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RIS, in collaboration with Tripura University, organised an international seminar on “Development Cooperation between India and Neighbouring Countries: Possibilities and Challenges” on 22-24 March 2022 in Agartala. It was the first international seminar organised by the UGC-SAP-DRS-II, Department of Economics of the Tripura University since its inception. Thematically, the seminar focused on major policy planks of Indian foreign policy as well as a fundamental research areas of RIS.

In view of the SAP scheme of the University Grants Commission (UGC) as well as objectives of National Education Policy (2020), the seminar intended to encourage research for accelerating the realisation of international standards in regional development cooperation, neighborhood policy and sustainable development in Northeast region. It provided an excellent academic platform to experienced as well as young researchers of India, especially from Northeast region and neighbouring countries to share their research on the issues concerning the landscape of the North-eastern region, socio-economic development, climate change, India’s development partnership with neighbouring countries, etc. Resource persons from India, Bangladesh and Nepal participated in the seminar, which was also supported by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).

Director General, RIS, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi; Assistant High Commissioner of Bangladesh, High Commission in Agartala,

H.E. Mr Arif Muhammad; Asset Manager of ONGC, Tripura Asset Mr Tarun Malik; Head of Department of Economics of Tripura University, Professor Indraneel Bhowmik; SAP Coordinator Professor Jahar Debbarma; Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce Prof Shyamal Das; Registrar of Tripura University Dr. Deepak Sharma and Organising Secretary Professor Subhrabaran Das participated in the inaugural session, which was presided over by Professor Ganga Prasad Prasain, Vice Chancellor, Tripura University. A large number of young scholars and Ph.D. students from different states of India especially from Assam, Meghalaya Tripura, Manipur, West Bengal, Orissa, Maharastra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and four neighbouring countries Bangladesh, Nepal, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan participated.

As the Guest of Honor, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi delivered the keynote address in the inaugural session. He highlighted the pioneering research being done by RIS on development cooperation, developing data of India’s development cooperation from 1947 to 2022, regional connectivity, applied science and technology, and alternative medicines, etc. He talked about several issues of regional and national importance for greater regional cooperation, connectivity in India’s neighbourhood. He also noted that Bangladesh is in the right direction in order to maintain economic growth in view of rapid development. Underlining the importance of neighbouring countries in India’s development partnership,

he said that India would continue to work with Bangladesh for better connectivity and collective gains on SDGs. He also emphasised the need for closer regional connectivity and greater development cooperation with neighbouring countries and referred to the progress made by India and neighbouring countries in this regard in recent times.

Deputy Minister of Education of Bangladesh, Mr Mahibul Hassan Chowdhury delivered the second keynote address. In which he broadly discussed the comprehensive and vibrant development relations between the two countries in five decades and also noted that India remains to be their most trusted development partner. He profoundly recalled Tripura's important contribution in the liberation of Bangladesh. Underling need for greater cooperation, he highlighted that relation between Bangladesh and India are important for the development of both the countries. The contribution of Tripura during the liberation war of Bangladesh was remarkable. He also laid emphasis on the importance of vibrant people-to-people contact between the two countries.

## **Thematic Focus**

Around 97 papers were presented in 21 technical sessions. Deliberations explored the possibility of development in different sectors of the economy towards fulfilling the SDGs through globalisation and development cooperation, so that it can be beneficial for the people in the region for creating income-generating activities and uplifting people from the vicious cycle of poverty, ignorance and inadequate access to the mainstream economy. The seminar also discussed themes such as localising sustainable development in different sectors and regions of North Eastern states through development cooperation in strategic position of the northeast region

makes it a crucial factor in India's relations with its neighbouring countries, especially in the South-East Asia. The participants also stressed on greater connectivity between India and neighbouring countries, which would contribute to enhancing trade and investment opportunities for the northeast, especially Tripura. India is vigorously pursuing its vision of having robust bilateral relations with neighbours. It will help in boosting economic activities in the northeast region. Several policy issues such as Look East to Act East Policy, sub-regional cooperation between India and neighbouring countries, migrant's vulnerability and resilience, export competitiveness of Indian industries, dynamics of India's foreign trade, climate change and livelihoods in the Himalayan region, transboundary water sharing in South Asian region and, etc. were also discussed during the meeting.

