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UGC Sponsored Two-day National Seminar
On
**“Regional Imbalances and Sustainable Development in India
with Special Reference to North-Eastern Region”**
20-21st February 2016

Organized by
Siliguri College of Commerce
Siliguri, Darjeeling, West Bengal

In collaboration
with
Siliguri Subhaspally Welfare Organisation,
Subhaspally, Siliguri

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Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from Siliguri College of Commerce

*We are pleased to inform you that Siliguri College of Commerce in collaboration with Siliguri Subhaspally Welfare Organisation is organizing a two-day UGC sponsored National Seminar on **“Regional Imbalances and Sustainable Development in India with Special Reference to North-Eastern Region”** on 20-21st of February 2016 at college premises. On behalf of the College, we the organizing committee request you to participate actively and contribute a paper that will help in disseminating the information and enriching the knowledge base in the themes of this national seminar.*

We would like to cordially invite you/your representatives in the seminar as a delegate. We are soliciting your kind participation and cooperation.

With regards

Dr. Asim Kumar Mukhopadhyay
Principal & Chairman

Prof. Sandipan Bhattacharjee
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Siliguri College of Commerce at a Glance

Siliguri College of Commerce was established in 1962 just a year after the establishment of the University of North Bengal. At present, it is a government-aided college and affiliated to the University of North Bengal and recognized by UGC under section of 2(f) and 12 B, UGC Act, 1956. This premier institution of North Bengal is accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC).

Siliguri College of Commerce is located in the heart of the Siliguri Metropolitan City. Siliguri is not only one of the fastest growing cities in the country, but the city is also the economic hub for the states of north-east India. Siliguri is situated in the plains of Himalayas and on the banks of the river Mahananda. The city is popularly known as the gateway or the chicken neck of North East India because its corridor is connected with the North-eastern States with the rest of India. The city is bounded by international borders of Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal. This city serves as the base for exploring the other places of tourist attraction like Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Mirik, Dooars, Gangtok in Sikkim and many more.

Siliguri College of Commerce Campus is around 16 km from Bagdogra Airport and 3 km from NJP Railway Station. Tenzing Norgay Bus Terminus is just 2 km from the College Campus. Flight and Railway routes are well connected with the city of Siliguri and college campus.

Background of the Seminar

Since independence, one of the main objectives of the planning process initiated in the early 1950s was to reduce regional disparities and to achieve regionally balanced development. In true sense, development is a multidimensional phenomenon while economic development is considered as a symbol of progress and prosperity of any country or society. The ultimate objective of development is to ensure human well being through the improvement in the quality of life or well being of the people. Various policy instruments including direct public investment in infrastructure and building up of capacity enhancing institutions have been tried to achieve this objective. The country has been consistently striving to achieve uniform socio-economic development across regions, states, districts and at the local level through rapid industrialisation, liberal economic policies and legislations. India has often been characterized as an emerging economic super power but in contrast there is a gloomy picture that relates to the largest number of poor, illiterate and unemployed in the world.

Regional imbalance and sustainable development is a matter of serious concern throughout the globe, especially in the developing economies like India. The overall objective of the seminar is to discuss and achieve sustainable regional development integrating social, economic and environmental needs through appropriate planning and management initiatives. Regional and sustainable development through inclusive growth

should result in lower incidence of poverty, broad-based and significant improvement in health outcomes, universal access for children to school, increased access to higher education including skill development. It should also be reflected in better opportunities for both wage employment and livelihood, and in improvement in provision of basic amenities like water, electricity, roads, sanitation and housing. Regional development is also concerned with analytical approaches to the problem that are specifically urban, rural or regional, most of these include, but not limited to spatial economics, migration analysis, land use and urban development, inter-industry analysis, infrastructure, environment and ecological analysis, resource management, urban and regional policy analysis etc.

Objectives of the Seminar

The main objective of the seminar is to discuss and focus on the need for socio-economically sustainable development through inclusive growth to reduce inequalities and disparities in the perspective of socio-economic development with special reference to the north eastern region of the country. The aim of the event is to bring academicians, researchers, policy makers, business professionals, students and general public together to promote and establish a space for dialogue, analysis and exchange their experiences, new ideas, views and information of the research results relating to regional imbalances and sustainable development from an interdisciplinary perspective. This seminar likes to address these issues and bring out feasible policy suggestions. In order to refresh the knowledge and disseminate the outcome of the seminar among the community academic institutions, Siliguri College of Commerce would like to intellectually revitalize the knowledge by the way of organizing a two-day UGC sponsored national seminar on “Regional imbalances and sustainable development in India with special reference to North-eastern Region”

Call for Papers

The context of the above mentioned a theme, this National Seminar calls for intellectual research contribution from academicians, professional practitioners, researchers, scholars and students in any of the following themes of the seminar hereunder.

Sub-themes

1. Regional Development and Disparities

- Central-State Financial Relation and Decentralization of Banking.
- FDI and financial imbalances
- Unemployment, Poverty, Wealth and Income Inequality
- Infrastructure, Transport, Connectivity and Industrial Development.
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Horticulture, Tea Industry, Rural Finance and Marketing.
- Urban, Rural Disparities in Health, Education, Infrastructure and Community Development.
- Income, Livelihood Opportunities and Food Security.
- Economics of Gender and Ethnicity

Disparities on farm productivity of some major crops in North East Region.
Implementation of RTE Act and its impacts on public schooling in North East Region.

2. Sustainable Development

Urbanization, Slum Upgrading & Sustainable Development.
Tourism,
Hospitality and Creative Economy
Natural Resource and Disaster Management.
Civic Engagement and Local governance.
Micro Finance, Small Scale Enterprises and Women Empowerment.

Guidelines for full paper submission

Manuscript must be in English, prepared using MS-Office word type written on one side of white paper, 1 inch margin on all sides 1.5 line space, Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12 points, Headings in bold letters, Figures and Tables and Charts must be original and not scanned copy. The paper should be based on original work and unpublished / not presented before. The full paper must be not exceeding 5000 words (excluding tables and figures). The author and Co-author should register separately. All papers will be put in a blind review process. Paper must be presented either by the author (or) co-author. The selected papers will be published in edited book volumes with ISBN Number. Abstract and full paper must be sent in soft copy along with contributor's email address and contact number to the Convener in the following links. Paper submitted after the deadline will not be considered for the seminar.

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Important Dates

Submission of Abstract (150-300 words): 10th of January 2016

Submission of full paper: 20th of January 2016

Final notification for acceptance of paper and presentation: 30th Jan.2016

Registration

Registration fee: Rs 700 (for Faculty members/academicians and professionals) and Rs. 300 (for researchers/students). Registration fees can be paid either by cash on spot or by RTGS/NEFT.

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The registration fee includes lunch, refreshment (tea/coffee during breaks) along with conference proceeding and conference kit. The Certificate, Fee receipt and attendance Certificates will be issued only at the venue after the successful completion of the Seminar. A limited number of accommodations will be arranged as per prior notification by the participants. No TA / DA will be provided for attending the Seminar. Participants are requested to bring warm clothes as the weather is likely to remain chilly in the third week of February

FORMAT OF THE REGISTRATION FORM

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On

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Venue: Siliguri College of Commerce

Name of the Participant:.....

Designation:

Institution/Organization:Sex: M/F

Address:

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Telephone/Mobile Number:

E-mail ID :

Accommodation required: YES/NO

Date:.....

Signature