



International Conference-cum-Workshop

on

“Climate Change, Indigenous Knowledge Systems & Food Sovereignty”

Organised by

Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC)

Lady Keane College, Shillong

In collaboration with

North East Society for Agroecology Support (NESFAS)

&

Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA)

19th & 20th March 2024



About the Conference

Climate change can have a very debilitating impact on indigenous peoples by disrupting their habitat from which they generate food, forcing them to migrate leading to loss of their traditional economic, social and cultural activities. Equally important, it leads to the loss of traditional knowledge, and this knowledge is essential for climate action to be successful. Infact, livelihood systems, occupations, traditional knowledge and ways of life of indigenous peoples are essential for combating climate change effectively. Traditional Knowledge systems of indigenous peoples, in particular, such as managing genetic biodiversity, forest management, agriculture, food habit, etc. are a major resource for adapting to climate change. Such forms of knowledge are often neglected in policy and research, and their mutual recognition and integration with scientific knowledge will increase the effectiveness of adaptation.

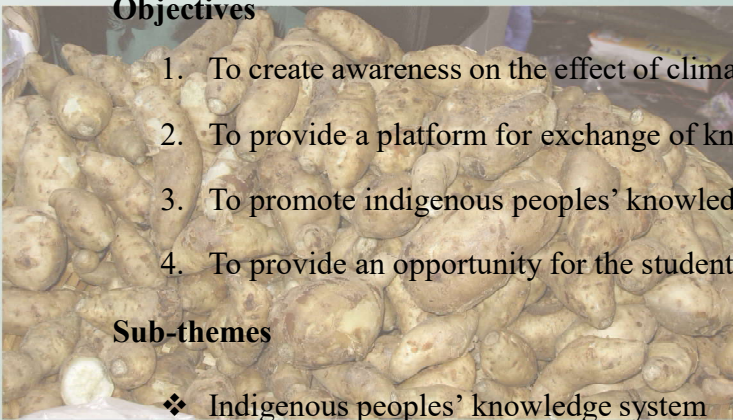
The conference aims at creating awareness on impacts of climate change on livelihood and food availability, importance of food sovereignty and to provide a platform for exchange of ideas between indigenous peoples' communities and scientists on how traditional knowledge systems can be utilised to mitigate climate change.

Objectives

1. To create awareness on the effect of climate change on biodiversity and on food production
2. To provide a platform for exchange of knowledge and ideas
3. To promote indigenous peoples' knowledge systems
4. To provide an opportunity for the students to interact with the experts

Sub-themes

- ❖ Indigenous peoples' knowledge system
- ❖ Indigenous peoples' food system
- ❖ Traditional healing practices
- ❖ Traditional conservation practices
- ❖ Non-timber forest products
- ❖ Food sovereignty
- ❖ Ethnobotany
- ❖ Ethnozoology
- ❖ Impact of climate change on food production
- ❖ Any topic related to the theme of the conference



About Lady Keane College

Lady Keane College, Shillong was established in 1935. It is a premier girls' college located in the heart of Shillong city. It offers undergraduate studies in Arts, Science, Bachelor of Computer Applications and Bachelor of Tourism and Travel Management. It is affiliated to North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong and falls under the financial status of UGC 2f and 12 (B). It is NAAC accredited and has completed cycle 3 of accreditation. The College has a large campus area and equipped with classrooms, laboratories, libraries, seminar room, conference room and auditorium with modern technologies. The college has established a reputation of inculcating a healthy interactive relationship between faculty and students promoting social responsibilities and citizenship roles among students. In addition to its achievements in academics, the college is also well known for its contribution to the society through extension services.

About NESFAS

NESFAS, North East Society for Agroecology Support, was set up in 2012 with the intention to connect people to the pleasure of tasty, healthy, local food that is inseparable from our responsibility towards the environment and the preservation of agrobiodiversity. It emerged as an outcome of collaborative activities between the Indigenous Partnership for Agrobiodiversity and Food Sovereignty (TIP) and Slow Food International. The themes with which NESFAS is concerned with are Indigenous Peoples' Food System, agroecology, food sovereignty, nutrition, sustainable livelihood, climate change adaptation and natural resource management and conservation. Over the years, NESFAS has undertaken many projects under this theme and introduced initiatives to support these themes. For that it has gained national and global recognition having being felicitated with awards and recognition.

About MBDA

The Meghalaya Basin Development Authority (MBDA) is a Society registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860. Set up in March 2011 and headed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Meghalaya its Registered Office is situated at Nongrim Hills, Shillong. MBDA aims to address management of natural resources in the state while addressing issues of livelihoods among the rural communities with emphasis on sustainable good practices. Its strategies focus on leveraging the strengths of the land while adapting to climate change, without degradation to the environment.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be ensured for those who clearly write in advance for the same and will be arranged in hotels and guest house on payment basis. All correspondence regarding accommodation may be addressed to Dr. Shairi Nongbri, Associate Professor. Mobile number: 9436706236. Email: slnongbri@yahoo.co.uk

How to submit abstract

Abstract should be maximum of 300 words, Times New Roman font, font size 12, typed in MS word file. Abstract should bear article title, author's name, author's affiliation, pin code, e-mail of corresponding author and 4-6 key words. Abstract to be submitted to the following email: iqacladykeanecollege@gmail.com

Important dates:

Particulars	Dates
Abstract submission opening date	19 th February, 2024
Abstract submission closing date	10 th March, 2024
Notification of acceptance	12 th March, 2024



Registration

Registration can be done in advance by filling up the registration form with payment (if applicable) or it can also be done on the spot on the first day of the programme

Registration fee

- ❖ Paper presenters: Rs. 500.00 only
- ❖ Faculty (participation without paper presentation): Rs. 200.00 only
- ❖ Students, Research Scholars, others (participation without paper presentation): Free

How to reach:

Lady Keane College, Shillong is located in the heart of Shillong city. Nearest airport: Shillong airport or Guwahati International airport. Nearest Railway station: Guwahati Railway station.

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