

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY
ASSAM UNIVERSITY: DIPHU CAMPUS
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DIPHU-782462, KARBI ANGLONG ASSAM (INDIA)



NATIONAL SEMINAR
on
“Maternal and Child Health in
India: Issues and Challenges”
15th & 16th November, 2018

Organized by
Department of Anthropology
Assam University: Diphu Campus
Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam

We are pleased to inform that the Department of Anthropology, Assam University: Diphu Campus, Diphu, Karbi Anglong, Assam will be organizing a two days National seminar on “Maternal and Child Health in India: Issues and Challenges” on 15th & 16th November 2018. The seminar will provide an insight into the new trends in research works being done in the sphere of maternal and child health issues in India. This national seminar attempts to bring together the Anthropologist, Sociologist, health professional, policy makers, academician, and social scientists as well as scholars engaged in

various health researches under the same umbrella for discussion, critical evaluation of current health situation and efficacy and role of several health programme related to maternal and child health in India. The researchers/health professionals are requested to send their abstracts based on their research findings under the following sub-themes:

- Maternal health and child mortality in India
- Adolescent pregnancy, maternal mortality and pregnancy related issues
- Health services and schemes related to maternal and child health in India
- Socio-economic, demographic, lifestyle and cultural determinants of maternal and child health
- Knowledge and awareness related to the maternal and child healthcare
- Changing perspectives of maternal and child health in Rural and Tribal population of India
- Food and Dietary pattern and maternal and child health status in India
- Indigenous healthcare practices and maternal and child health in India
- Maternal health and human rights issues
- Recent developments in maternal and child healthcare in India

IMPORTANT DATES

Opening Call for Abstract submission:

1st September 2018

Last date for Abstract submission:

30th October 2018

Notification of accepted Abstract:

Within 7 days of abstract submission

Full paper submission: **5th November 2018**

REGISTRATION FEE

Research Scholar/Fellow	Rs. 750.00
Faculty/Scientist	Rs. 1000.00
Accompanying person/Others	Rs. 1200.00

Mode of Payment: Cash to be paid at registration desk of the national seminar venue. The registration fee includes seminar kit, local hospitality, food and accommodation during the national seminar.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

The participants are requested to send their abstract to the national seminar e-mail: **anthropologydiphuseminar2018@gmail.com**. The abstract may be prepared within 200-300 words in MS-word, Times New Roman, front size 12-pt and 1.5 line spacing. Further details of the seminar will be sent in due course of time.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL SEMINAR

India is facing one of the biggest challenges in the area of healthcare and development. The major public health concerns are in the areas of anaemia, maternal and infant morbidity and mortality, child sex-ratio and safe pregnancy. Maternal health is one of the most crucial elements, has long been ignored in public healthcare and the Maternal Mortality Rate continues to remain high in our country without showing any declining trend over a period of two decades and contributes almost a quarter of the global estimates of maternal morbidity and mortality. Moreover, improving the maternal and child health, reducing the burden of maternal and child mortality, and working toward universal access to healthcare are the outmost priorities for the national governments and several civil society organizations. It is attributed to the vast geographical, socio-economic and cultural diversity across India contributes to such variation. The status of women are generally considered to be low in

India. Female literacy rate is observed to be unsatisfactory and women lack the empowerment to take decisions, including decision to use reproductive health services and childcare. Despite the avoidable nature of maternal and child morbidity and mortality, unacceptably high numbers of deaths occur in India. Considering its preventability, maternal and child mortality are being increasingly recognised as a human rights issue. Integration of a human rights perspective in maternal and health programmes could contribute positively in eliminating avertable maternal and child deaths. Moreover, the maternal and child health issues are much higher especially in the rural areas and mainly attributed to lack of adequate healthcare facilities, lack of knowledge about health, hygiene, awareness of healthcare services and less institutional delivery and acute shortage of doctors and medical staff in the hospitals. The health system's conscious effort to improve maternal and child health, normative elements of a human rights approach to maternal health (i.e., availability, accessibility, acceptability, and quality of maternal health services) were not upheld. The Government has made significant advancements to improve the maternal and child health and shown a significant increase in the institutional delivery and immunization coverage but still below the adequate requirements. Give the multiple efforts of the Government to improve maternal health, why have the maternal health indicators not improved significantly in the past decade? Unfortunately, due to lack of the managerial capacity, clear overall programme objectives, and evidence-based strategies, the schemes were implemented as an unconnected patchwork of efforts and, hence, did not lead to the desired improvement in the performance and achievement of objectives of the health system.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

Department of Anthropology was established at Diphu Campus in the year 2010. The Department offers Post graduate (M.A./M.Sc.) and Research programmes (M.Phil. & Ph.D) in Anthropology. Currently, the department consists of three faculty members, supporting staffs and research scholars. The Department has laid special focus on Anthropology of Northeast India, Tribal Ethnography, Medical Anthropology and Ecological Anthropology. The Department has been regularly organizing National/International seminars and workshops. The department has been engaged in various research projects, especially among the ethnic/indigenous communities of Northeast India. The research scholars have been participating in various national and international seminars, conferences and symposiums since establishment.

ABOUT THE DIPHU CAMPUS

Assam University, Silchar, Assam was established by an Act of Parliament promulgated in 1989 (Act and enforced by a notification of the Government of India on 21st January, 1994). In the last week of March 2007, the University Grants Commission, New Delhi, approved six academic departments to be set up for a campus at Diphu in Karbi Anglong. Currently, the permanent Campus consists of ten academic departments and a research centre located in the hilly terrain spreading over 273 bighas of land. The campus is situated about 8 km westward from downtown Diphu towards Lumding in a rich biodiversity and eco-friendly environment, lush green hillocks and the picturesque tea gardens and teak forest of Karbi Anglong surrounds the Diphu campus. The serene setting makes the Diphu campus a unique one with exquisite natural beauty, which captures viewer's imagination and provides an ideal atmosphere for education and research.

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Departure (Time & Date):

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If yes, mention the period:

Accompanying person if any:

Signature with Date:

[Note: Tentative travel details may be sent along with the abstract. All delegates/ participants are requested to manage/meet their travel expenses from their own sources due to paucity of seminar grants].