

A Two-Day International Conference on

TRIBES IN TRANSITION:

CONFLICT OVER IDENTITY, RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

12-13 March, 2014

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Day One (12-03-2014)

Venue: Sriniketan Community Hall,

Visva-Bharati Campus, Santiniketan

Registration begins: 9.00 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION: 9.30 AM to 11.00 AM

The session will be presided over by Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

A short introduction by the Convener, Dr. Ivy Imogene Hansdak, and the Lighting of the Lamp ceremony

A Tribute to Rabindranath Tagore and Rabindra Sangeet by tribal students

Address by the Guest of Honour, Prof. Virginius Xaxa, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati, & Chairman of the Xaxa Commission

Keynote Speech by Dr. G. N. Devy, Director, Bhasha Research & Publication Centre, Vadodara

Presidential Address

A Santali song by the Jaher Society, Santiniketan

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; Mr. Kumar Rana, Senior Research Associate, Pratichi (India) Trust; Mr. Ludwig Pesch, Director, Tribal Cultural Heritage in India Foundation, Amsterdam (in absentia).

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: 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- “Tribal Women and Human Trafficking” by Sr. Gemma Toppo, Ranchi at 4.30 PM

CULTURAL PROGRAMME: 5.00 PM – 8.00 PM

Rabindra Sangeet in Santali by Mr. Barka Soren, Adrasha Palli, Birbhum
Baul songs in Santali and Bengali by Mr. Rathin Kisku, Santiniketan
Santal folk 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, Christian Medical College, Vellore; Dr. Prabir Chatterjee, Kolkata; Dr. Monika Golembiewski, Germany (in absentia); Ms. Kirsty Milward, Suchana, Birbhum; Fr. David Solomon SJ, Johar HRD Centre, Dumka.

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

TEA BREAK (15 minutes)

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

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

Moderator: Ms. Ivy Imogene 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, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Santiniketan; Fr. James Toppo SJ, St. Xavier’s College, Maharo; Mr. Prashant Kumar Hembrom, scholar, Indian Institute of Management, Kolkata; Mr. Abhay Xaxa, research scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Moderator: Fr. David Solomon SJ, Director, Johar HRD Centre, Dumka

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
“Sharing my life with Santals since thirty years ” by Dr. Martin Kaempchen, Santiniketan
Valedictory Speech by Prof. Kumkum Bhattacharya, Dept of Social Work, Visva-Bharati
Vote of Thanks by Mr. Sona Murmu, Trustee, GBAT.

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PS: The conference will be followed by the Santal Spring Festival celebrations on 14th March 2014. Interested persons may contact Dr. Boro Baski, GBAT, for details.