In addition to presentation of papers by scholars, resource persons delivered special lectures on the crucial issues which have special importance to Northeast region. They talked about the development cooperation between India and Central Asia, India and Japan, SMEs, digitalisation of SMEs, and public-private partnership in educational and research cooperation. They also discussed about India's 'Look East'/'Act East' policy in the context of promoting economic activity, especially in the northeast region.

On 24 March 2022, a panel discussion was also held. Mr Gitte Kiran Kumar Dinakar Rao, Secretary, Tourism and Urban Development, Government of Tripura, H.E. Mr Arif Mohammad, Bangladesh's Assistant High Commissioner; Mr Tarun Malik, Asset Manager, ONGC; Mr Debashish Nandi, Manager Land Port Authority, Agartala and Professor Giashuddin Miah, Vice Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agriculture University, Bangladesh participated. The panelists lauded

the efforts of RIS and Tripura University for supporting the research and development in areas of development cooperation and regional cooperation. They also observed that the situation was improving gradually in the positive direction in every field in the region. Mr Malik underlined the need for energy partnership and sustainable and affordable energy access is essential for sustainable development. He also noted that efforts have made to explore energy resources in area and change will be seen in the future.

From the panel session, some important possibility of cooperation emerged, including medical tourism, trade corridor through Chittagong port and Maitree bridge on the river Feni, and railway connectivity from Tripura to Kolkata etc. Medical tourism would be beneficial for the people of Tripura and the people of Bangladesh, and it has a bright future for the sustainable development of the state. The trade corridor through Chittagong port and Maitree Bridge would be beneficial not only for Tripura but also for the entire Northeast.

## **Widening Academic Networks**

RIS and Tripura University have successfully diversified their academic linkages with institutions of Northeast region and neighbouring countries. Policy makers, print and electronic media, academicians and particularly young researchers of Northeast region were quite impressed with programme, and research and academic activities of RIS in Northeast region. Academicians from various universities of Northeast region also interacted with RIS team and showed their interests in collaborating with RIS, particularly in research capacity building programme.

The UGC-SAP-DRS-II, Department of Economics has agreed to publish an edited volume with RIS on the selected papers

presented in the seminar. Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, would be the first editor, and Professor Subhrabaran Das, Organising Secretary of UGC-SAP International Seminar and Dr. Salim Shah, Joint Organising Secretary of the seminar from Tripura University would be other two editors. After receiving 12-15 chapters, consisting of a minimum of 8,0000 words from the organisers, RIS would take the lead to process the publication.

## **Capacity Building of Young Scholars**

PG students and other research scholars of Tripura University have immensely benefited from the event, which has given them greater exposure to the neighbouring countries research activities, students & scholars as well as faculties. University students are now better aquatinted with theoretical/empirical research areas in this field., particularly through the day long panel discussion and open interaction with the high-level administrators and academicians from various strata and cross-border.

The Faculty members have also gained a strong cross-border potential academic network for future collaboration and cooperation though academic institutions in Northeast have limited capacity in terms of human resource as well as infrastructure. Therefore, extra efforts – more than financial assistance – are required to successfully conduct such programmes.

In collaboration with the Global Development Center at RIS and the North East Training, Research and Advocacy Foundation (NETRA), RIS also organised the first phase of two Weeks Research Capacity Building Programme on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for young northeastern research scholars during 14-18 march, 2022 in New Delhi. A total of 15 young research scholars attended the programme from Northeast

region. The next phase of the programme will be conducted at Regional Centre, IGNTU, Manipur.

Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, also interacted with the participants. He noted that it is important to achieve SDGs through greater integration of the local knowledge and practices with modern knowledge without harming the originality of the region.

Dr Rajeev Kumar, Vice-Chairman of NITI AAYOG, said that participants should have the first hand experience and also bring the actual facts and data about the northeast region. He noted that connecting with the local people and understanding their need would be crucial for making suitable policies for the region.

