

Indian Anthropology Congress – 2018
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Under the aegis of
Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Indian Anthropology Congress – 2018 is scheduled to be held during 21-23 February, 2018 in the Dept of Anthropology, Gauhati University, Assam. It will be organized by the Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University in association with Guwahati Regional Committee of the Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA).

The Focal Theme of the seminar is **“Changing facets of Human Biology and Culture: Prospects for Development”**. As a part of the Congress, INCAA, like other previous years, propose to organize The Round Table -2018 and two Memorial Lectures : (i). Prof. B. M. Das Memorial Lecture and (ii). Prof. S. C. Dube Lemorial lecture. In the Congress three plenary sessions will be held, one each on **(i). Bio-Cultural Dimension of Health , (ii). Tea Plantation in Assam : Issues and Challenges, and (iii). North-East in Anthropological Perspective**. A special session exclusively on North-East India has been designed and expects participation from researchers and professionals working on different issues of North- East India. Another open discussion session has been proposed on the topic, **“Anthropology in India : Prospects and Challenges”**. Beside, different events, exhibitions, etc. will be held during the Congress.

Gauhati University :

Gauhati University is one of the premier institutes of higher education in the country. It is the oldest University in the entire North-East India. It was established in 1948. It is situated in the Gopinath Bordoloi Nagar, Jalukbari, Guwahati, Assam. It is a teaching cum affiliating University and at present there are more than 300 colleges and institutions affiliated to Gauhati University.

The Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA)

The Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) is the apex organization of anthropologists in India, founded in 2004. It has about 900 Life Members, representing 24 States/Union Territories of the country. It was established to create a network of professional

anthropologists to promote excellence in anthropology and to develop and promote anthropology in teaching, research, policy planning, and to work for the development of the country as a whole. The first Indian Anthropology Congress was held in the North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya. Thereafter, it was held once every year in different Universities of the country.

Guwahati Regional Committee of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (GRC INCAA)

GRC INCAA is the first regional committee of INCAA formed in 2006. Mrs Bandana Dutta and Dr. Tiluttoma Baruah were the former President and Secretary respectively.

Guwahati, Assam

Guwahati is the gateway to the north-east, and a cosmopolitan city of the region. It is situated on the bank of the mighty river Brahmaputra covering an area of 316 sq. km. Guwahati is the capital city of Assam and Longitude & Latitude are 91.73 degree 26.14 degree respectively.

Weather

Weather of Guwahati during February generally remains pleasant with an average temperature of 17 degree Celsius.

Transportation

Guwahati is well connected by Air, Railways, and bus routes with the rest of the country. Gauhati University is about 10 kms away from the Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. The Paltanbazar Railway Station and Inter State Bus Terminus are also situated almost in same distance. Kamakhya junction is only 3 kms from the University campus.

Tourist Attractions

Northeastern region of India with eight States is one of the worlds 17 richest sites of bio-diversity. The infinite variety of its geographic settings, its topography, varied flora and fauna, the history of its people, and numerous ethnic communities and their rich cultural heritages of ancient tradition, life style, art, culture, festival of each State of north-east India are unique and each of these is a tourist hotspot. September to March is the most favourable season for tourists.

Guwahati, is the gateway to the North-east India. The mighty Brahmaputra flows throughout the city. It is surrounded by hills and undulations. The famous Saktipeeth Ma Kamakhya temple, Bashistha Mandir, DouL Gobinda Mandir, are some of the important religious tourist spots. A big

historical pond, Dighali Pukhuri in the midst of the city is another major tourist attraction. Moreover, there is provision of river cruising in the mighty river Brahmaputra.

There are two wild life sanctuaries near Guwahati. Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary, which is famous for one horned rhinoceros is only 25 kms from Guwahati while world famous Kaziranga National Park is about 150 km. “Scotland of the east-Shillong” which is in the state of Meghalaya, is only 100 kms and takes about 2 hours by car from Guwahati. Beside, there are many historical and archaeological sites spread all over Assam. There are numerous tea gardens with their majestic looks and many unique features , particularly in upper Assam and foothills of Assam-Bhutan border.