

INVITATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

We are pleased to inform you that our college, Bakshirhat Mahavidyalaya is going to organize an inter disciplinary National Seminar on "Changing Demographic Scenario in Colonial and postcolonial North Bengal-North East India" in the College Premises on 07-08 February' 2017. On behalf of the Organizing Committee we request you to actively participate and contribute a paper in the National Seminar.

Soliciting your kind participation
With Regards

Lalu Barman

Kartick Saha

Lecturer-in-Charge

Convener

& Chairman

Organizing Committee

College at a glance

Bakshirhat Mahavidyalaya, a long cherished dream of the people of Bakshirhat Block, Situated in the Bengal-Assam border region, at Bakshirhat, a door to North-East India from Bengal and other parts of India. After forming an Organizing Committee in the month of June, 1999, with the help of local generous people and permission of Higher Education Department, West Bengal and University of North Bengal finally the college came into being in October' 2005 with final Govt. approval. The first academic session of the college began in 2006 offering UG course in Arts. Now it has passed almost 10 years disseminating higher education in this area predominantly inhabited by people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Community. The students from neighboring State of Assam also take admission in this institution. Presently it is a Government aided College affiliated to the Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University.

Theme :

Demography is the scientific study of population. The study seeks to know the levels and trends in population size and its components. It is concerned with understanding the different kinds of changes taking place in the size and nature of the human populations. It also deals with the reason why such changes are occurring, the results affecting the social, economic, political and overall the cultural arena of a region. Here lies the essentiality of interdisciplinary approach for the study of Demography. For as the geographical, social, political, economic & cultural elements can influence the components, size and nature of a population so on the other the changing components, size and nature of a population can also influence the geographical, social, political, economic & cultural aspects of a particular region. This is a vis. a vis. process affecting each other. In this regard North East India including North Bengal may be taken as a very contextual area for the aforesaid study. Because North East India comprising Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and North Bengal (Specifically Dajeeeling, Jalpaiguri & Cooch Behar Districts) taking as a single area of study is ethnically and as a result culturally and linguistically among the most diverse regions. It witnessed numerous challenges such as migration, ethnic conflicts, territoriality, development issues, secessionist movements etc. Even in the region, identity is being constructed within the frame us versus them, insiders versus outsiders and sons of the soil versus migrants' which is totally based on demographic changes. So there is much and various scope to investigate into the issue of demographic changes in colonial and post Colonial North Bengal and North-East India to grab the reality of ethnocultural-political turmoil of the region and to let out some solutions, may it be a little bit, from the two days academic discussion.

Sub Themes:

1. Geo-historical profile of North Bengal & North East India.
2. Pre-census demographic scenario.
3. Modern census system since 1872.
4. Modern census and social tensions.
5. Plantation economy and new demographic scenario.
6. Pattern of demographic changes.

7. Post Colonial Refugee, Evacuees, Sharanarthees, infiltration & demographic change.
8. Ethnic based political identity.
9. Demographic changes and political re-alignment
10. Changes in agricultural economy in the post-colonial period.
11. Demographic changes & transition in language and literature.
12. Culture: conflict, confrontation and amalgamation.
13. Turmoil in tribal land.

All the papers excluding these sub themes but related with main theme may be submitted.

Call for Paper:

The seminar will be inter-disciplinary in nature. Papers from almost all disciplines of Humanities, Social Sciences, Literature, Biological Sciences, Environmental Studies, Geography and Economic and others, if related topics are prepared, are invited. The participants are requested to send their Abstract and full papers to Convener and joint Conveners of the Seminar. Abstracts(s) should not be more than 300 words and full paper(s) not more than 5000 words. Abstracts and full papers should be sent in soft-copies in MS Word (97-2010), for size of 12 in Times New Roman. Contributors are requested to follow the APA (6th Edition) for citation and references. The papers selected by selection Committee will be published as proceeding of selected papers in the form of a book with ISBN within a short time after the Seminar.

Important Deadlines:

Submission of Abstracts: 31.01.2017
Acceptance Notification: 02.02.2017
Submission of Full Paper: On the day of the seminar

Registration fees:

For Faculty: Rs. 500
For Scholars: Rs. 400.
For Students: 100

No TADA and other allowances are to be provided for attending the seminar.