In his address, Professor Sachin Chaturvedi, discussed the India's development cooperation. He argued that researchers should be aware of ground realities of the region problem of people. He also underlined that the importance of understanding of local knowledge for providing effective solutions of challenges. Other speakers also discussed the various aspects of SDGs such as blue economy, gender, health, issues of urban development and traditional knowledge.

## **Research Capacity Building and NEP 2020**

RIS capacity programmes and outreach activities in Northeast region have been aligned with the objectives of NEP 2020. The NEP encourages high quality research in Indian universities and building greater research capacity of research scholars.

It also aims to promote research on culture and history of India's neighbourhood. In similar vein, RIS has been working to strengthen both research capacity of institutions as well as researchers in the region. As discussed above, a large number of students participated in the international seminar and a specific research capacity building programme for Ph.D. students of institutions of Northeast region has been held by RIS. Thus, these initiatives of RIS have been steps towards consolidating efforts to strengthening Think Tank-University connect as envisaged in the Delhi Process. These would help young scholars to be actively engaged in deliberations of new paradigm of inclusive development enunciated in SDGs.





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**Programme Schedule**  
**Day 1 (March 22, 2022)**

***Inaugural Session: 10.00A.M.-11.20A.M. MBB***

**Satabarshiki Bhavan**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Programme Items</b>
9.00 A.M.-10.00 A.M.	Registration at MBB Auditorium
<b>10.00 A.M.-11.05 A.M.</b>	<b>Inaugural Programme at MBB Auditorium</b>
10.00 A.M.- 10.02 A.M.	Welcome of the Guests on the Dias
10.02 A.M.- 10.05 A.M.	Inaugural Song
10.05 A.M.- 10.07 A.M.	Lighting the Ceremonial Lamp
10.07 A.M.- 10.10 A.M.	Welcome Address by Head, Department of Economics, Tripura University
10.10 A.M.-10.12 A.M.	(i) Releasing the Book “Development & Northeast India: Emerging Policy Issues”, an outcome of the last National Seminar of UGC-SAP-DRS II, Department of Economics, Tripura University; (ii) Releasing the Abstract Volume of the Present International Seminar.
10.12 A.M.- 10.25 A.M.	Inaugural Address by the Chief Guest, Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Biplab Kumar Deb
10.25 A.M.- 10.30 A.M.	Seminar Address by Organizing Secretary, UGC-SAP International Seminar
10.30 A.M.- 10.35 A.M.	Speech by the Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce, Tripura University
10.35 A.M.- 10.45 A.M.	Address by the Guest of Honour, Hon’ble Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi
10.45 A.M.- 10.50 A.M.	Address by the Guest of Honour, Hon’ble Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister of Education, Govt. of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh
10.50 A.M.- 11.00 A.M.	Address by the President of the Inaugural Program, Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Tripura University
11.00 A.M.-11.05 A.M.	Vote of Thanks by Registrar, Tripura University
11.05 A.M.-11.20 A.M.	Tea & Snacks

**Online Participants can join online through the following Google meet Link:**

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**Session – I: (11.30 A.M. -12.30 P.M.)**

**Venue: MBB Satabarshiki Bhavan**

Chairman: Prof. Ganga Prasad Prasain, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University

<b>Time</b>	<b>Key Note Address</b>
12 Noon-12.30 P.M.	Speaker: Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, New Delhi
12.30 P.M.-1.00 P.M.	Speaker: Mr. Mohibul Hassan Chowdhury, MP, Deputy Minister of Education, Govt. of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh



**Session – II Special Lectures: (12.30 P.M. - 1.30 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room -1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. E. Bijay Kumar Singh, Department of Economics, Manipur University

*Rapporteur: Mr. Anindya Sarkar, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Tripura University*

Speaker	Title of the Paper
Prof. Shakti Kumar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University	Need of Circular Economy in South Asia
Prof. Madhusudan Dutta, Professor of Economics, Kalyani University	Technological Progress and Productivity: Some Conceptual Issues

