

Call for Abstracts:

## National Webinar



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### PROBLEMS AND PROSPECTS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC ISSUES OF SCHEDULED TRIBES OF NORTH-EAST INDIA

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## Background

North-East India is the abode of several scheduled tribes. The percentage of tribal population varies from mere 12% in Assam, to as high as more than 85% percent in Meghalaya, Nagaland and Mizoram. Tribes of the

region live in diverse geo-political settings clinging lots of individual and collective aspiration to their heart. Each tribe speaks different dialect/language, dons distinct traditional costume and enjoys unique cuisine. Each tribe is standing at different juncture of socio-economic development and political milieu. These diversities are well reflected in various development indicators. For instance, lots of tribal youths are forced to migrate from the region to big cities in search of green pastures surmounting all sorts of difficulties. This also opens the vista for inter-caste nuptial bonding leading to social and familial complexities. Glance at the latest National Family Health Survey data on scheduled tribes of the region reveal that the total fertility rate varies from a very low of 1.87 in Tripura to moderately high in Manipur and Meghalaya (about 3.2), use of modern contraceptive methods is abysmally low in Manipur (11%) whereas it is comparatively high in Tripura (63%), women receiving full ante natal care and institutional delivery also greatly varies across the tribe of different states. Further, like other communities, the tribals of the region are also facing burden of malnutrition, non-communicable diseases, ageing, lifestyle diseases, in-migration, etc. and currently COVID-19. Similarly, the Bodoland Territorial Region has also several such issues. In order to attain the Sustainable Development Goals, these problems of each tribe and the region needs attention. Against the backdrop of such diversities, this Webinar aims to deliberate on some of these issues.

The researchers, academicians, policy makers, NGO activists, etc. from different disciplines are encouraged to submit abstract of about 250 words on the following sub-themes for the consideration of online presentation in the webinar.





## About the Department

Established in the year 2015, the Department of Geography, Bodoland University, is currently functioning with five faculty members. The department offers M.A./M.Sc. and PhD courses. The faculty members are well equipped with technical skills in Remote Sensing, GIS, GeoDa, Stata, 'R', SPSS, etc. The student intake capacity of the department is 40 for M.A./M.Sc., whereas the number of seats for the PhD program varies from year to year. The department have cartographic and GIS Lab equipped with the necessary instruments such as the plane table, theodolite, altimeter, GPS etc. The department also has a good collection of Toposheets of the University catchment areas. The department offers specialization in Geomorphology and Population geography. The fourth semester is exclusively devoted to specialization and dissertation work. For the dissertation, the students are encouraged to do research on cutting edge social issues blending with physical geography. Students are groomed as per their potential and allowed to choose the topic of their interest and capability.

### *Sub-themes:*

- Consequences of Spatial Mobility
  - Fertility Differentials and its Implications
  - Spatial Pattern of Mortality
  - Implications of Inter Caste Marriage
  - Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases
  - Health Geography
  - Nutrition and Health
  - Population and Wellbeing
  - Socio-economic Adversities of Ageing
  - Population, Environment, Development Nexus
  - Gender Geography
  - Household Structure
  - Socio-economic Aspects of COVID-19
  - Socio-demographic Issues of Bodoland Territorial Region
- *E-Certificate will be issued to Paper Presenters*  
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### Important dates:

Last date for abstract submission: July 19, 2021

Last date for Registration. : July 26, 2021

Webinar : July 30-31, 2021

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