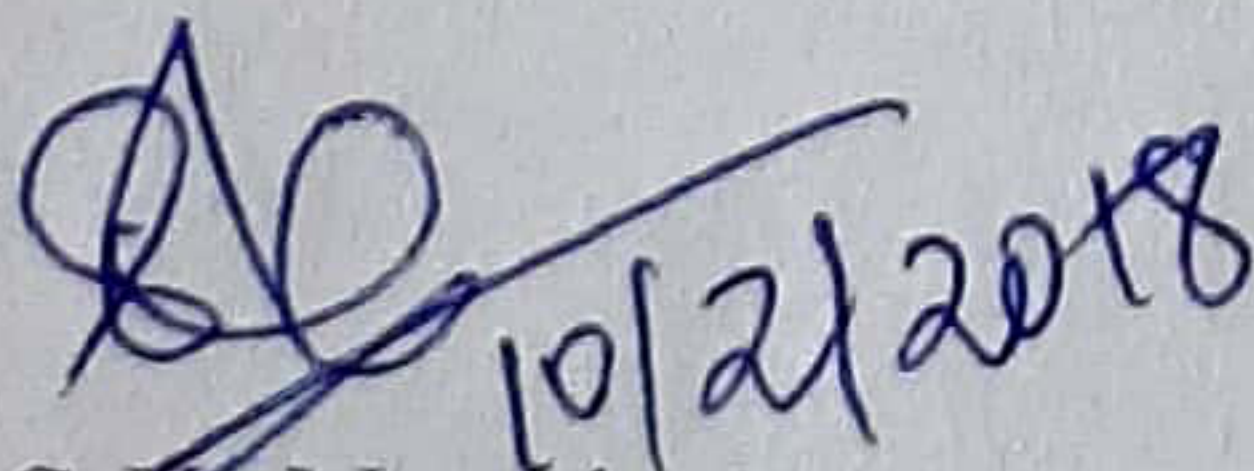


Report of the National Seminar

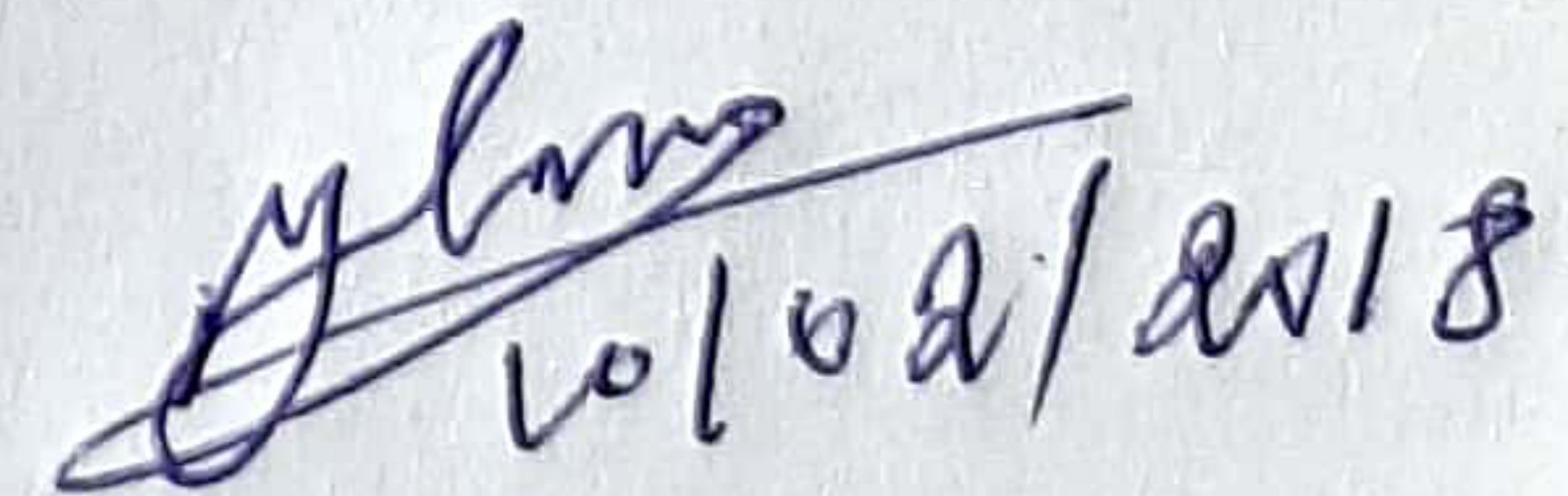
The national seminar on “*Hill Economies and Sustainable Development in India: Challenges and Prospects*” was organised by the Centre for Development Studies adjunct Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University from 5th to 6th February, 2018. The seminar was coordinated by Prof. S.K. Nayak, Professor, Department of Economics. The advertisement (call for paper) was uploaded in the University website (www.rgu.ac.in) as well as published in the *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. LII, No. 46, 18 November, 2017 issue. The seminar was organised to discuss and debate some of the pressing challenges being faced by the hill region of India which comprises of 11 States. It was also aimed to find out the strategies for integrating economic development and environmental conservation in the hill regions. Although the hill regions of India are rich in natural resources and have some comparative advantage in certain products and services, yet they have not been able to harness their resources for economic progress due to various constraints. Hence, the majority of the people are engaged in agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood. The industrial base is generally weak in the hill regions. In this background, the seminar was organised with the following themes; diversities and development, agriculture and livelihood diversification, employment challenges and opportunities, challenges of migration, environmental concerns and development, tourism development, gender and development, governance issue and financial resources, achieving sustainable development goals.

The seminar was attended by a large number of academicians and researchers from different Universities and Colleges from different States of the country. In total, 53 papers were shortlisted for presentation in the seminar, out of which 46 papers on different themes were presented and deliberated in the seminar. In total, 52 participants registered and participated in the seminar. The resource persons were invited from different Universities and institutes of the country. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Pravat Kumar Pankaj, Director, Jaipuria Institute, Jaipur. The Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Shri. Chowna Mein attended the inaugural function as the Chief Guest on 5th February, 2018. The valedictory function was chaired by Prof. Tamo Mibang, Vice-Chancellor of Rajiv Gandhi University and the valedictory address was delivered by Professor N.C. Roy, Senior Professor, Department of Economics, Rajiv Gandhi University. The seminar ended with distribution of certificates to the participants and vote of thanks. The selected papers presented in the seminar were published in the edited book ‘Hill Economies and Sustainable Development in India: Emerging Realities, Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi in 2019.



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