

INDIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONGRESS: 2014

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FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: 09.09.2013

Dear Colleague:

We are happy to announce that the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University, Assam in collaboration with Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA) will organize the **Indian Anthropological Congress: 2014** at Dibrugarh University during 21-23 February 2014. The Focal Theme chosen for deliberations during the Congress is '**Human Variation, Plurality and Diversity: Anthropological Perspectives**'. A copy of the write up on the Focal Theme is appended. The Congress will organize a Round Table session (on **Unrest, Insurgency and beyond**), two Memorial Lectures, several Plenary / Technical / Scientific and Open Sessions. All fellow professionals are cordially invited to attend the Congress.

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Abstract of paper (not exceeding 350 words) from the prospective participants should reach the undersigned, with a copy to the Member-Secretary, INCAA by November 15, 2013. The last date for receipt of full paper is December 14, 2013.

All registered delegates contributing publishable papers on the Focal Theme will be entitled to certain privileges, details of which will be notified / supplied soon.

With greetings and warm wishes.

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Focal Theme
Human Variation, Plurality, and Diversity: Anthropological Perspectives

Anthropology as an academic discipline has multiple shades. Pursuit of anthropological knowledge across cultures and societies demonstrates such a range of variation that they more often display unlike characters than otherwise. The major sub-disciplines of Anthropology in specific situations behave as if independent disciplines. In fact, specializations cultivated by its sub-disciplines have assumed such a proportion that their unlike characters appear evidently more visible than their degree of mutual sharing and unless one pays sufficiently close attention to their methodologies of researches and trends and nature of generalizations, one is likely to miss the uniqueness of their degree of sharing and the integrated nature of Anthropology.

The integrated discipline of Anthropology can, nevertheless, claim the credit of projecting human variation, plurality, as well as diversity without any loss to the pursuit of specializations of its sub-disciplines. It is by and large an established fact that the results of evolutionary processes manifest themselves through variation understood in biological, cultural, and linguistic terms. This has given rise to the perceptions of 'cultural relativism' as enshrined in the U N Charter of Human Rights. Besides, the very recognition of the concepts of plurality and diversity has promoted the spirit of co-existence and mutual tolerance directly advocating peace.

Related issues can be examined from all the sub-disciplines of Anthropology. The greater is the degree of critical scrutiny of the issues, stronger will be the foundation of integrated Anthropology as practiced in most of India.

The very objective of the Indian Anthropological Congresses is to ensure relatively larger participation, particularly of the new entrants to the profession. After all, the future of the discipline rests on the collective commitments such Congresses are capable of cultivating among the members of the incoming generations.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The **Indian Anthropological Congress: 2014** is scheduled to be held during February 21-23 2014 under the auspices of the Department of Anthropology, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh in its own Campus. The Focal Theme chosen for deliberations during the Congress is '**Human Variation, Plurality, and Diversity: Anthropological Perspectives**'. A copy of the Write up on the Focal Theme is appended. The Congress will organize Round Table Session (on **Unrest, Insurgency and beyond**), two Memorial Lectures, several Plenary / Technical / Scientific and Open Sessions. Participation in the Congress is open to all on prior registration.

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Presentation of Papers:

Presentation of papers on the Focal Theme '**Human Variation, Plurality, and Diversity: Anthropological Perspectives**' will be the priority of the Registered Delegates. Papers based particularly on primary data highlighting theoretical and methodological approaches are especially welcome. An Abstract of the paper, not exceeding 350 words, should reach the Organizing Secretary

with a copy to the Member-Secretary, INCAA on or before November 15 2013. Full papers completed in every respect should reach the undersigned, with a copy to the Member Secretary INCAA by December 14 2013.

All papers shall be referred to an Academic Committee specially appointed for the purpose, in order to assess their publish worthiness. Papers recommended by the Academic Committee shall be enlisted for oral presentation. If the Academic Committee recommends 'Poster Presentation', the authors will be communicated about the same by January 18 2014. Nevertheless, arrangement for Poster Presentation will be made only of those papers that have been received on or before December 14, 2013. Posters should be 1 meter x 1 meter in dimension.

Travel Support:

The Organizing Committee shall feel happy to reimburse A/C 3 Tier Train Fare (shortest Route) to those whose papers have been accepted for oral presentation. Depending on the availability of funds, reimbursement of Sleeper Class charges by train will be considered for those whose papers have been accepted for Poster Presentation. Nevertheless, the Organizing Committee will appreciate, if individual scholars can arrange funding on their own for travel. Dibrugarh University is well connected by road, rail, and air. The Dibrugarh Town Railway station is about 08 kms and Mohonbari Airport is about 20 kms from the Indian Anthropological Congress venue. Auto rickshaw, rickshaw and city buses are the popular mode of conveyance facility.

Local Hospitality:

The organizing Committee will be happy to extend local hospitality (breakfast, session tea, lunch, and dinner on all days of the conference for the out station delegates and lunch and session tea on all three days of the Congress to the local delegates) to every registered delegates.

Accommodation:

Modest accommodation (double occupancy for seniors and double / multiple occupancy in the University Guest House and Budget Hotels for others) will be provided to all out station participants from the evening of 20 February 2014 till morning of 24 February 2014. Accommodation for the accompanying persons (aged above 5 years) shall be charged for at the rate of Rs. 1,000 per person per night. In view of limited availability of accommodation (only about 150-160 out station delegates can be accommodated), the accommodation shall be booked on the basis of priority of the date of registration.

Dibrugarh weather:

Generally it gets warmer in day time towards the last week of February. However, light warm clothing in evening may be needed.

Registration:

Registration is compulsory for all delegates including INCAA members. No spot Registration will be possible without prior authorization of the organizing committee. Registration Fee shall include Registration Kit, modest twin sharing accommodation and boarding during the days of Congress.

| Categories | Nature of INCAA Membership | Amount in Rupees (Received before November 30 2013) | Amount in Rupees (Received after December 1 2013 till January 31 2014) |
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| Category IV | Students (Local and Non Local) | Rs.750.00 | Rs.1,000.00 |
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Registration Form can be obtained from the Organizing Secretary or downloaded from the INCAA website: www.incaa.net. Filled in Forms, along with Registration Fee should be sent to:

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