

One Day State Level Seminar

on

“Ecological Sustainability and Practices of Nature Care: An Ethno-historical Perspective”

3rd July, 2024



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Theme:

Historically, the process of Colonial Sustainability and environmentalism has already been accompanied by massive exploitation of forests, land, water and environmental destruction and deprivation of customary rights of local and indigenous peoples. In ethno-historical approaches, the disruption of the relationship between local or indigenous societies and their natural resource bases has continued focusing on its phenomenal existence, challenges and crisis. Both human and non-human entities have been inseparable in terms of sustainable care and equilibrium between society and nature. Colonial legacy has not even been totally wiped out and recently the social perception of nature and its care has always been a central preoccupation of social anthropologists and historians as well. Scholars emphasize the importance of nature care and beliefs nurtured by ethnic masses through generations. Such practices are historically considered as a paradigm of separate peripheral space dominated by mainstream belief systems through a casual elitist ignorance. Through this Seminar we would like to highlight on the ethical negotiation between human and non-human entities through their social knowledge, beliefs, myths, taboos, rituals, spirituality and sacredness. Moreover, it can also be focused on ethnic beliefs and knowledge about their therapeutic power and nutritional values of various flora and fauna that are still being remained in their mind, tradition, festivals, fairs and even in form of their legitimized value-based practices.

Last by the least, beyond typical historic observation on ethno-natural care as a construct of 'cultural otherness', the essentiality of mutual dependence between nature and human must be accepted and optimized by the scholars to reframe the history of 'sustaining whole'.

Sub-themes

Ecological and environmental history through the ages

Environmental movement in history

Ecological understanding in light of literary sources

Public health in history

Idea of Nature Cure and Yoga in Indian Historical context

Forest, water, Conservation

Any related areas

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Call for papers

Interested participants are requested to send authentic and unpublished research papers on the theme in English or Bengali within 3000 words including references, endnotes and so on with an abstract within 300 words to our email address - bscseminar24@gmail.com

Submission Guidelines:

Please use Unicode front (Kalpurush/Vrinda) for Bengali (Front size 14 with 1.5 spacing) and Time New Roman for English (Front size 12 with 1.5 spacing). Selected papers will be published to the Seminar Proceedings volume with ISBN number. It is also noted that the post graduate or ex-students can participate to present and to send their papers for publication.

- Please hard copies of abstract must be submitted during the time of spot registration.
- Last date of full paper submission – 3rd August, 2024
- Date and time of spot registration – 3rd July, 2024, 9:30 AM onwards

Registration fees:

- Faculty and Research Scholars: Rs. 300/-
- Ex-students / External Students: Rs. 100/-
- Internal Students: Rs. 50/-

Registration link:



Venue of Spot Registration – Vivekananda Block, Room No. V-101 (In college premises)

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