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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN INDIA: TRADITION AND TRANSITION

March 10-11, 2015

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Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I invite you to the Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh for a two-day National Seminar on “Anthropological Research in India: Tradition and Transition” on March 10-11, 2015. Indian society is recognized world over for its culture and traditions. Change is an inevitable phenomenon, but side by side people are trying to maintain their tradition also. As anthropology deals with holistic study of human, both the dimensions are important aspects of life. At present Indian society is in the transitional stage and influenced by the Western life style and food habits. This influence is affecting our traditional values and cultural practices. As a consequence a number of challenging situations are emerging in our country, especially in the field of public health. A rapid increase in the incidence of metabolic disorders like: obesity, diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, osteo-arthritis, etc. is being witnessed not only among adults but also among children and adolescents. India has made tremendous improvement on the economic front yet is facing a dual burden of under-nutrition and over-nutrition. Our social and cultural aspects have been influenced by this rapid change. There is a drastic change in social and inter-personal relations. Even, the traditional societies which are also represented by our tribal people, thought to be a little reluctant to embrace change, are also facing the problem of adjustment to new and emerging situations. Changing social relations indirectly also influences our mental health to a great extent. The rapid increase in the incidence of depression, suicide and other mental disorders are some of the examples. The main concern is the changing value system and adjustment with the prevailing values in these situations, is really a challenge. Recent studies in anthropology have documented these transitions. These studies have used classical methodologies of observation to application of DNA

technology in recent years. Earlier linkage studies were conducted in anthropological genetics, whereas, at present focus is on association studies. Similarly, socio-cultural impact assessment study and rapid rural appraisal techniques are adopted in the field of socio-cultural anthropology. Anthropological research methodologies are facing the problem to address the rapid emerging situations. Besides, there is lack of information about the trends of Anthropological research in India, especially after the information technology revolution.

Hence, it is necessary to discuss in details about these issues and document the prevailing situation of research and methodologies adopted. Therefore, there is an urgent need to discuss about the proper methodologies in the light of prevailing trends in society and to incorporate these in the research methods. The information which will be emerging from this discussion will be beneficial for researchers, academicians, planners etc in updating their knowledge about the current methodologies. To address these issues, a two-day National seminar is proposed to be organized from 10-11th March, 2015 in the Department of Anthropology, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

It is wise to not keep categorical boundaries of themes and sub-themes of the seminar, participants are free to express their idea on these issues. For further simplification, some of the sub-themes are as follows:

- Anthropological research in northeast India
- Anthropological research in northwest India
- Archaeological and Palaeo-Anthropology.
- Business and media Anthropology.
- Cognitive Anthropology, natural disaster and community responses.
- Conservation of resources, ecological and environmental issues.
- Development, modernity and continuity.
- Ethnicity, identity, insurgency and political issues.
- Ethno-medicine, food and food culture, folk tales, lore, etc.

Forensic Anthropology and criminology.
Health, health care practices and substance abuse.
Human growth, nutrition and genetics.
Tribal ,peasant, and other traditional communities.
Women, children, aged and gender issues.

REGISTRATION:

A registration fee of Rs. 1200/- may be sent by Demand Draft only payable at Chandigarh in favour of the “Coordinator, National Seminar on Anthropological Research in India: Tradition and Transition 2015” by **February 25, 2015**. The registration fee include hospitality from March 9th noon till March 12th, 2015 noon and conference materials.

Participants are encouraged to register by email. They may also register through surface mail along with registration fee.

TRAVEL GRANT

The participants are encouraged to arrange their own travel expenses. We will try to meet the travel expenses depending on the availability of funds. However, scholars without fellowship will be provided sleeper class fare by shortest route. Local transportation will be available from the Airport/Railway/Bus station to the place of accommodation, on request at Chandigarh.

CHANDIGARH

Chandigarh, the City Beautiful, is a well-known place. The weather will be moderate at this time of the year in Chandigarh. For more information lon on to www.chandigarh.gov.in.

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Note: Accompanying persons would be required to pay Rs. 1000/-. They would not be given the registration kit.