



**Indian Sociological Society
42nd All India Sociological Conference**

on

Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India

December 27-30, 2016



Organized by

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY
TEZPUR UNIVERSITY
Napaam, Sonitpur, Assam, India- 784028**

Invitation

We take great pleasure in inviting you to participate in the 42nd All-India Sociological Conference (AISC) of the Indian Sociological Society being hosted by the Department of Sociology, Tezpur University on the theme **“Rethinking Sociological Traditions of India”** from December 27-30, 2016. The conference invites research papers in English and Hindi to be presented through Research Committees (RCs) and Ad-hoc Groups of Indian Sociological Society. Papers to be presented in RCs/AGs have to be prepared keeping in view the central theme of the conference.

Registration

All the participants have to pay the registration fee as per the following specifications:

Up to	Delegates		Students		Accompanying Person Rs.	Foreign Delegates* US \$
	With Accommodation Rs.	Without Accommodation Rs.	With Accommodation Rs.	Without Accommodation Rs.		
September 30 th , 2016	2500	2000	2000	1500	3000	140
October 20 th , 2016	3000	2500	2500	2000	3500	150
November 15 th , 2016	3500	3000	3000	2500	4000	160
December 10 th , 2016	4000	3500	3500	3000	4500	170
Spot Registration	-----	4000	-----	3500	-----	180

* Including SAARC delegates

1. Last date of registration is 10th of December 2016. After this date, registration will be done on the spot, i.e. 27th of December 2016 and there will be no commitment to accommodation.
2. Delegates shall have to send their fee to the following Bank account either through internet banking or through Bank Deposit Fee. If you are depositing cash in the bank please note that banks charge a transaction fee. Please inquire from the bank what is its transaction fee and add these to the amounts to be transferred before depositing the cash. For example, SBI charges Rs.57.50. Thus if you are a Life Member and registering with accommodation by September 30th 2016, you will have to deposit Rs. 2557.50/-, and if you deposit by October 20th, 2016, you will have to deposit Rs. 3057.50/- and so on.
3. Entry of the name of the delegate is mandatory in the ‘narration line’ while making payment either online or in the bank.
4. Please note that No cash or draft will be accepted for Registration.
5. Last date for confirmation for the print copy of abstracts and transport arrangement is 20th of November 2016.

*Payment of Rs. 350/- for transport facility will be done in the bus for one way travel.

Details of Bank Account:

Name of the Account: **Organising Secretary 42nd ISS Conference**

Current Account Number: **36037447166**

Name of Bank: **State Bank of India**

Branch: Tezpur Branch, Code: **14259**

IFSC no: **SBIN0014259**

Travel & Accommodation

- Registration covers lodging, boarding and hospitality during the conference days.
- Delegates are requested to meet travel and other incidental expenses from their own resources.
- The accommodation will be provided in the university hotels on twin sharing basis. The delegates will be provided with mattresses, pillows and a pair of blankets. They are requested to bring mosquito repellents and locks and keys.
- The delegates who wish to have independent rooms, will have to stay in hotels in the city which will be arranged for them at their own costs. The fare of quality hotel rooms ranges from Rs. 700/- to Rs. 2,500/- per day (<http://www.holidayiq.com/hotels/tezpur/>). The transport facility will be provided to them from these hotels by the organisers.
- Spot registration will be allowed without commitment to accommodation



Tezpur: A Brief Overview

Situated on the north bank of the mighty Brahmaputra, interspersed with green hills and hillocks, parks and lakes, Tezpur is a beautiful town in the middle of the state of Assam in north eastern India. It is the headquarters of Sonitpur district located 190 km east of Guwahati, the capital city of Assam.

Tezpur is a city steeped in history, mythology and folklore. The city abounds in archaeological sites, ancient relics apart from scenic beauty. The famous 8th century door frame of Da-Parbatia, the ruins of the 9th century sun temple at the Bamuni Hill, the ruins of the ancient temple known as Garh Dou, the early 9th century rock inscription of Harjjar Varma, etc speak volume of the historical significance of Tezpur. The city is also dotted with many old temples including the famous Maha Bhairav temple.

Though Tezpur lost much of its importance during the medieval times, it regained prominence as the capital of the erstwhile Darrang district in 1835. Later on, due to its critical geographical location, the city came to assume much strategic importance besides being a centre of trade and commerce. It is also a transit for tourists visiting Arunachal Pradesh, especially the famous Buddhist monastery at Tawang. The world famous Kaziranga National Park is located 55 km east of Tezpur while the Nameri National Park is located 40 km north of it.

During the month of December, the average minimum and maximum temperatures of Tezpur range between 7°C and 22°C. So, woollens are recommended for visitors to the town during that time. The sunrise and sunset hours in December are 6 AM and 4.30 PM respectively.



Tezpur University

Nestled on a 262- acre campus in central Assam, Tezpur University has come of age in attaining certain distinctive heights in the national and international academic firmament. The University was conferred the Visitor's Best University Award 2016 among all the central universities of India. The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) of the ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, ranked the University 5th among top 100 universities in India for the year 2016.

