



## **CALL FOR PAPER**

**for**

### **A Two Days National Seminar on**

### **“Act East Policy: A Perspective from North East India”**

(26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>st</sup> February 2020)

**Organised by:**

The Sociology Department, North-east Adventist College.

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**Venue:**

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### **Concept Note**

The Act East Policy focuses on India’s extended neighbourhood of the Asia-Pacific region. It is a blueprint that promotes economic cooperation, cultural ties and develop strategic relationships with countries in the Asia-Pacific region by way of uninterrupted engagement at bilateral, regional and multi-sectoral levels and in so doing provide a setup of interactions to the States of Northeastern Region of India with other countries in our neighbourhood. Act East Policy projects India’s northeast as an area of precedence and operates as a significant transit point between northeast India and the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries. This policy emphasises the importance of the States in India’s foreign policy decision making. The policy is a recognition that the northeastern region lies at the centre of India’s ASEAN relations. It places mutual aid in our domestic agenda on manufacturing, urban renewal, infrastructure, skills, trade, smart cities, Make in India and other initiatives. Connectivity projects, cooperation in space, science and technology and people to people exchanges will become a springboard for regional integration and prosperity.

Diverse strategies at regional and bilateral levels encompass phases to build up, cultivate and reinforce connectivity of the NE with the ASEAN via culture, commerce, people-to-people exchanges, physical infrastructure. Some of the major projects include Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, the India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project, Rhi-Tiddim Road Project, Border Haats, etc. On tactical issues, the Act East Policy functions as major paraphernalia to forge closer collaboration in combating extremism, terrorism, join forces for peace and stability in the region. The concern of connectivity within the region and across the border aims at enhancing development in the region that directly and indirectly impacts the socio-economic life of the Northeastern states of India. The thrust is to amalgamate development in the Northeast by nurturing and fortifying its rapport with the ASEAN, which majorly depends on better connectivity and economic assimilation of India's Northeast with its eastern neighbours, hereby the State governments of the northeastern region are enthusiastic and interested stakeholders in the Act East policy. The socio-economic and cultural mosaic in the region will find a common ground that will be boosted because of engagement with sub-regional cooperation initiatives like BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) and BBIN (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal). Act East Policy was initiated as an economic initiative; however, it has gained strategic, political as well as cultural dimensions which include the establishment of institutional mechanisms for discourse and collaboration. Therefore the need is for internal dissemination of correct information, continuous awareness and preparedness, especially for the northeast region to harvest the finest reward of these initiatives.

#### **SUB-THEMES:**

- Look East Policy to Act East Policy: Changes and Implications.
- Act East Policy and political security of North-East India.
- Prospects and Problems of Economic cooperation in North-East India and AEP.
- Cultural, Traditional, Historical, and Political links between North-East India and the South Asian Countries.
- Development of Connectivity in terms of transportation (Road, Water ways) as well as Digital Links with Myanmar and other South Asian Countries.
- Socio-economic progress at micro-level through AEP.
- Development Process, Indigenous People and AEP
- Environmental concerns and AEP.
- Act East Policy and the Tourism Sector.
- Education and Skill Development in the North East Region and AEP.
- Socio-economic Integration of the North Eastern States and AEP
- AEP and its Impact on the Economy of North East India.
- AEP as a Catalyst to Tourism in North East India.
- Impact of AEP on the Infrastructure Development of North East India.
- Reviews of the Projects in the North East under AEP.
- Any other sub-themes related to the Seminar.

## **GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS:**

The abstract and full paper should not exceed 500 words and 5,000 words, respectively, excluding preliminary pages, annexure and references. It should be written in Times New Roman, 12 pt. and a line spacing of 1.15 lines in MS Word. For reference, we recommend the MLA 8<sup>th</sup> edition style of referencing. The abstract should include the title of the proposed paper, Name of author/s, Institutional Affiliation, Email address, Mobile No and Postal address, keywords up to six and finally a paragraph of not more than 500 words summarizing the main findings and the argument of the proposed paper, and its significance. The full paper should be arranged as follows: Title page, the presenter's name, institutional affiliation (if any), email address and postal address, Abstract, Key-words, Introduction, Methods, Findings, Discussions, Citations and references.

## **PARTICIPATION & PARTICIPANTS:**

Papers are invited on the above-mentioned themes from Government Officials, Policymakers, Planners, Faculty members and Research Scholars from the Universities, Colleges, National/State level Research Institutions and Research organisations; Members of reputed NGOs, Corporate Sectors; Independent Researchers, Practitioners, and Social activists working in this area. Interested participants may send their abstracts and full papers through email at [nsmailboxnac20@gmail.com](mailto:nsmailboxnac20@gmail.com) / [jobrcolney@gmail.com](mailto:jobrcolney@gmail.com) or to the mailing address mentioned below through postal mail as per the following schedule:

### **Important Dates**

**Last date for submission of Abstracts: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Selection of Abstracts and Intimation to Participants: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

**Last date for submission of Full Papers: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

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