2nd NEA CONFERENCE cum NATIONAL SEMINAR

THEME:

"Prospects and Constraints of India's Act East Policy with Special Reference to North East Region (NER)"

Organised by

Department of Economics, Dimapur Government College, Dimapur

In Collaboration with

Nagaland Economic Association (NEA)

on

25th October, 2024

at

Dimapur Government College, Dimapur

Chief Guest : **Prof. B. Panda**
Director, ICSSR, NERC Shillong

Keynote Speaker : **Prof. B. Kilangla Jamir**
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Valedictory Guest : **Mr. Neidilhou Keditsu**
Director
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Theme:

In November 2014, the National Democratic Alliance led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has declared the nation's Act East Policy at East Asia Summit in Myanmar. The Act East Policy (AEP) is an upgradation of the previous ambitious foreign policy (Look East Policy) initiated by the then Prime Minister Late Shri Narasimha Rao in 1991 to connect India with the South East Asian countries through North East Region. Since its inception, the focus was on economic and commercial ties, increase strategic and security cooperation and emphasis on cultural and ideological links with the neighbouring countries. Hence, with the country's economic liberalization and the end of cold-war era, the look east policy was well taken by subsequent Prime Ministers Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dr. Manmohan Singh. Through this policy, India sought to create and expand regional markets for trade, investments and industrial development. However, the country was unable to capitalize its ambitious policy due to severe infrastructural bottlenecks within the Region. Basically, the country gateway (North East Region) to the South East Asian countries is underequipped in several areas such as; poor connectivity, underdeveloped agriculture, poor mobilization of socio-cultural set up, administrative challenges, etc. Hence, the policy has come under severe criticism for failing to achieve its desired Targets.

Despite the failures in the policy, the Government decided to renew and upgrade the policy to "Act East Policy" in 2014 with the focus to improve ties with ASEAN and other East Asian Countries. Its primary objective is to promote economic cooperation, cultural exchanges and develop strategic relationship with countries in the Asia-Pacific region through continuous engagement at bilateral, regional and multilateral levels which would eventually benefit the states of North Eastern Region. Hence, the North Eastern Region has been a priority in the government's Act East Policy which envisages itself as an interface between India and the ASEAN region. It is aimed at ensuring the overall development of North Eastern States in terms of people to people contact, border trade through border haats, cultural ties, infrastructural projects, etc. However, numerous problems such as, poor infrastructure, unemployment, socio-cultural divergence, inter-state political and geographical conflicts, trade and commerce bottlenecks, uncharted literature and linguistics, untapped rich traditional food and festivals, under developed eco-tourism industry, etc, restraint the regions from overall development. Therefore, to make the Act East Policy a reality, the North East Region must be equipped in all spheres of development because this is the only geographical region through which the country can physically connect with rest of the East Asian and Pacific nations. Hence, it is imperative to address the challenges faced within the region and at the same time, explore the prospects and the way forward that the region can deliver towards this ambitious policy of the country. Therefore, proper initiation and implementation of India's Act East Policy will have positive impact on the overall development of the North East Region. Thus, a national seminar, in this regard, is proposed to address the prospects and constraints of India's Act East Policy with Special Reference to North East Region.

Sub-themes:

1. Agriculture and allied economy
2. Rural development
3. Population and urbanization
4. Polity and governance of social structure
5. Unity in diversity
6. Inter-state political and geographical relationships
7. Regional linkages with neighbouring states and countries
8. Eco-tourism
9. Linguistics and literature
10. Socio-Economic and Cultural linkages with the neighbouring states and Countries
11. Indigenous and modern philosophical thoughts

12. Environmental Issues
13. Rights and legal pluralism
14. Gender development
15. Ownership rights
16. Industrial development
17. Trade and Commerce
18. Resources linkages and its usages in AEP
19. Interface of tradition and modernity

Important Notes:

1. The seminar shall be conducted in blended mode.
2. The online platform shall be Google Meet.
3. All intending participants have to register as per schedule.
4. Registration fee:
   i. Students - Rs. 200
   ii. Others - Rs. 500

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5. All participants shall be given certificates.
6. Certificates shall be given to registered participants only.
7. The Google Meet link for online participation shall be given to registered participants only.
8. The detailed schedule shall be given to all registered participants.

Important dates:

1. Last date of abstract submission - 10th October, 2024
2. Last date of Registration - 15th October, 2024
3. Last date of submission of full paper - 20th October, 2024

Guidelines for paper presenters:

1. An abstract should be within 250 words comprising of main objectives and findings.
2. All referencing should be in 7th APA style.
3. Abstracts and full papers should be emailed to ***2ndneaconference@gmail.com***

Registration link: Scan the code for online registration.
https://forms.gle/xgyh9rfug8uhwVER9

Registration form can also be downloaded from
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-5W8yBPypYSSyWwKHzc-nt-HHw6LXeXQ/view?usp=drivesdk

All participants must join **WhatsApp group** after filled up the form successfully
WhatsApp link: ***https://chat.whatsapp.com/EFw5Jxv0067JYc6bLYfVFS***

About the Seminar:

The seminar shall be a one-day event of national seminar. It is organised by the Department of Economics, Dimapur Government College (DGC), Dimapur in collaboration with Nagaland Economic Association (NEA). The seminar shall be held at Dimapur Government College, Dimapur. The seminar shall be open to all kinds of issues pertaining to the development of north east region, India relating to the theme of the seminar.

About NEA

Nagaland Economic Association (NEA) is a professional association, a non-political, non-Governmental and non-profit organization. It is a membership based platform comprises of academicians, scholars, entrepreneurs, students, etc. The primary objective of NEA is to serve as a forum for articulation of economic and other development issues. The mission is to contribute to the economic development of Nagaland through promotion and advocacy of sound economic policies. The association has conducted its first Conference and held several lecture series on prevailing issues of economic importance.

About Dimapur Government College:

Dimapur Government College was established on 25th July, 1966 through the initiative of some prominent citizens with the objective to provide an opportunity for higher studies for those who could not afford to go outside Dimapur. It is affiliated to Nagaland University. Over the years, the College has grown in terms of both infrastructural development and delivering quality education to the citizens of Nagaland and neighbouring states. At present, the College offers UG courses in two streams – Arts and Commerce and PG course in Education. The College has been accredited with B+ Grade in its second cycle.

Accommodation and Hospitality:

Accommodation shall be arranged only for participants coming from outside the state of Nagaland. The organisers may help with logistics for outstation guests but participants shall bear the expenses for lodging. Tea and working lunch shall be provided to all at the Seminar venue.

How to reach the Venue:

Dimapur, the commercial hub of Nagaland, is well connected with the rest of the country via regular flights and trains. The Airport and Railway Station are 8 and 5 kilometres away from the College respectively. Auto rickshaws and taxis are readily available at the arrival points for easy access to the venue. For further details, participants may contact the organisers.

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