**Lunch Break:: (1.30 P.M. – 2.30 P.M.)**

**Session – III A (2.30 P.M. - 3.45 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room -1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Madhusudan Dutta, Professor of Economics, Kalyani University

*Rapporteur: Dr. Soma Debnath, Research Assistant, UGC-SAP-DRS-II, Department of Economics, Tripura University*

Speaker	Title of the Paper
Debashish Mazumder & Mainak Bhattachrjee	An Enquiry into the Dynamics of India's Foreign Trade with SAARC and non-SARRC Nations during the Post -Globalization Period
Stabak Roy & Saptarshi Mitra	Railway diplomatic intervention on geo-strategic cooperation between India and Bangladesh: Evidence from Tripura
Samrat Goswami and Sriparna Guha	Transboundary Water Sharing in South Asia: A Scope of Regional Cooperation
Md. Safiul Islam Afrad , Md. Iske Abdullah, Md. Enamul Haque, Mohammed Ziauddin Kamal, SoumitraSaha and Shahriar Hasan	Adaptation of Coastal Farmers to Increasing Salinity in Selected Coastal Area of Bangladesh
Kamrul Islam and Ashish Nath	India's Trade Potential with SAARC Region: A Pre and Post-SAFTA period Analysis

**Session – III B (2.30 P.M. - 3.45 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room -2, Academic Building # 3, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)  
(Online)**

Chairperson: Prof. Ashis Nath, Department of Economics & Director of Women Study Centre, Tripura University

*Rapporteur: Ms. Kim Kipgen, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University*

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Kanchan Datta	Role of Agriculture and some other macro economic variables for Unemployment reduction- A Panel data analysis of some G -20 Nations



Dukhabandhu Sahoo, Suryakant Nayak and Jayanti Behera	Evaluating E-commerce as the future of India's Trade with SAARC Countries
Rupamanjari Sinha Ray	A comparative Study of SDGs of India with Neighbouring South Asian Countries
Ariful Hoque and Subhrabaran Das	Export competitiveness of Indian pharmaceutical industry in the new patent regime
Sumitra Naha (Das)	Cross Border Migration and its Long-term Implication: A Study of North- East Region of India

**Session – III C (2.30 P.M. - 3.45 P.M.) (Online Session)**

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**Venue: Department of Commerce (Room-2, Academic Building # 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Jahar Debbarma, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Rapporteur: Mr. P C Nun Fela Darlong, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Ajay Solkhe, Rahimullah Safi and Waheedullah Safi	Afghanistan's Current Scenario for the Economic and Trade Integration of India and Central Asian Region (Online)
Bidyut Bikash Baishya, Smita Lahkar and Rejaul Hoque	An Appraisal of Border Trade and AEP with special reference to Indo-Bhutan Border
Nazrul Islam and Sumit Sherawat	Look East Act East policy as India's response to China's Growing influence in South-East Asia
Samad Ali	Indo- Bhutan Cross Border Trade: A Case Study of Border Markets
Prabha Lama	Indian N-E sisters and SAARC: Mapping the Intersectionality
Suman Sahu	Women's Participation in Rural Local Government in India and Bangladesh: A Brief Comparison
Dipankar De	Climate Change and Displacement in Bangladesh: Assessment of Security threats for India's North Eastern States

**Tea Break :: (3.45 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.)**

**Session – IV A: (4.00 P.M. - 5.30 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room - 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Shakti Kumar, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning, School of Social Sciences Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rapporteur: Mr. Waqar Ahmed, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Speaker	Title of the Paper
Prof. Santi Gopal Pal	Persistent Social Stagnation In Southeast Asia
Rituparna Poddar and Abhijit Sarkar	Primary Sector of North Eastern States- Exploring The Growth Linkages



Dipikanta Chakraborty and Chandrika Basu Majumder	Understanding India's Neighbourhood Challenges through the lens of Geo-psychology
Banalata Saikia and Salim Shah	Fiscal Efficiency and Debt Sustainability: An Investigation of Special Category States of India
Jahar Debbarma and Kelvin Uchoi	Rural Tourism: Need, Scope and Challenges in Tripura Context

