

A.B.N.SEAL COLLEGE, COOCH BEHAR
In collaboration with IGNOU
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Is going to organize a

NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
“APPROACHES TO ENVIRONMENT: SOCIETY, CULTURE, POLITY AND
ECONOMY”

26th and 27th February, 2018

Venue:

Seminar Hall,

A. B.N. Seal College, Cooch Behar
P.O. + District- Cooch Behar, West Bengal, Pin- 736101

THEME OF THE SEMINAR:

Nature or natural environment has been addressed diversely by the scriptural, cultural as well as literary social narratives since the beginning of civilization. The relationship between man and environment has been celebrated in different religious, ethnic as well as political *habitus*; the world's ancient Cultural Hearths have been shaped to Cultural Realms in its care; it has been questioned, analysed and repeatedly interpreted by the systems of civilization. However, from the earliest of times, 'Nature' has also been abused indiscriminately by the humans for satisfying their wants. Due to the limited population, the scale of initial damage to the environment was not so soaring. With the passage of time, environmental degradation became inevitable due to population boom. Although scientific inventions radically changed the primeval lifestyle of man, it had ushered in the slow poisoning effect of pollution and resource depletion resulting to environmental deterioration. The escalating economic growth provoked for more development and affluence which in turn led to the butchery of forests, wetlands and biodiversity; increased desertification, soil erosion, groundwater pollution along with the deterioration of the rivers.

Turning the other side of the coin, polluting technology gradually spread its filth in culture and society as well. Unequal distribution of wealth gives rise to the vicious cycle of poverty, hunger, illiteracy, crime, hatred etc. leading to decadence in the social environment at large. Control of global economy defines the political relations too. The inimical relation among the wealthy and dependent nations triggers rivalry. It is the man who invents, it is him who holds weapon and it is him again who remains the most affected. Hence, 'sustainability' in true sense of the term in each and every respect is the need of the hour. The natural environment must be taken care of in order to ensure human sustenance. Environmental approach therefore is of utmost importance to every sphere of life. Just like a sound mind resides in a sound body, an unsoiled society will reside in a clean environment.

THRUST AREAS:

The Seminar shall endeavour to locate the contemporary environmental issues emanating from all levels of the society under the following sub-themes:

- **Environmental Changes: A Historical Perspective**
- **Processes and forms of Environmental Degradation, Environmental Hazards and Environmental Management**
- **Development and Economic Growth Vs. Environment**
- **Application of modern technology for Sustainable Environmental Approach**
- **Human and Humanistic Approaches to Environment**
- **Social Environmental Issues**
- **Gender and Environment**
- **Environment and Literature**
- **Politics and Environment**
- **Environment, Religion and Culture**
- **Environment, Critical Theories and Philosophy**
- **Science and Environment**

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The organizing Committee invites fundamental research articles of original merit under any of the aforementioned thrust area. Selected full papers will be published in a Special volume of the UGC enlisted (No.41277) 'Victorian Journal of Arts' ISSN: 0975 – 5632. Aspiring contributors are requested to submit the Abstract of their paper with KEY WORDS not exceeding 300 words within 15th November, 2017. The date of submission of the full paper is 10th December, 2017. The contributors are requested to limit themselves within 10,000 words including Graphs, diagrams, charts, tables, notes and references for their full papers.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Abstract Submission : 15th November, 2017
- Full Paper submission : 10th December, 2017

REGISTRATION:

On spot registration on the date of the seminar.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation can be arranged on special request; however the participants of the seminar have to bear their expenses. No TA or DA will be provided.

REGISTRATION FEES:

Academicians and Scholars: INR 1,500/-

Students: INR 300/-

MODE OF PAYMENT:

The committee shall accept on-spot cash payment only.

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