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**NATIONAL SEMINAR**  
**ON**  
**LIVELIHOOD CHALLENGES AND SPATIAL TRANSFORMATION IN**  
**INDIA**

**March 24-25, 2017**

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## **Focal Theme**

### *Livelihood Challenges and Spatial Transformation in India*

According to the United Nations population projection (medium variant), India will be the most populous country by 2045, superseding China. India is the second largest country in the world with an awesome population of 1.2 billion. More than a two third of this is living in rural areas. There was a net growth of 18.8% in rural population during the 1991-2001 decade, which has decelerated to 12.2 % in 2001-11. Obviously this change is strengthening growth in urban population. Although this number was merely higher in 2001 (72.2 %), still the rural magnitude of population is high enough which needs more and more attention of planners and Governments to caring and catering to its needs and growth. Population growth and urbanisation has had major impact on livelihoods in India. Climate change is no more an environmental concern. It has emerged as the biggest environmental concern as well as threats to the livelihood of the people. It is serious threat to human security and national economy also. The recent instances of displacement across the country met with vehement resistance bears testimony to the peoples struggle and keenness to protect environment and their livelihoods. Emerging livelihood challenges due to development issues and climate change now a major concern of the people for their well being and sustainable livelihoods rather than for sheer economic considerations.

With these perspectives in mind research papers are invited on the following sub-themes for discussion at the seminar.

1. Development in India, displacement and rehabilitation.
2. Climate change and the environment – Sustainable livelihood, human rights and environmental migration
3. Forests and livelihood
4. Migration and urban growth
5. Sustainable development and new challenges
6. Landuse and land cover changes
7. Land utilisation and sustainable development
8. Agriculture – Loss of agricultural production and food security

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & 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.

While submitting a paper following points are to be taken into consideration.

- ❖ Word limit: Abstract – 300 words; Full length paper – Not exceeding 15 pages including maps and diagrams, charts, tables, references etc.
- ❖ Font: Times New Roman (font size – 12); Paper size – A4 (MS word)

**Poster Presentation:** Standard size

**Word limit:** Abstract(s): Not exceeding 300 words, Full length paper(s): Not exceeding 20 pages including maps and diagrams, charts, tables, references etc. Font: Times New Roman; Font size: 12; Paper size: A4

### **Important dates:**

❖ Last date of submission: Abstract – 14.03.17; Full length paper – 25.03.17

### **Registration:**

Interested participants are requested to register well in advance by sending the duly filled in registration form along with Registration Fees. Registration fee has to be paid through NEFT in favour of Raiganj University, State Bank of India, A/C No. 34901673834, IFSC Code SBIN0000162, Raiganj Branch

### **Registration fees**

Delegates/ Participants: Rs. 1500/-

Research Scholars: (RGU only): Rs. 750/-

Students (Present UG & PG, RGU): Rs. 350/-

### **General Information**

Raiganj is a municipal town and headquarter of Uttar Dinajpur district. The Raiganj town is situated alongside the National highway 34 and also by the side of the River Kulik. The Kulik bird sanctuary located alongside the Kulik River, one of the largest bird sanctuaries of Asia, is the important tourist attractive point. The place has a humid tropical to subtropical type climate.

### **How to Reach**

Raiganj is connected through National Highway 34. Buses are available from Siliguri and Malda. Radhikapur Express is the only train which runs daily between Kolkata and Radhikapur. Raiganj railway station is only 1.5 km away from Raiganj University. Other nearby railway stations are Malda (74 km), Dalkolha (42 km) and Barsoi (30 km.) Nearest airport is Bagdogra (165 km).

REGISTRATION FORM

To be submitted by March 14, 2017

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