**Session – IV B (4.00 P.M. - 5.30 P.M.) Online**

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**Venue: Department of Commerce (Academic Building # 2, 2nd Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik, Head, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Rapporteur: Mr. Pankaj Khanal, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Hiranmoy Roy and Anju Goswami	Analysing the scenario of Human Development Index convergence across global level: a bootstrapped simultaneous quintile regression approach
Chandra Kanta Saha and Soumyananda Dinda	Conceptualizing cities in terms of Migrant's Vulnerability and Resilience
Arnab Dutta Choudhury and Ritwik Mazumder	Infrastructure, Governance, and Interstate Income inequalities in India- An Economic Investigation Using State-level Data
Anil K Dipke	An Analytical Study of Socio-Economic Problems of Women Entrepreneurs in Maharashtra
Elangbam Binodini Devi and Shiva Rani	Sustainable Development Goals And Its Implementation In India
Faizan Shabir and Muzffar Hussain Dar	Climatic Change and Economic Growth: An Evidence from Low Income Economies

**Session – IV C (4.00 P.M - 5.30 P.M.) (Online)**

Google meet Link: [meet.google.com/shy-gdwu-ziw](https://meet.google.com/shy-gdwu-ziw)

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room -2, Academic Building # 3, 1st Floor)**

Chairperson: Dr. Dinoj Upadhyay, Research Consultant, Research Information System (RIS), New Delhi.

Rapporteur: Mr. Mashud Ahmed, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Chandralekha Ghosh and Ankana Das	Are Microfinance Institutions of Bangladesh and India equally competitive? An Empirical Study
Baharul Islam Laskar	Demography, Health and Illness in S E Asia vis-a-vis India- An Analysis



Supreeta Mehta	Indian Development Partnership with Nepal: An Assessment
Bandana Chowdhury and Jayashree Chowdhury	Formal and Informal Border Trade: A Study of Karimganj District in Assam
Sanjukta Niyogi and Soumyananda Dinda	Impact of Indian Power Sector reform in North-Eastern Region
Dhanapriya Devi Chungkham	Northeast India and Act East Policy: Prospectus and Challenges
Varnesh Ghildiyal	ASEAN-India Relation: Free Trade Agreement in Goods, Challenges and Opportunities Ahead

*Cultural Programme 6.00 P.M. - 7.00 P.M.*

*Conference Dinner 7.30 P.M. - 9.00 P.M.*

**Day 2 (March 23, 2022)**

**Session – V Special Lecture (10 A.M. - 11.40 A.M.)**

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**Venue: Department of Economics (Room – 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

**(Online)**

Chairperson: Prof. Giasuddin Miah, Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman University, Gajipur, Bangladesh

Rapporteur: Mr. Stabak Roy, Research Scholar, Department of Geography, Tripura University

Speaker	Title of the Paper
Prof. Ajitava Raychoudhury, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Emerging Pathways for Integrating the North East in the Indian Trajectory
Prof. Selim Raihan, Professor of Economics, Dhaka University, Bangladesh	Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between Bangladesh and India: Challenges and Opportunities
Prof. S. K. Pandey, Professor of Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Emerging Contours India Central Asia Ties

**Tea Break : (11.40 A.M. – 11.50 P.M.)**

**Session – VI Special Lectures (11.50 A.M. - 1.30 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room – 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Paramita Saha, Department of Economics & Director of Women Study Centre, Tripura University

Rapporteur: Dr. Ashim Shil, Research Assistant, Centre for Women Studies, Tripura University





Speaker	Title of the Paper
Prof. E. Bijoy Kumar Singh, Department of Economics, Manipur University, Imphal.	Reimagining Act East policy
Prof. Md. Giashuddin Miah, Vice Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur	Educational and Research Cooperation between Bangladesh and India: Status and Way Forward
Dr. Bharat Ram Dhungana, Associate Professor, School of Business, Pokhara University, Nepal	Financial Inclusion for Inclusive Growth in South Asian Nations

**Lunch Break:: (1.30 P.M. – 2.30 P.M.)**

**Session – VII A: (2.30 P.M - 3.45 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room – 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Dr. Bharat Ram Dhungana, Associate Professor, School of Business, Pokhara University, Nepal

Rapporteur: Dr. Pritam Bose, Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Tripura University.

