



National Seminar

On

*“Social Transformation among Scheduled Caste & Tribal Communities of Mountain Regions:
Myth or Reality”*

10-11th October, 2014

Dear Colleague,

We are happy to inform you that Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, Uttarakhand Open University is organizing a two days National Seminar Sponsored by ICSSR on 10-11th October, 2014 at Nainital. It gives us immense pleasure in inviting you to participate in the academic event and share your valuable research findings with other scholars to enrich their existing knowledge in the aforesaid theme of the National seminar.

India is a country with highly rigid caste-based hierarchal structure, with ascending orders of privileges and descending order of disabilities, which is being in tradition for the last 3000 years. There was an overwhelming majority in the Country which are still backward -socially, economically, educationally, and politically. This is the result of our rigid caste system which divides the Indian society into upper castes and lower castes on the basis of birth. In the Indian scenario when we peep into the past of the role and status of the SCs & STs in the mountain regions, no major changes have so far been seen. Although a lot of development programmes and policies have been formulated for the overall upliftment of these weaker sections of the mountain society, no major breakthroughs have been achieved so far.

The life in the mountains especially in the Hilly terrain is very difficult for even the common people but these downtrodden peoples find it even worst to earn their bread in normal circumstances, not to talk of the bad weather conditions of the mountain. After Independence some sections of these downtrodden strata of the society could improve their socio-economic positions through harvesting the boons of changed political and economic scenario. They reap the harvest of changed political role and status and could economically uplift their status. Hence we find a new emerging elite class among the SCs & STs in the mountain regions. The elite class among the SCs and STs are taking benefits of all the governmental schemes running for their communities' upliftment but on the other side of the coin, there is a large majority of SCs and STs who are still living a measurable life.

The primary goal of this National Seminar is to bring the actual picture and status of the SCs and STs residing in the Mountain regions. The SCs and STs residing in the mountain region are still living in the stage of transition. There is a need to critically analyze the problems of SCs & STs in general and to find out the actual reasons behind it.

SUB THEMES

- Developmental Programmes for Scheduled Caste & Tribal Communities -Issues and Challenges.
- Social Mobility among SC & ST.
- Caste, Religion & Social Exclusion.
- Modernization and Social Transformation among SCs & Tribal Community.
- Impact of Reservation Policy on SCs and ST

(N.B.: The above list of themes is indicative. Papers from other relevant areas will also be considered for presentation.)

CALL FOR PAPERS

All Academicians, Administrators, Research Scholars, Students, Community Leaders and other stakeholders are invited to submit abstracts of their papers/articles for consideration. The abstract should not exceed 500 words and the research papers should be ideally around 5000 words typed in Hindi (Kruti Dev 10) and English 12 point font in Times New Roman. All the abstracts should reach us on or before **10th September, 2014**. The last date for submitting complete research papers is **25th September, 2014**. The paper should contain topic/title, name of author(s), mailing address, contact no. and e-mail address. **Submission of paper via e- mail is preferred and alternatively, one hard copy and a C.D. may be mailed to the Organizing Secretary.**

Please email us a line of intimation that you intend to participate in the seminar, as it will help us in planning in advance for logistic arrangements to make your stay comfortable during the event

REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee will be paid at the time of registration but the registration form will have to be submit on or before 25th September 2014. Due to limited availability of funds, participants are advised to get themselves sponsored from their respective Institutions. To meet out the expenditures following registration fee has been decided for participation. The registration fee is meant for a conference kit, stay and food arrangement during the Seminar.

INR 1000/- For Faculty Members

INR 600/- Research Scholars/ Students

Venue of the Seminar : Fair light-British Bungalow
Tanki, Mallital, Nainital (Uttarakhand)
www.thefairlight.com

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