

National Seminar on Sub-Regional Connectivity, Trade and Growth, the Case for North East India

A two day national seminar on Sub-Regional Connectivity, Trade and Growth, The Case for North East India was organized by the department of Economics on 20th and 21st April, 2018. The programme was sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The program was held at KKH conference hall and digital classroom, D.K. College, Mirza.

The Convenor of the programme was Dr. Debotpal Goswami, Associate professor, department of Economics. The resource persons from different states of India were executive members of Indian Economic Association. Among them, D.K. Madan, Angrez Singh Rana, Joyesh Desai, Dinesh Kumar, Anirban Sarkar, Sudesna Biswas, A. Ranga Reddy, Dushyanta Kumar were the prime. A total no. of 117 participants comprising both males and females of different age groups presented their papers on different issues concerning the theme. Faculty members of different educational institutions, research scholars had presented research papers in this seminar. Moreover, students of undergraduate and post graduate programmes had also participated and presented papers in the seminar.

The outcome of all the papers presented was as follows:

North- East India is geographically isolated from the main land India. It is connected with the main land India by a very narrow corridor of 20-22 K.Ms, which is known as 'chicken neck corridor'. However, the economic and diplomatic significance of this region is that it is the gateway to the south-east Asian nations. So, sub regional connectivity through trade may be one of the potential ways for prosperity and growth of this region. Recognizing this, government of India had adopted 'Look east Policy' way back in 1993 which is now known as 'Act east policy'. Government of India have attempted to connect this region with the neighboring nations by various ways like BIMSTEC, Mekong Ganga Cooperation, ASEAN regional forum, trilateral highway project, Kaladan multimodal transit transport project etc. But the result is still far away from the desired target.
