

A Two-Day International Conference on
**TRIBES IN TRANSITION:
CONFLICT OVER IDENTITY, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT**

12-13 March, 2014

Santiniketan, West Bengal, India

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PROGRAMME

Day One (12-03-2014)

Venue: Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan
(Campus: Sriniketan, Community Hall)

Registration begins at 9.00 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION: 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM

presided over by Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan.

Introduction by the Dr. Ivy Hansdak, Convener

Rabindra Sangeet by tribal students.

Lighting of the Lamp and Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore

Address by Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Director, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati (Assam)

Keynote Speech by Padmasri Dr. G. N. Devy, Director, Bhasa Research and Publication Centre, Vadodara (Gujarat).

Santali song by Jaher Society, Santiniketan.

Presidential Address

TEA BREAK (15 minutes)

SESSION 1: 11.15 AM to 1.15 PM

Panel discussion 1 on *Tribal Cultural Heritage and Conflict over Identity*

Panelists: Prof Virginius Xaxa, Xaxa Commission; Mr. Tonol Murmu, AISWACS, Kolkata; Dr. Prakash Louis, Caritas India, New Delhi

A paper by Mr. Ludwig Pesch, Director, Tribal Cultural Heritage in India Foundation, Amsterdam (The Netherlands), will be read out for discussion.

Moderator: Prof. Ranjit Kumar Bhattacharya, formerly Director, Anthropological Survey of India

LUNCH BREAK (one hour)

SESSION 2: 2.15 PM to 4.15 PM

Panel discussion 2 on *Translation and Publication of Tribal Literature*

Panelists: Prof. V.B. Tharakeshwar, EFLU, Hyderabad; Dr. Anand Mahanand, EFLU, Hyderabad; Dr. Boro Baski, GBAT, Santiniketan; Ms. Ruby Hembrom, Adivaani, Kolkata

Moderator: Prof. M. Asaduddin, Head, Dept. of English, JMI, New Delhi

TEA BREAK (15 minutes)

Visual Presentation on *Tribal Women and Human Trafficking* by Sister Jemma Toppo, Ranchi

4.30 PM – 5.00 PM

CULTURAL PROGRAMME: 5.15 PM – 6.30 PM

Rabindra Sangeet in Santali by Mr. Barka Soren, Adrasha Palli, Birbhum;
Baul songs in Santali and Bengali by Mr. Rathin Kisku, Santiniketan;
Santal dance by the villagers of Ghosaldanga and Bishnubati.

Day Two (13-03-2014)

Venue: RSV School, Ghosaldanga

SESSION 1: 9.00 AM – 11.00 AM

Panel discussion 3 on *Tribal Healthcare and Community Development*

Panelists: Dr. Shantidani Minz, CMC, Vellore; Ms. Kirsty Milward Bose, Suchana, Birbhum; Dr. Prabir Chatterjee, Kolkata; Fr. David Solomon SJ, Johar HRD Centre, Dumka.

A paper by Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Flein (Germany), will be read out for discussion.

Moderator: Mr. Gokul Hansda, President of GBAT, Santiniketan

TEA BREAK (15 minutes)

SESSION 2: WRITERS' MEET: 11.15 AM to 1.15 PM

Speakers: Prof. Sanat Hansda, Ms. Nirmala Putul, Mr. Marsal Hembrom, Mr. Durbin Soren, Mr. Sibin Soren and Mr. Sunder Manoj Hembrom.

Moderator: Dr. Ivy Hansdak, JMI, New Delhi

LUNCH (one hour)

SESSION 3: 2.15 PM to 4.15 PM

Panel discussion 4 on *Tribal Youth – Problems of Employment*

Panelists: Prof. Sonajharia Minz, JNU, New Delhi, Santiniketan; Fr. James Toppo SJ, St. Xavier's College, Maharo; Mr. Prashant Kumar Hembrom, scholar, IIM, Kolkata; Mr. Abhay Xaxa, research scholar, JNU, New Delhi.

Moderator: Fr. David Solomon SJ, Johar HRD Centre, Dumka (Jharkhand)

TEA BREAK (15 minutes)

VALEDICTORY SESSION: 4.30 PM to 6.30 PM

In search of the way forward by Dr. Boro Baski, Co-Convener,

Valedictory Speech by Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya, Dept. of Social Work, Visva-Bharati University

Sharing my life with Santals since thirty years by Dr. Martin Kämpchen, Santiniketan

Vote of Thanks by Mr. Sona Murmu, Trustee, GBAT.

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The conference will be followed by the
Santal Spring Festival
on 14th March 2014 (afternoon) at Ghosaldanga Playground (near RSV School)
Please contact Mr. Gokul Hansda, President, GBAT, for details: 09434-113433.

Directions RSV and Ghosaldanga