



## CALL FOR PAPERS

for the

National Seminar on

# “DEBATING ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY: DISCUSSING ITS VARIOUS DIMENSIONS”

Organised by

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, SIDHO-KANHO-BIRSHA UNIVERSITY, PURULIA, WEST BENGAL

in Collaboration with

INDIAN COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH, NEW DELHI

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### Concept Note

“The earth, the air, the land and the water are not an inheritance from our fore fathers but on loan from our children. So, we have to handover to them at least as it was handed over to us”. Mahatma Gandhi

The interdisciplinary approach of history has strengthened the relation of history with other domains of social sciences, natural science and humanities and broadened the scope of the discipline. It is since 1980's that scholars and historians attracted towards various environmental and ecological issues to understand the human interaction with the nature in the past. It is important to understand human-environment relationships in the past as it played an important role in changing the discourses of regional environmental history of the Indian sub-continent. In simple terms, environmental history tries to explain why our environment is like what it is and how humanity has influenced its current configurations, as well as elucidating the problems and prospects of tomorrow. Environmental history covers the study of the transformation of globe's ecology through the study of natural changes since the Neolithic period, agricultural expansion, imperialism and colonial expansion, territorial exploration, the effects of the industrial and technological revolution, modernization, urban expansion and its influences on forestry, wildlife, climate change, sustainability and so on.

There are several evidences in the past which reveal that environmental factors had changed the course of history at various intervals such as a number of natural calamities and foreign invasions led to the assimilation of migrant groups from one civilizations to other which had influenced and changed its approach towards the exploitation of its natural resource and its management in different historical regions. We have examples of Indus Valley civilization which declined because of natural calamities in the ancient period and how the migration during modern period in various regions affected the environment. Thus, environmental history opens up new perspectives of research such as modifications of landscape, reoccurring natural calamities, politics over environmental issues and conflicts over the control and use of natural resources.

Since the evolution of homo-sapiens men have been deepened on nature and natural resources for their needs.

But it didn't harm the environment till human being think itself as a part of environment. Problem arises when human beings started thinking themselves superior then the environment and started misusing natural resources to meet their greed. It covers study of Origin of various civilizations, physical changes, climatic changes, migrations, settlement of migrants in a new place and its affect, famine, study of various species of mammals which have been extinct over time and their role in the environment, ecology, evolution of agriculture in Neolithic period, irrigation and its impact on environment, animal domestication, forest and wildlife, Indian religions and philosophy and its role in environmental preservation. During the medieval period occurrence of famine and drought, physical changes, foreign invasion led various environmental changes. Colonial rule in India was a watershed in the environmental History of India. Though historians and scholars have been working on these issues still it remains a significant area of research to investigate these issues on regional grounds. Environmental history is thus, a challenging interdisciplinary field that deserve much scholarly attention.

The seminar aims to study the men and environment relationship since the Ancient period to the contemporary period in India. This is because it is necessary to understand the historical process to deal with the present environmental issues by drawing attention on the environmental policies, jurisprudence, its implication and its impact at regional level in the past. It also aims to study the role of state both in colonial and post-colonial period in the conversation process through implication of environmental laws and imposing restriction on its use by indigenous people. The main attempt of the seminar is to find out the gaps and problems in the existing research studies by exploration of regional environmental history and issues in the Indian Sub-Continent. It will explore new area, debates, concepts and perspective of environmental history at regional level which will help in broadening of the subject as an interdisciplinary subject. This will further enable the historians and

modernscholars to study the environmental history from

The broad themes of the seminar are-

Conceptualizing environmental history

- Environmental history as a recent trend in history
- Historiography of environmental history
- Concept, themes and issues in environmental history

Environment in Indian philosophy and culture

- Environment and religions
- Environment, conservation, regional cultures and practices
- Environment, conservation and tribal practices

Environment from gender perspective

- Women and their relation to environment
- Women, environment and sustainable development
- Women and Joint Forest Management

Environment and natural resources

- Climate and evolution of society
- Management of environment in the past

various dimension.