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Prabir Ghosh and Ashish Nath	Competitive Resource Product and Potential International Market of Tripura: A RCA Analysis
P C Nunfela Darlonga and Jahar Debbarma	Growth and Direction of India's Pineapple Export with Special Emphasis on Neighboring Countries
Mashud Ahmed and Paramita Saha	Economic Impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture: An Empirical Study of India and Bangladesh
Om Prakash Giri	Road Transportation and Safety Practices in Nepal and India
Partha Sarathi Adhya	Sustainable use of biological resources through Biological Diversity Act in India and Bangladesh: A study in socio-economic perspective

**Session – VII B (2.30 P.M - 3.45 P.M.)**

**Google meet Link:** [meet.google.com/iyy-bkvh-qeq](https://meet.google.com/iyy-bkvh-qeq)

**Venue: Department of Commerce (Room-2, Academic Building # 2, 2nd Floor)  
(Online)**

Chairperson: Dr. Subir Kumar Sen, Associate Professor of Commerce, Tripura University

Rapporteur: Dr. Jay Das, Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Tripura University.



Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Rupan Boro	Effect of Civil Conflicts in Educational Attainments: A Cross Sectional analysis from Kokrajhar district of Assam
Sagarika Dey and Hussain Ahmed Laskar	Impact of Internal Remittances on Rural poverty: A Case Study of Hailakandi District.
Jesmine Ahmed	Reviewing India's Act East Policy- an Analysis
Govinda Choudhury, Debjani Choudhury and Pranay Sharma	Climate change, livelihood and vulnerabilities in Eastern Himalaya
Sunita Singh, Rashmi Pal, Kajal and Anjali Sharma	Analyzing the Social infrastructure: Teacher Education in India in Virtual Mode
Manisha Thami	Disability and Social Justice: A Study of Darjeeling Hills
Dilip Rana and Shimanta Gogoi	Determinants of Agricultural Growth in Assam

**Session – VII C (2.30 P.M - 3.45 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room No-2. Academic Building # 3, 1st Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Jahar Debbarma, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Rapporteur:, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University.

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Md. Azizul Hoque, Kazi Tahmina Akter and Sharmin Akhter	Potato: Production, storage and marketing scenario in Bangladesh
Pradip Debnath, Stabak Roy and Saptarshi Mitra	Social Infrastructure & Communication Network Possibilities and Prospects of Road Connectivity between India and Bangladesh: Special reference to Sabroom and Chittagong
Pubali Das and Salim Shah	Health and Health Infrastructure: A Comparative Study between India and China
Bodhisattwa Bhattacharjee, Debojyoti Karmakar and Akinchan Sarkar	A Study of Integrated Check Posts between India and Bangladesh in Northeast India: Infrastructure, Trade and Prospect for MSMEs
Sorokhaibam Aguraj Singh and Elangbam Bijoykumar Singh	Education and health expenditure Trends in North Eastern states of India, 1991-2020
Jitesh Chandra Saha	A Study of Indian borders and foreign trade with bordering countries

**Tea Break :: (3.45 P.M. – 4.00 P.M.)**

**Session – VIII A (4.00 P.M – 5.30 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room - 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Md. Safiul Islam Afrad, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Bangabandhu, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Bangladesh



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Rapporteur: Mr. Kamrul Islam, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Jhuma Banerjee	Changing Demography and Socio-Economic Impact of Immigration in Cachar (1832-1947)
Manuj Baruah and Paramita Saha	Technical Efficiency of Handloom Micro-Enterprise and Its Determinants in Sivsagar District of Assam
Lalkhawngaihi Chawngthu and Nanigopal Debnath	An Insight into the Study of Ethnic Conflict of 1997 in Mizoram
Bheem Pad Mahato and A Ranganath	Study of Occupational Aspiration Level of Undergraduate Students in Relation to Socioeconomic Status and Locality
Sukanti Roy, Ariful Hoque and Subhrabaran Das	Status of Women in India and Other South Asian Countries: A Comparative Analysis
Pintu Majhi and Paramita Saha	A Progression of Structural Reform in Agriculture

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**Session – VIII B (4.00 P.M – 5.30 P.M.)**

**Google meet Link:** [meet.google.com/iyy-bkvh-qeq](https://meet.google.com/iyy-bkvh-qeq)

**Venue: Department of Commerce (Room-2, Academic Building # 2, 2nd Floor)  
(Online)**

Chairperson: Dr. Dinoj Upadhayay, Research Consultant, Research Information System (RIS), New Delhi.

