/Ethnic Identity and Language endangerment Issues, evolving livelihood strategies, agrarian questions including land rights and inheritance, IKS and management of Bio-diversity and problems of marginal communities.

2. **Development discourse:**

Globalisation, gender and development, community right over resources, environmental movements, eco-tourism, education and various related policy Issues.

3. **Emerging Ethnographic Realities:**

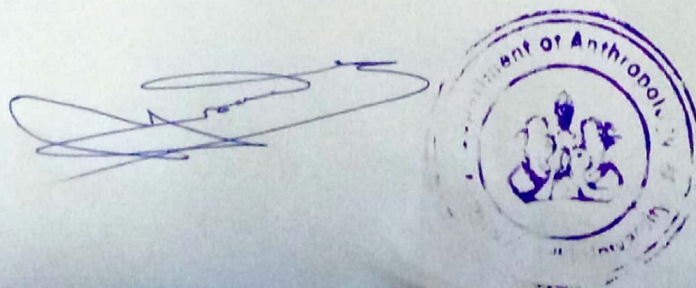
Socio-political institutions and multiplicity of religious beliefs and practices, worldviews, food and drink, dress and ornaments, cultural heritage, Ethno-archaeology and emerging neo-ethnographies and visual cultures.

4. **Art, Oral and Performing Traditions:**

Weaving, beading, woodcarving, vernacular-architecture, folklore, traditional music, dance and any other local forms of performing traditions etc.

5. **Demography and Health Issues:**

Medical pluralism- ethno medicine, modern and alternative healing system, health seeking behaviours, epidemiology, morbidity and mortality linked with



cultural practices, ecology, genetic disorders, Protein Energy Malnourished (PEM), women and child reproductive health.

6. **Borderland Issues:**

Geo-political context and cultural dynamics of borderland, and international relations, trade and commerce, migration and settlement, Interventions of state, implications of border in growth, admixture and cultural divide of the bordering Himalayan communities.

Objective of the seminar:

1. To build up a comprehensive understanding of the Himalayan people (both Eastern and western Himalayan regions of India and beyond), their culture, livelihood issues, problems and possible policy implications for resolving various constrains for a better future.
2. To examine and explain the relationship of Himalayan Indians and neighbouring Himalayan people, their culture, polity and economy so as to promote mutual trust and understanding, friendly ties and cooperation through the border trades and commerce, cultural exchange, and constructive dialogues.
3. We like to invite contributors from various disciplines including eminent anthropologists/sociologists from India and abroad having research credentials on the theme/sub-themes of the seminar.
4. We are expecting about 30 to 40 contributors and altogether around 100 participants from different regions of India and even a few from abroad who are engaged with Himalayan Studies. And proceedings of the seminar will be jointly edited by the organiser/collaborator and may be published by reputed publishing houses with the assistance of IGRMS, Bhopal.

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