Established in 1994, Tezpur University has been steadily surging ahead with its mission of producing professionals of high competence through innovative methods of pedagogy and with world class infrastructure. Over the years, the University has traversed past many milestones to become one of the cherished destinations for students, faculty, parents and visitors. Currently, the university offers 70 carefully chosen academic programmes through 20 departments under the School of Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Management and Sciences. The university also offers 11 programmes under its Open and Distance mode. With 3800 students, 260 faculty members and 280 administrative and technical personnel, the university today is a hub of quality activities in higher education and research.

With students and faculty/staff members from across India, the University campus is a confluence of demographic and cultural diversity as much as it is a blend of natural growth and technological advancement.

Tezpur University is located around 10 kms from the city. There are university buses at regular intervals from the city (http://www.tezu.ernet.in/bus_time/bus-timing-feb2016.pdf) and other modes of transport such as shared taxis and auto-rickshaws between the city and the university.

The university is proud of its excellent infrastructure. It has a state of the art Guest house which can accommodate 100 odd persons. We plan to accommodate the President, Secretary, Treasurer and MC members of ISS, Convenors of RCs and Ad Hoc RCs, Plenary panelists, Members of Editorial Board of *Sociological Bulletin* and *Sameeksha*, Recipient of Lifetime Achievement Awards, former Presidents in the Guest House. The MC members Convenors of RCs and Ad-hoc RCs will be provided with rooms on twin sharing basis.

The university has 15 hostels for both men and women with total capacity of 3000. The hostels have all the facilities for hosting more than 1500 delegates (including students) on sharing basis (two per rooms) during the conference which is a vacation time for students. Each floor in the hostels on average has 16 bathroom and toilets, Indian and western, for around 75 persons. Hostels have various facilities such as wi-fi, round the clock water supply and electricity, hot water, common room with DTH connection, etc. The delegates will be provided with mattresses, pillows and a pair of blankets. They are requested to bring mosquito repellents and locks and keys.

The delegates, besides the above, who wish to have independent rooms with attached bathrooms will have to stay in hotels in the city. The fare of quality hotel rooms ranges from Rs. 700/- to Rs. 2,500/- (<http://www.holidayiq.com/hotels/tezpur/>). They need to book their own hotels and the organisers will provide transport facility to them from these hotels to the University. They will have to communicate these details to the organisers by December 1st, 2016 so that transport arrangements can be made.

In so far as the venue for the conference is concerned, the inauguration and plenaries will be held in the state of the art University Auditorium which can accommodate 1000 persons. If necessary, we can organise it in the outdoor.

We propose to hold all RC / ad-hoc sessions of the conference in one place which is the Humanities and Social Sciences building of the university. It has around 35 rooms, big and small, to hold various sessions. Most of the rooms are equipped with multi-media projectors. The room without MMPs will be fitted with mobile MMPs. The distance from the venue of the conference to the guest house, hostels, auditorium, and the dining places is within 12 minutes of walking time.

How to reach Tezpur

Tezpur is connected to Guwahati by road. Guwahati is well connected with rest of India by air, rail and road. Additionally there is a direct flight from Kolkata to Tezpur three times a week; however these flights are sometimes cancelled at the last moment.

The distance of 190 KM from Guwahati to Tezpur takes around 4 hours. The bus fare per head from Guwahati to Tezpur is around Rs. 250/-. Minibus fares are slightly less. Bus services are available from nearby the railway station between 5 AM to 8 AM in the morning. After that the delegates will have to go to Khanapara or ISBT by auto or city bus to board their buses to Tezpur. It is best to go to ISBT from the airport and to Khanapara from the railway station.

In addition, taxi services are available at the airport and can be shared by 3-4 delegates. The taxi fare from Guwahati airport to Tezpur university is around Rs. 3,200/-. While the taxis will come directly to the university campus, the buses will de-board the delegates at Tezpur highway or bus station from where they will have to travel by auto rickshaw or university bus to reach the university.

There will be Helpdesks with our volunteers at both the Railway station and the Airport at Guwahati to help the delegates from 26th December 2016 from 2 P to 5 PM and 27th December 2016 from 8 am to 1 PM.

We can provide bus services from Guwahati railway station and Guwahati airport to Tezpur provided there is enough demand. Such arrangement at regular intervals can be made on payment from 26th December 2016 afternoon (2 PM to 5 PM) to 27th December 2016 (8 AM to 1 PM) afternoon and from Tezpur university to Guwahati from 30th December 2016 afternoon (2.30 PM to 5 PM) to 11 AM of 31st December 2016.

While such an arrangement will bring them directly to Tezpur University from the railway station or the airport at Guwahati, they will have to pay Rs. 350/- for one way trip to meet with operational costs. Those who desire to avail this facility must communicate the same to the organisers within 20th of November 2016 along with the date and time of their arrival and mode of transport.

The delegates who reach Guwahati after 5 PM on 26th of December 2016 can either take night bus or shared taxi to Tezpur or stay for the night at Guwahati. There are many hotels at affordable range nearby the Guwahati railway station. If they chose to head for Tezpur, they must reach the university before 10.30 PM to get their dinner.

Organsing Committee

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