Rapporteur: Mr. Pankaj Kumar Khanal, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University.

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Girija Brahma	Ongoing struggles for Indigenous Homelands and the Response of the State in Assam
Dipankar Das and Ram Chandra Das	National Pension System of India: A Study on Employees of Assam University in Silchar
Bhanushree Baishya, Papari Barman and Kritika Das	Impact of Immigration and Demographic Transition in Assam (2001- 2011)
Manisha Thami	Disability and Social Justice: A Study of Darjeeling Hills
Morami Dutta	Extent of Multidimensional Poverty in Rural Areas of Assam: A Case Study in Tinsukia District
Nilutpa INeog and Karabi Biswas	Health Status and Health Care Infrastructure in Assam: A District Level Analysis
Deepak Katariya	Menstrual Hygiene and Environment





**Session – VIII C: (4.00 P.M - 5.30 P.M.) (Online)**

**Google meet Link: [meet.google.com/shy-gdwu-ziw](https://meet.google.com/shy-gdwu-ziw)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room – 2, Academic Building # 3, 1st Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Ashish Nath, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Rapporteur: Dr.Ashim Shil, Research Assistant, Centre for Women Studies, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Pradip Brahmachary	Accessibility to Economic and Social infrastructures in Northeast India: An objective Assessment of Inter-state Disparities
Poulomi Khasnobis	Deterrent factors of Property crime in North-Eastern part in India
Chandra Saha Roy and Salim Shah	In Search of the Interdependence between Fiscal Performance and Social Development for the Northeastern States of India
Sagarika Dey	Changing Structure of Rural Livelihoods in India: A Panel Data Analysis
Madhu Mangal Sinha	Issues and prospects of Indo-Bangla Cooperation for revitalizing the Bishnupriya Manipuri Handloom & Handicraft Industries
Mabrur Ahmed	From Look East to Act East Policy- Its Evolution and Changes
Vrishali	A Clash of Civilizations: Colonial Modernity and the Northeast Indian Society

**Day 3 (March 24, 2022)**

**Session – IX Special Lectures (10 A.M.– 11.30 A.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room No. – 2, Academic Building # 3, 1st Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Milindo Chakraborty, Visiting Professor, RIS, New Delhi.

Rapporteur: Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Prof. Saikat Sinha Roy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata	Trade, Technology and SMEs: Are there any gains for India from BIMSTEC?
Prof. Rupakjyoti Borah, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Arunachal University of Studies	Japan-India Development Cooperation in Northeast India: Analyzing the Prospects and Challenges
Prof. Md. Safiul Islam Afrad, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Bangabandhu, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Bangladesh	



**Tea Break :: (11.30 A.M. – 11.40 P.M.)**

**Session – X A (11.50 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Hall No. – 1, Academic Building # 3, Ground Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Saikat Sinha Roy, Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Rapporteur:, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Speakers	Title of the Paper
Prof. Ashish Nath, Department of Economics, Tripura University	Sub-regional Cooperation between India and Bangladesh can improve the Growth and Investment Prospects of Tripura
Shri Arup Kumar Chanda, Addl. Director, Department of Planning and Statistics, Govt. of Tripura	Localization of SDGs in Tripura and North Eastern States
Prof. Milindo Chakraborti, Visiting Professor, RIS, New Delhi	

