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WEATHER & CLOTHING

Weather of Siliguri during the second week of March will generally be pleasant with moderate to low temperature at around 28°C and 16°C during the day and night time respectively. Therefore, light woolen clothes are suggested particularly for night.

ACCOMODATION

Own arrangement, accommodation will be provided only to the resource persons.

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REGISTRATION:

Interested participants are requested to register themselves within **28.02.2019** by sending scanned copies of the duly filled in **registration form** and the **bank challan/e-receipt** along with the **abstract** as well as **full length paper** to the corresponding e-mail ID mentioned above.

REGISTRATION FEE:

- **Delegates:** Rs. 1000/-
- **Research Scholars:** Rs. 600/-
- **Students:** Rs. 300/-

The payment has to be made through online mode on or before 28.02.2019 to the A/C **Name: PRABIR KUMAR KUNDU; A/C No. 11273589036**, State Bank of India, Dabgram Branch (Branch Code: 17373), Siliguri.

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No Spot Registration will be Entertained.

IMPORTANT DATES

Last date for submitting the **abstract: 25th February**, 2019.

Last date for submitting the **full length paper: 28th February**, 2019.

Last date for submitting the **on-line registration fee: 28th February**, 2019.

NOTE: Without full length paper no abstract will be accepted. Reviewed papers will be published in **book form** with **ISBN** number from a **nationally** reputed publishing house by the end of April, 2019.

FIRST CIRCULAR

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ON

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9th & 10th March, 2019



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VENUE

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Siliguri, Dist.-Darjiling,
PIN: 734006

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Siliguri Mahila Mahabidyalaya, one of the leading women colleges in North Bengal, especially in Siliguri Sub-Division of Darjiling District made its humble journey in 1981. Since then in accordance with the growing need of rapidly developing Siliguri city, the college has been serving by educating its women population, mostly belonging to lower-middle class and weaker sections of the society. With this aim in mind, the college offers a wide variety of disciplines in both General and Honours courses in Humanities. Located in a calm corner of the city, it has become a credible institution.

HOW TO REACH

The college is around 2.5 km. from the NJP Railway Station, 2 km. from Court More and Siliguri Town Station, 5 km. from Tenzing Norgay Central Bus Terminus and about 15 km. from Bagdogra Airport.

FOCAL THEME OF THE SEMINAR

SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION IN EAST INDIA: PRESENT TRENDS AND FUTURE CONCERNS

The term 'urbanization' may put before us an idea of a modern humanization. It is a process through which a society gets transformed from an agrarian economy to an industrial economy and from a small homogeneous society to a large heterogeneous mass. It is progressive concentration of population in urban unit (Davis, 1965). So, 'urbanization' is associated with the concentration of population into towns and cities consequent to which various development as well as problems is arisen. It leads to an increased impact on the environment. On the other hand, 'sustainable urbanization' implies a process by which sustainability can be attained, emphasizing improvement, progress and positive change, incorporating both environmental and social dimensions. United Nations estimates the year 2007 in which for the first time, half of the world population has started to live in urban areas and 82% of this mega surge of urban population is living only in the towns and cities of Asia, Africa and Latin America. As a developing nation, India is also undergoing through this pace of urbanization. Population, development and environment are integrally related with each other. However, in an overpopulated country like India, the so called development through urbanization is mostly done by paying the cost of natural environment and also through misuse or overuse of resources as well. In addition, increase in urban population creates an immense pressure on the existing urban infrastructure of the towns and cities. Thus, unsustainable urbanization vis-à-vis unscientific use of

natural resources has been identified as the principal factor for environmental degradation. This is more faced by the small statutory and census towns as the recent trend of urbanization in India towards these urban units. In India, such towns have become the worst victims in this whole process. Because of larger bargaining power of metropolitan cities, increasingly larger proportion of scarce resources and government funding are being pumped into them, leaving very little for these towns. As a result, urban conditions are daily worsening in them. Not only that, these small statutory and census towns having also incapability to generate their own resources due to lack of infrastructure, poor governance etc. Problems of housing, poverty, inadequacy of basic services, absence of metalled roads and drainage systems are the common features. Therefore, it is desirable that the town planners should evolve a new strategy to these growing towns of the country and give more emphasis on them for their proper urban growth, so that the continuous rural-urban flow be contained in them.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the seminar is to provide a platform to the participants to discuss the present trends and spatial distribution of urbanization in the eastern parts of India; to throw their insights on the fact that how these small statutory as well as census towns are playing a vital role on this process of urbanization with their congenital limitations. In one hand, a growing share of India's urban population living in these census towns, is being governed under the rural administrative framework, despite very different demographic and economic characteristics, which may affect their future growth while on the other hand, it is undeniable that they are acting as the boosting factor of urban growth in very recent times. Researchers, scholars may enkindle the factors behind the emergence of these census towns as well as their unusual increase in numbers, simultaneously valuable suggestions from them will perhaps make possible to overcome the problems of such urbanization.

Sub-themes:

The debate on the focal theme shall be carried out on the following sub-themes which will offer a wider scope for deliberations:

- Urbanization: Process, trends, spatial distribution, problems and prospects.
- Scope of sustainable urbanization in East and North-East India.
- Role of small statutory and census towns in the process of urbanization.
- Urban growth, economic activities, land cover changes, environmental vulnerability.

- Urbanization and poverty, livelihood challenges, impact of slums.
- Globalisation and development of urban infrastructure.
- Aspects, limitations and scope of improvement in urban governance of census towns.
- Geospatial Technology in urban renewal programme and environmental monitoring.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Original research paper(s), case studies supported by recent data covering one or more of the above topics are invited for presentation in the seminar.

SPECIFICATION:

Word Limit: Abstract(s) not exceeding 350 words.

Full Length Paper(s): Not exceeding 20 pages including maps and diagrams, charts, tables, references etc.

Font: Times New Roman; **Font Size:** 12

Styles: No spacing, **Line Spacing:** 1.15

Paper Size: A4 (MS Word)

Medium: Through e-mail attachment.

Poster Size: Not exceeding A0.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Complete & submit by February 28, 2019 to the corresponding e-mail)

ICSSR-ERC Sponsored National Seminar on Sustainable Urbanization in East India: Present Trends and Future Concerns, March 9-10, 2019

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