- Forest, wildlife, water, mines, minerals, rocks as natural resources
- Environmental disaster in the form of flood, famine drought and its impact
- Natural resources and Sustainable development

Environment and agro-based activities

- Agro-pastoral economy and its impact on environment
- Geo-polity, agrarian expansion and its impact on environment
- Irrigation systems and its impact on environment
- Cattle rearing and its impact on environment

Environmental issues, development and politics

- Modern industry and environment
- Environmental movements
- Development debates and environmental concerns
- Migration and its impact on environment
- Politics of environmental conservation

### **Outcome of the Seminar:**

The seminar will give a chance to the students and young researchers to interact with senior scholars and historians working on environmental history and thereby led to develop among them an interest to construct environmental history from their own perspectives. Attempts will be made to publish selected highly appreciated papers presented in the seminar in form of edited book by one of the reputed publishers, which will later be used by the research scholars, academicians and policy makers on environment as a source of guidance and information for various purposes.

### **Guidelines for Abstract:**

The abstract should not exceed 300 words and should have six key words.

It should include title of the abstract, the author's name, designation, institutional affiliation, mailing address, E-mail ID and contact number.

Authors are requested to send the abstract through E-mail to the ID: [geetashree.singh@yahoo.com](mailto:geetashree.singh@yahoo.com) latest by 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

### **Guidelines for Full Paper: (Oxford Reference Style).**

Write the paper keeping in view of its publication immediately after the seminar.

The length of full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. should be between to 6000 to 8000 words.

The full paper should be in English and typed in MS-Word in Times New Roman with font size 12 and 1.5 spaced.

References and Notes should be arranged as Endnote in Oxford Referencing Style (see the Model Sheet below).

A Committee will review the abstracts/ full papers and information regarding acceptance, modification, rejection and presentation will be communicated to the authors subsequently on/or before 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

The selected full version of papers should be submitted in soft copy latest by 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.

### **Registration fee for the Seminar:**

Delegates/Paper Presenters: Rs. 800/-

Accompanied Person (if any): Rs. 1500/-

(Scanned copy of duly signed registration form and payment details can be mailed to [geetashree.singh@yahoo.com](mailto:geetashree.singh@yahoo.com) or can be send by post to Dr. Geetashree Singh, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, P.O. Sainik School, Ranchi Road, Purulia, West Bengal-723104)

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### **How to reach Purulia:**

Purulia town is well connected by road, rail and Air network. Nearest airports are Ranchi (123 Kms) and Kolkata ((296 Kms). Nearest railway stations are Tatanagar (90 kms) and Asansol (85kms), Bokaro (53kms), Dhanbad (60kms).

#### **About the University:**

Sidho-Kanho-Birsha University, situated at Purulia District of West Bengal, started its voyage on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2010. This is a State University established by West Bengal Act XII of 2010. The university is approved by UGC & fully funded by the government of West-Bengal. This university commemorating the tribal leaders Sidho and KanhoMurmu and Birsha Munda, is the culmination of a long-cherished dream of the people of Purulia, who had for years nurtured an innate desire to have their own centre of excellence, attuned with the geographical location and demographic set up of the place. SKB university aspires to promote higher education with special emphasis on the study of indigenous languages as well as culture and ruler development. Various departments of the university are regularly organising National/International seminars, Symposium, Refresher/ orientation courses, Workshops etc.

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#### **Venue:**

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#### **Oxford Referencing Style (Endnote)**

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Journal Article	S. Mintz, 'Food Enigmas, Colonial and Postcolonial', Gastronomica, vol. 10, no.1, 2010, p. 149.
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Conference Proceeding	G. Kozicz, 'Architecture of the Empty Shells of Nyar ma', Discoveries in Western Tibet and the Western Himalayas: Essays on History, Literature, Archaeology and Art: PIATS 2003, Tibetan Studies, Proceedings of the Tenth Seminar of the International Association for Tibetan Studies. Oxford, Oxford University Press, 2006, pp. 41-42.

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#### **Important dates:**

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Intimation to the author regarding the selection of their paper: 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

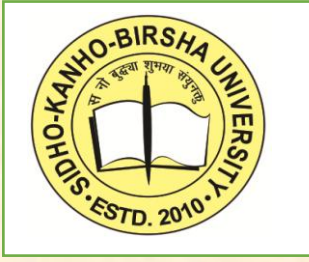
Submission of full paper: 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

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