



ICSSR-NERC SPONSORED

NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

**“CONTEMPORARY INDIAN SOCIETY: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES WITH
SPECIAL REFERENCE TO NORTH – EAST INDIA”**

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CONCEPT NOTE

Several foreign invaders' attacks since medieval period and very long British's colonial rule crippled the country to such extent that even after 69 years of independence, India failed to stand beyond its expectation level. The vision of better India led adoption of parliamentary democratic form of government after India became free from colonial rule. Undoubtedly, India, the biggest democracy in the world has changed a lot during post-independence period but at the same time this is also true that the four pillar of democracy i.e. legislation, executive, judiciary and media still struggling to stabilize the contemporary Indian society.

Contemporary Indian society is a mix of rich cultural, religious, social, economical as well as political diversities. These very complexity and richness gives Indian society a unique appearance of a very vibrant and colorful cultural country. However, in recent years the country known as a model of “Unity in Diversity” around the world is gradually seen as losing its glorious identity. It is very heartening to see that “diversity” a unique characteristic of Indian society, which is considered as one of the chief reason for global recognition, now-a-days seems becoming one of the major causes of various socio-cultural, economics, political and other issues hindering the country's development. No doubt, India is making strides in the world as a nation

with encouraging development in diverse fields. But, still, India continues to rank low in Human Development Index (HDI). According to Global Human Development Report (HDR), 2015, released by United Nation Development Programme (UNDP), it was unveiled that India has been placed at 130th position in the Human Development Index (HDI) among the 188 countries in the world. Though continuous collaborative and individual efforts had been made since long to combat various socio-cultural, political and other crisis through bringing reforms and development in the society, but still casteism, communalism, regionalism, human right violation, violence against women and child, sexual abuse of women and child, drug addiction, alcoholism, corruption, insurgencies, cyber crime and many other kinds of issues are the harsh reality of Indian society in 21st century. Further, being second most populous country in the world, unemployment, poverty, hunger, malnutrition, inflation, inadequate transportation, housing, water, electricity, road, sanitation, health facilities, lack of quality education and environmental issues are posing grave challenges to Indian society. Besides, rapid scientific and technological development is accelerating fast industrialization, urbanization and westernization causing multiple good as well as bad impacts in its own ways.

In nutshell, every society of the world has their issues unique to their society. So does the Indian society. There are numerous issues facing by the nation in general and regions and communities in particular, in one or other forms at various degrees, which need our attention to ensure the security, welfare and development of people and the nation. Society is dynamic so does its issues in terms of intensity, variety and spatial differences. Thus, it can be said that though the focused domains of the seminar are not totally untouched, but, still there is every need to analyze the focused areas in a newer perspective.

On the backdrop of this view, the present national seminar has been proposed with the following objectives:

1. To assess the issues and challenges of contemporary Indian society with special reference to north-eastern region.
2. To sensitize people about multi-faceted issues and challenges of contemporary Indian society with special reference to North-East India.
3. To provide feedback to the government regarding various policies and programmes implemented, so far, to bring reform and development in the country.

4. To provide a forum to various academicians, research scholars, teachers, NGOs, students and others members of the society from different part of the country to exchange their ideas in the broad theme of the seminar.
5. To suggest measures to improve the country from various socio-cultural, political and other crisis in the country.
6. To bring out presented papers of the seminar in the form of a book.

Thus, the thrust areas/sub-themes of the seminar is planned as under:-

1. Social issues and challenges.
2. Cultural issues and challenges.
3. Political issues and challenges.
4. Economic issues and challenges.
5. Educational issues and challenges
6. Demographic issues and challenges
7. Environmental issues and challenges.
8. Any other topic relating to the theme of the seminar.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The seminar invites original paper (preferably research based) from the teachers, academicians, researchers, educational administrators on any topic related to the broad theme/sub-themes of the seminar.

ABSTRACT:

The abstract with suitable title, author's name and keywords (Max. 5 keywords) must be written within 300 word limits. The abstract must be in MS word format typed in Times New Roman (12 Font Size) with 1.5 line spacing.

FULL PAPERS:

The full paper must be written within the range of 4000 words by using MS word format typed in Times New Roman (12 font size) with 1.5 line spacing. The research based paper should have the following sections; title, name of the author(s), abstract, Keywords, introduction, objectives, hypothesis/research questions, results, discussion, conclusion and references. Facility of power point presentation will be available at the time of seminar. Participants are requested to bring two hard copies and one soft copy (in CD with name paste in the cover) of full paper during the time of registration.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date of submission of abstract: 10th April, 2017

Last date of submission of full paper: 20th April, 2017

Selected papers will be published in the form of book with ISBN number.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Participants with paper: Faculty: 1000, Research scholar/student: 500

Participants without paper: 200 Rs.

- ❖ In case of joint paper, each participant has to register separately.
- ❖ The registration fee will be collected on the spot.
- ❖ No TA/DA and accommodation will be provided by the university to the participants.

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