



University School of Law and Legal Studies
Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India

organises

Two-Day National e-Conference

On

**Life, Livelihood and Rights of Indigenous People
and Traditional Knowledge**

to commemorate

International Day of the World's Indigenous People 2020

Sunday, 09-August-2020

ABOUT THIS e-CONFERENCE

A two-day e-conference on “Life, Livelihood and Rights of Indigenous People and Traditional Knowledge” is being organised by the University School of Law and Legal Studies, Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India on 08 & 09-August-2020 to commemorate **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2020**, which falls on the 9 August. This day is celebrated in recognition of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations held in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1982.

International days are occasions, rather a powerful advocacy platform to build awareness across the globe on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems, and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity. According to UN estimate, there are about 370 million (5% of world's population) indigenous people communicating with about 7,000 languages and representing 5,000 odd different cultures living across 90 countries; they account for 15% of the poorest. (United Nations).

The key objective of this event is to engage interested people of all walks of life in particular researchers, academicians, policy makers and professionals to share their experience, ideas and innovations to benefit the indigenous people, especially the aboriginals and native people. This event serves as an outreach platform for researchers and academicians to present their findings and advocate for a cause.

Indigenous People in India

According to Census 2011, India has about 1.7 million indigenous population, distributed in 86 groups, spread in 18 states and Union Territories. They are named tribes, Adivasis, communities, Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs), De-

Notified Tribes (DNTs) and so on. Most of these, these groups represent our ancestors, they are the original or native inhabitants of India. Their origin and history of these indigenous people extends beyond the advent of Vasco-da-Gama. Thus, indigenous culture, life, art, artefacts, mural are the way of life of our ancestors, which is no inferior to modern culture/ society.

In India, 705 ethnic groups are recognised as Scheduled Tribes. In central India, the Scheduled Tribes are usually referred to as Adivasis, which literally means Indigenous Peoples. With an estimated population of 104 million, they comprise 8.6% of the total population. There are, however, many more ethnic groups that would qualify for Scheduled Tribe status but which are not officially recognised; as a result, estimates of the total number of tribal groups are higher than the official figure. The largest concentrations of Indigenous Peoples are found in the seven states of north-east India, and the so-called “central tribal belt” stretching from Rajasthan to West Bengal.

The indigenous people are socially and culturally unique groups who are distinct from other population possessing varying degrees of identification and recognition to their native land. They have remarkable criteria of collective attachment to habitats, natural resources, unique customary cultural, social, economic and political institutions to groom the younger generations. Even in this digitally glocal and today’s technically advanced world, they live disjunct life. However, the development and disasters of modern human societies are impacting their traditional life and indigenous livelihood. Their habitat is shattered, institutions are troubled and inevitably they are forced to accept what the modern society thinks good.

Thus, Indigenous peoples, today, are arguably among the most disadvantaged and vulnerable groups of people in the world. The international community now recognizes that special measures are required to protect their rights and maintain their distinct cultures and ways of life.

DATES REMINDER

Last Date of Registration: 06-Aug-2020

e-Conference Invitation to Participants: 07-Aug-2020

e-Conference Event Dates: 08 & 09-Aug-2020

e-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

This is purely an interest based, anthropological, professional and academic event for the anthropologists and sociologists. We welcome enthusiastic participation of the young students, research scholars, activists and academic faculties involved in research, training, teaching, skill-building, advocating the rights of indigenous tribes and communities. There shall not be any fee for this conference. This event is Participation in this e-conference is through invitation only. Interested participants may register as per the timeline; the organizing committee shall screen and send invitation

link through certain priorities and interest. Such entry shall be first come, first serve basis.

ORGANIZING SCHOOL AND ORGANIZING UNIVERSITY

The e-conference is being organised by University School of Law and Legal Studies (USLLS) one of the 12 Schools of Studies of Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University in its Dwarka Campus, New Delhi. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University is one of the five state universities of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi established on 28 July 1998. It is an UGC recognized and NAAC accredited 'A' Grade University. Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University has been imparting professional education leading to Bachelor, Masters and Doctoral research degrees in the emerging fields of Management, Environmental Management, Biotechnology, Medicine, Pharmacy, Law and Legal Studies and Education.

e-Conference Objective:

- To commemorate the lives and rights of indigenous communities across the globe
- To raise awareness among budding anthropologists, young activists and researchers on the burning issues and needs of indigenous people
- To celebrate the art, culture, artefacts, life, knowledge of indigenous communities

Main attractions of the two-Day Event

We are attempting to connect to various researchers, scholars and academics and invite speakers to deliberate their research findings, air their experience and views on whatever they think important on the issues of indigenous communities. This is a flexible platform of opportunities inviting contributions from across the globe to make this event memorable, colourful and attractive. At this point we welcome and open to all kinds of presentations. The unique attractions of this event are:

- Presentations on research findings on the life, livelihood, Art, Culture of Indigenous communities
- Technical presentations on the evidences of atrocities, violation of Human Rights of indigenous people
- e-Painting Competition for students/ scholars - on art, artifacts, paintings, murals, etc
- Exhibition of Videos and visuals from repositories and web-collections viz. songs, life events, glimpses of farming practices, marriage, unique traditions, video spots, press clipping, etc.

