VIRTUAL

A THREE DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA

Indigenous knowledge and Climate Change: Issue, Challenges and Coping mechanism

25th-27th OCTOBER 2021

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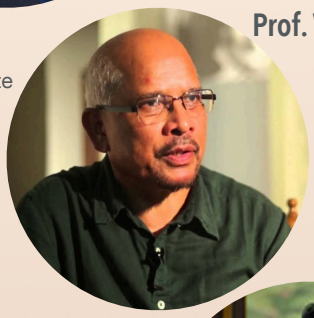

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CONCEPT NOTE

Indigenous knowledge or local knowledge encompasses unique sets of skills, ideas and philosophies that have been developed by people in the long process of interaction with their natural surroundings.For indigenous communities, conservation of the natural resources is undertaken not merely as a protective venture but more so as a strategy for survival which enables effective harmonization of local knowledge and experiences that permeate across social relationships. For instance, gendered ideology of women as knowledge bearers in the matter of natural resource management. Knowledge systems of these communities in turn may or may not resonate with the modern scientific ideals but have been recognized as vital in coping effectively with the changing times and in aiding sustainable solutions.

Broad Themes of the Conference

- Traditional belief and practices pertaining to management of land, water and forest etc.
- Struggles, Conflicts and Traditional conflict resolution surrounding natural resources.
- Women and traditional knowledge system.
- Role of indigenous knowledge in mitigating climate change.
- Interface between indigenous knowledge and policy planning.

Further increasing vulnerability of many indigenous communities because of dependence on climate sensitive resource have garnered emphasis of engaged dialogue at different levels of policy formulation and execution on urgent basis. It is at this backdrop that the present conference is conceptualized that seeks to bring together academicians, professionals and practitioners working in association with the indigenous communities across India and abroad to reflect and deliberate upon these rich indigenous narratives. It is hoped the conference will lead to deeper understanding of the issue and prompt alternative and innovative thinking that is apt to sustainability standard.

CALL FOR ABSTRACT

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The Conference will take place in a virtual platform and encompass Keynote talks from the Invited Speakers, original paper presentation from the individual selected participants and discussion.

We invite empirically grounded paper in line with the focal themes as suggested above. There is no registration fee for participation and presentation of selected papers. The proceedings of the conference is intended to culminate in an edited volume.

Interested participants may forward an abstract of about 100-150 words to 2021indigenousconference@gmail.com. Last date to submit abstract is 10:00 PM (IST) on **25th September,2021**. Intimation of selected abstracts will be made by 10:00 PM (IST) on **27th September, 2021**.

The Coordinator will get in touch with the paper presenters in order to ascertain full paper submission and revision of selected papers for final publication after the conference come to close.

About The Department of Folkloristics and Tribal Studies

The Department of Folkloristics and Tribal studies was established in the year 2016 as a major Centre of teaching- learning and research in Kalyan Karnataka region by acknowledging the creative ability, unique and varied practices of Folk and Tribal communities, and the increasing realization to preserve their knowledge for sustainable living. The Department thus strive on facilitating multidisciplinary, holistic, cross cultural exchange and dialogue toward understanding and addressing problems pertaining to Folk and Tribal communities. The Department is currently offering M.A program in Folkloristics & Tribal Studies.

The Department aims to ...

- Achieve academic excellence of faculty by creating avenues of collaborative research.
- Enhance skills of faculty and students by conducting workshops, seminars, conferences within multidisciplinary premise.
- To serve as a repository of Folk and Tribal knowledge systems by strengthening department museum and establishing Library exclusively for them.
- To provide suggestions, recommendations, resources and training programmes to Folk and Tribal communities and organizations working for their welfare.
- To help identify and strengthen students core skills through adequate training from professionals and participation in foreign exchange programmes.

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