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Environment, Development and Sustainability: A Critical

Dialogue in Northeastern India

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The friction between environment, development and sustainability is multifaceted, given that its meaning is constantly created and recreated from academia, to policy makers to environmentalists to practitioners of indigenous knowledge. This brings us to the entangled space of sustainability goals, protection of environment and development hazards. If one is to engage in a historical trajectory of the definition of development, one must look at the dependency and world system models. For Jan Nederveen Peitser however, the meanings of development itself has changed overtime. On the other hand, sociological scholarships on environment and sustainability are a much later addition to Sociology. Initially academic scholarship on environment and sustainability mostly focused on social constructivist ideas of environment, the nature-culture debate and ecofeminism. Sustainability as vital element of human environment interaction is a much more recent addition to Sociology. The change of lens is evident in the framing of The Millenium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals. Subsequently, intersections of caste, class, gender, race have all become elementary in conceptualising nature and environment. Therefore, with shift in paradigm from resource allocation and infrastructural growth to alternative development, there has been increase in emphasis on human development and increase in capabilities and entitlements in the global north. However, in the Indian context, there has been environmental awareness and movements by indigenous groups due to rampant deforestation, resource depletion, loss of common property resource and subsequent cry for saving the resources for livelihood. In this context, Ramchandra Guha (2006) calls Northeast India the nation's last remaining resource-frontier and highlights how 'Northeast India has been to metropolitan India what Iraq and other such countries has been for imperialist America'. In Northeast India, anthropogenic factors have turned erstwhile ecologically pristine environments into ecologically hazardous zones. Therefore, with this background, the seminar would delineate and critically understand the questions of environment, development and sustainability in the context of Northeast India.

Sub-Themes:

1. Critically understanding SDG goals.
2. Sustainable agriculture and technological development.
3. Loss of CPR and marginalisation of indigenous communities.
4. Gender and Environment.
5. Traditional knowledge and biodiversity conservation.
6. Health, nutrition, education, clean energy and social protection.
7. Anthropocene climes.
8. Northeast India and Environmental Impact Assessment 2020.
9. Any other related theme.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The seminar invites abstracts for presentation in technical sessions from doctoral students and academicians. Abstracts of paper (within 250 words) should include the title of the paper, author (s) name, affiliation, email id, telephone number. The abstract should be written in Times New Roman font and font size 12. The abstract should be submitted to socpduamt@gmail.com. Acceptance of paper will be emailed to the author (s). Selected paper would be published in the form of seminar proceedings with ISBN number.

REGISTRATION:

All delegates/participants are requested to submit filled registration form and money to the above mentioned email.

Last date of abstract submission- 10/12/2024

Intimation of abstract selection- 15/12/2024

Last date of registration-20/12/2024

REGISTRATION FEE:

Academicians/ Faculty members 600 INR

Research Scholars 400 INR

Students 150 INR

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya (PDUAM), Tulungia is a Model College established under the co-venture of the Central Government and the Government of Assam. The college is an outcome of the centrally sponsored scheme named "Rashtriya Uchchattar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA)" launched in 2013 by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

The Department of Sociology in Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha Mahavidyalaya, Tulungia, Bongaigaon was established in 2023 with Four Year Undergraduate Program as per National Education Policy 2020. The Department currently has three regular faculty members.

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