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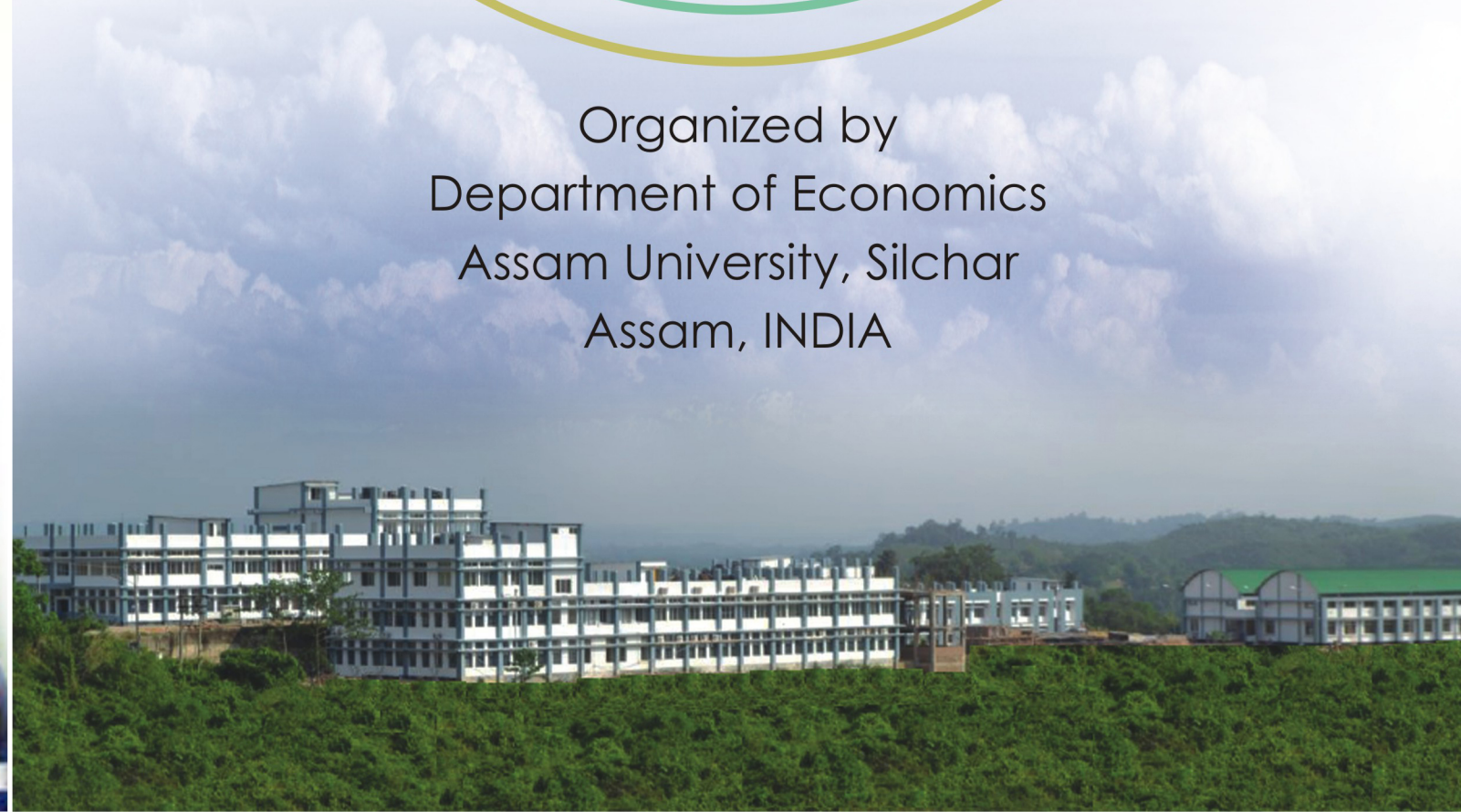
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## BACKGROUND:

The Department of Economics, Assam University, Silchar is going to organize a two-day international seminar sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) during November 8-9, 2016. The seminar is expected to witness active participation and deliberation of many eminent economists and researchers from different parts of India and other countries.

## CONCEPT NOTE:

The northeastern region of India consist of eight states, viz, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim. The region is physiographically divided into the eastern Himalayas, the northeastern hills, and the Brahmaputra and Barak valley plains. The northeastern region of India which showed huge potential for economic development because of its rich natural resources at the time of Independence has lagged behind rest of the country. The geographical isolation resulting from partition of the country in 1947 and the consequent hike in the cost of movement of man and material to and from the region suddenly halted the industrialization process taking place in the region during the colonial period and has since remained as a drag on the region's economic progress. About ninety percent of the borders of the region are covered by countries like Bangladesh, Myanmar, Bhutan, China and Nepal. The rapid economic growth of the South East Asian nations in the 1970s drew attention of academicians and policy makers, and as an extension of the economic reforms the union government of India adopted Look East policy. In a bid to enhance economic ties with its eastern neighbours India joined hands with them in several regional formations such as BIMSTEC, Makon Ganga Cooperation (MGC) and Kunming Initiative besides SAARC. Efforts are now on for formation of India-ASEAN Free Trade Area.

The Look East Policy initiated in the early 1990s generated considerable optimism in the northeastern region of the country which had persistently lagged behind the rest of India in pace of economic development ever since the time of Independence. It can become the Gateway of India to the east and, thereby, the hub of international commerce between India and the fastest growing economies of the world. But after a quarter century since introduction of the policy there is not much discernible realization of the dreams for the northeastern states. To emphasize its priority and pro-active role in enriching closer ties with the bordering nations the present government of India has shifted its focus from 'Look East' to 'Act East' which has aroused the hopes once again about the potential benefits for the northeastern region. With this 'Act East' policy the region is expected to be able to export a variety of goods, especially horticultural products as well as services such as transportation, hospitality, financial services, health care and education. It will be pertinent to look into the impact of the 'Look East' or 'Act East' policy of the government of India on the economies of the northeastern states and its south Asian neighbours.

The proposed international seminar focuses on the economic inter-dependence of the northeastern states of India and its bordering nations, the impact of economic co-operation on their economies, identify the priority areas and the relative advantages in various areas concerning socio-economic condition of people of these regions. In this regard the seminar has identified the following sub-themes.

1. Look East Policy and its impact.
2. Agricultural interdependency and technological transformations.
3. Industrial development priorities.
4. Environmental issues.
5. Health and related issues.
6. Poverty- absolute, relative, and linkages.
7. Migration and displacement.
8. Tourism and its potentials.
9. International trade and macroeconomic issues.
10. Infrastructure development.
11. Other related socio-economic issues.

Papers on case studies as well as with a focus on domestic and international policies of the countries concerned and its overall impacts are welcome. Use of various analytical tools such as quantitative and qualitative empirical methods, mixed methods, historical and theoretical analyses are also welcome.

Extended abstracts of not more than 1500 words are welcome from prospective contributors highlighting *Purpose/Objective(s), Originality, Data and Design/methodology/approach, and Findings* (if any). The contributors are to mention the sub-theme of the seminar to which their paper belongs. After a thorough evaluation of the abstract decision about its acceptance will be notified following which the contributors are to submit full length papers. The authors are requested to abide by the following deadlines.

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