Conference email-id: indigenouspeople2020@gmail.com

e-Conference Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/ALTz64wXSLxHARcN9>

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DAY-1 Saturday, 08-August-2020

10am – 11.30am INAUGURAL SESSION

- Invocation of Goddess Saraswati
- Welcome Address by Prof. A. P. Singh, Dean, USLLS
- Presidential Speech by: Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma, Padmashri, Patron, Vice-Chancellor, GGSIPU
- Key Note Address: Prof. Soumendra Mohan Patnaik, Vice-Chancellor, and Director, PRC, Utkal University
- Inaugural address Prof. P. C. Joshi, Head Dept. of Anthropology, and Pro-Vice – Chancellor, University of Delhi,
- Vote of thanks: Dr. Deepshikha Agarwal, Co- Convenor of e-Conference

11.30am – 1.30pm TECHNICAL SESSION-1

Speaker-1: Prof. R. Siva Prasad, Honorary Prof., University of Hyderabad

Speaker-2: Prof. Sukant K. Chaudhary, Dept. Of Sociology, Lucknow University Development

Speaker- 3: Dr. Nitin Malik, Registrar, Ambedkar University, Delhi

Speaker 4: Ms. Priyanka Bhardwaj, Research Scholar, USHSS, GGSIP University

2.00 am – 3.30pm TECHNICAL SESSION-2

Speaker-1: Prof. Sarit Kumar Chaudhary, Rajiv Gandhi Univ., Ronohill, Doimukh

Speaker -2: Prof. Ranju Hasini Sahoo, Former Dean, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, IGN Tribal University, Amarkantak

Speaker 3: Dr. Anuj Vaksha, Assoc. Prof., USLLS, GGSIP University

Speaker 4: Dr. Vandana Singh, Assit. Prof, USLLS, GGS IP University, and Mr. Ishaan Sharma, Research Scholar

Speaker 4: Dr M. Sakthivel, Assit. Prof., USLLS, GGS IP University

Speaker 5. Ms. Sulbha Rai, Research Scholar, USHSS, GGS IP University

DAY-2 Sunday, 09-August-2020

Celebrating International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples Day 2020

10am-11.30pm TECHNICAL SESSION-3

Speaker 1: Prof. Nilika Mehrotra, Centre for Study of Social Systems, SSS, JNU

Speaker 2: Prof. M. Afzal Wani, USLLS, GGSIP University

Speaker 3: Dr. Sunita Reddy, Assoc. Prof., Centre for Social Medicine and Community Health, SSS, JNU

Speaker 4. Dr. Gurujit Singh, Assistant Professor, USLLS, GGSIP University

Speaker 5. Dr. Zubair Ahmed Khan, Assistant Professor, USLLS, GGSIP University

11.30 am – 1 pm TECHNICAL SESSION-4

Audio – Visuals on Indigenous Culture, Life and Livelihood

Speaker 1: Dr. Shanta Goswami, Assoc. Professor, Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama

Speaker 2: Dr. K. K. Mishra, Chairman and CEO, Brainkothi, Delhi

Speaker 3. Dr. Avitoli Zhimo, Assistant Professor, Dept of Anthropology, University of Delhi

Speaker 4: Mrs. Amita Prasad Sarabhai, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Delhi

Speaker 5: Dr. Deepshikha Agarwal, Associate Professor, USLLS, GGSIP University

Speaker 6: Mr. Anil Kumar Sukumaran, Research Scholar, USHSS, GGSIP University

2 pm- 2.30 pm POSTER COMPETITION RESULTS

First Prize – INR 5001, Second Prize – INR 3001; Third Prize – INR 2001
(Cash prize courtesy: Anuvidyut Private Limited, Roorkee, Uttarakhand)

2.30 pm- 3.30 pm VALEDICTORY SESSION

Organizing Committee:

Patron – in- Chief: Prof. Mahesh Verma, Hon Vice Chancellor, GGSIPU

Patron: Mr. Ravi Dadhich, Registrar, GGSIPU

Convenor: Prof. A. P. Singh, Dean, USLLS, GGSIPU

Co- Convenor: Dr. Deepshikha Agarwal

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Student Co-ordinator: Mr. Abhay Pratap Singh