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National Seminar on Tribal Youth Development

Theme: Generating livelihood for tribal youth of Assam through
Entrepreneurship development: Prospects,
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Venue: NKC Auditorium, USTM

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University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) promoted by ERD Foundation, Guwahati was established under the Act of 6 of 2008 enacted by Legislative Assembly of Meghalaya and incorporated under section 22 and 2(f) of the UGC Act 1956. Its campus aptly named as "Techno City". School of Applied Sciences, Biological Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities, Business sciences and Education are the various academic units of the University, which are further divided into departments and institutes/centres for imparting courses and program leading to the degree at undergraduate and post graduate level. Research is also carried out by various schools and departments of USTM leading to the award of P.hD degree.

About the Department

Social Work is a professional and academic discipline committed to the pursuit of social welfare and social change. The field works towards research and practice to improve the quality of life and to the development of the potential of each individual, group and community of a society. Social work, an interdisciplinary field, includes theories from economics, education, sociology, medicine, philosophy, politics, psychology, and as well as anti-oppressive and anti-racist discourse.

Background

The tribes of Assam in North Eastern Regions of India attracted the attention of sociologists, social worker, social anthropologists and administrators in order to understand the fabric of their socio-cultural life. Some of the pioneer works in the area are represented in the works of Hutton (1923; 1924), Smith (1925), Furer-Haimendorf (1947), Bose (1934a, 1934b, 1934c, 1935, 1938, 1941), Guha (1952), Goswami (1960), Mazumdar (jr.) (1972), Danda (1977), Gohain(1994), Singh (2001). These studies reveal certain specific characteristics of the tribes in the region. The main focus was on social structure and cultural traits of the tribe rather than the process of social and cultural change taking place among them since independence.

Under Article 164 (i) of the Constitution there is a provision of Welfare Department in the States of Indian Union. In Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa, Welfare Departments in the charge of a Minister have been set up. Welfare Departments have been set up in these States as well as in Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Kerala; Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur and Tripura.

A large number of tribal people practice shifting cultivation. This problem is in acute form in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Manipur and Tripura. A scheme to control shifting cultivation has been started by Govt of India but alternative method is still not adopted in some areas of Assam and other N E States.

Tribal youth comprise of an entirely different segment, potentially resourceful and adventurous segment of the population and they are the unlucky cousins of urban and rural youth. Agriculture and allied activities support the livelihoods of nearly 70 per cent of India's rural population. In recent years, land based livelihoods of tribal farmers are increasingly becoming unsustainable. Young people from tribal areas are currently entering the labour force as the tribal agriculture is primitive and backward resulting in low productivity. Several studies emphasized about poor and inadequate agricultural production from tribal lands accentuated the problem of maintaining tribal households at the subsistence level. The rural agrarian economy of tribal India rests on the shoulders of the young farmers and agriculture as vocation is uniquely positioned to absorb them. For appealing tribal youth and delivering good job opportunities, agriculture must break through a number of constraints that impede growth and competitiveness.

In this pandemic condition tribal youth will suffer lot due to job thrashing, so this the right time to push them toward agriculture again with facility to access, innovative ideas and skills to participate in nation building process.

Objectives

The national seminar has been proposed to organise for two days event, to discuss and deliberate on various aspects of tribal youth development considering the pandemic situation with specific objectives as follows:

- To create holistic development of the Tribal Youths in India by empowering and facilitating them with a right platform and support in order for them to realize their full potential.
- To support in policy formulation of Govt of Assam in context of present Corona pandemic.
- To promote quality education, skill training, awareness programs, advocacy works, trainings and research and entrepreneurship to the tribal youth in India.
- To provide a common platform to educators, practitioners and students from various parts of the nation;
- To discuss about various facets and concerns pertaining to tribal youth development in this region;
- To promote a model called youth for inclusive development and inclusive development for youth with special reference to tribal youth;
- To enhance conceptual clarity, sharpen focus widen of development of the tribal youths of Assam
- To evolve indigenous models for inclusive development of tribal youth by bringing ideas from various stakeholders

Theme of the Seminar

Considering the present situation of our country Government of India mainly focusing on inclusive development therefore a theme has been selected for seminar entitled "Generating livelihood for tribal youth of Assam through Entrepreneurship development: Prospects, Retrospect, constraints and strategies" initiated to strengthen the process of development.

Expected Participants

The Seminar committee encourages the participation from various categories of organisations including, Universities, Colleges, civil society organisations and professional associations in this country.

Who can Join

The expected participants would be academicians, educators, practitioners, students, Research Scholar, NGOs functionaries, civil society members, Govt officers etc. across the nation. Faculty members of colleges and universities are most expected in the seminar. There will be around 250 participants including college/University teacher, educators, practitioners, guests and invited speakers.