**Session –X B (11.50 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.)**

**Venue: Department of Economics (Room – 2, Academic Building # 3, 1st Floor)**

Chairperson: Prof. Paramita Saha, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Reportier: Dr. Soma Debnath, Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Amrita Pramanik	Non-Commercial Surrogacy Contracts and Inefficiency: An Evaluation of Surrogacy Policies in South-east Asia with Property Rights Approach
Yasir Arafat, Md. Rashid Asef Dipto	Farmer's Disposal Pattern of Onion on the basis of Marketable and Marketed Surplus in Rangpur District
TanjinaParven and Md. Safiul Islam Afrad	Rice Production in Bangladesh: Current Status, Challenges and Opportunities
Nuruzzaman and Md. Safiul Islam. Afrad	Agricultural Mechanization in Bangladesh: Current Status, Challenges and Prospects
Kiran Bowmik and Subhrabaran Das	Change in Productivity of Cereals Cropping and Trade Relationship among the BIMSTEC Countries
Swarup Nandi and Swanirbhar Majumder	A Study of Cloud Implementation on Healthcare
AfrinaMomotaj and G.K.M Mustafizur Rahman	Fertility Management of Soil in Industrial Area of the Sub-continent Region

**Session – X C (11.50 A.M. – 1.00 P.M)**

**Venue: Department of Commerce (Academic Building # 2, 2nd Floor)**



Chairperson: Prof. Md. Safiul Islam Afrad, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, Bangabandhu, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University (BSMRAU), Bangladesh

Rapporteur: Mr. Kiran Bhowmik, Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Author(s)/Presenter(s)	Title of the Paper
Unmilan Kalita	Restoring India's Bharalu in light of Indonesia's Citarum: gauging the economics behind successful rejuvenation of an urban water resource
Tuychiyeva Ra'no Almamatovna	North – East Region In Internal Security Of India: Challenges And Prospects
Susmita Das and Ritwik Mazumder	Explaining Regional Disparities in Reporting Crimes against Women across Indian States – An Empirical analysis using State-level Panel Data
Surendra C. Thakurdesai	Climate Change Related Challenges in Auranachal Pradesh and Need for Neighbourhood Cooperation
Surabi Dutta	Food Security Status of India and Neighbouring Countries- A Strategic Overview for Global Food Security
Sritoma Choudhury and Sagarika Dey	Crop Diversification in Assam: At District Level and State Level Analysis
Sangharsha Baliram Sawale	Impact of Public Distribution System on Food Security of Rural and Urban Poor: Challenges and Issues in Maharashtra

**Lunch Break:: (1.00 P.M. – 2.00 P.M.)**

**Plenary Session – XI: India's Development Cooperation with her Neighbouring Countries (2.00 P.M –3.25 P.M.)**

**Venue: MBB Satabarshiki Bhavan**

Moderator: Prof. Indraneel Bhowmik, Head, Department of Economics, Tripura University

Speaker	Affiliation
Prof. Md. Giashuddin Miah	Vice Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Agricultural University, Gazipur, Bangladesh
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**Tea Break :: (3.30 P.M. – 3.40 P.M.)**  
**Valedictory Session: (3.40 P.M – 5.00 P.M.)**

**Venue: MBB Satabarshiki Bhavan**

3.40P.M.- 3.42 P.M.	Welcome of the Guests on the Dias
3.42P.M.- 3.47 P.M.	Welcome Address by Coordinator, UGC-SAP-DRS-II, Department of Economics, Tripura University
3.47P.M.- 3.52 P.M.	Address by the Head, Department o Economics, Tripura University.
3.52 P.M.- 3.57 P.M	Speech by Dean, Faculty of Arts & Commerce, Tripura University
3.57P.M.- 4.10 P.M.	Address by Guest of Honour Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujiboor Rahman University, Gajipur, Bangladesh
4.10P.M.- 4.25 P.M.	Feed Back from Participants
4.25P.M. -4.45 P.M.	Valedictory Address by Chief Guest Hon'ble Dy. Chief Minister of Tripura Shri Jishnu Deb Barman
4.45P.M.- 4.55 P.M.	Address by Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Tripura University
4.55P.M.- 5.00 P.M.	Vote of Thanks by Organizing Secretary, UGC-SAP International Seminar



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