



Sixty Third All India Adult Education Conference

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Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of North Bengal



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Dear Delegates,

The Indian Adult Education Association and the Department of Lifelong Learning and Extension, University of North Bengal extend a warm and hearty welcome to the delegates of the Sixty Third All India Adult Education Conference to be held in the campus of the University of North Bengal, Siliguri, Darjeeling. The University of North Bengal can be reached by air (Bagdogra Airport which is 3 kms), by train (New Jalpaiguri Railway Station which is 17 kms, Siliguri Junction Station which is 9 kms) and (Tenzing Noorgey Bus Terminus which is 9 kms).

The **venue** of the conference is **Rabindra Bhanu Mancha** located in the university campus.

The stay arrangement for most of the **delegates registered in advance** is arranged in different guest houses/hostels within the university campus itself. However, some of the registered delegates may have to be accommodated in the guest houses outside the university campus also. **The organizers cannot assure accommodation for those delegates who have not registered in advance.**

Food arrangements are made in the university campus only and hence, delegates staying outside the campus will have to reach the Department of Lifelong Learning & Extension in time so that they do not miss the food. **The registered delegates will be given meal coupons** (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner separately) **and the food will be served only after handing over the relevant coupon to the food contractor.**

The inaugural session will be graced by **Dr. Partha Chatterjee, Hon'ble Minister of Higher Education, Govt. of West Bengal, Dr. Subires Bhattacharyya, Vice Chancellor** and Dr. Dilip Kumar Sarkar, Registrar, University of North Bengal. Shri K.C. Choudhary, President, Indian Adult Education Association will preside over. The inaugural session will be followed by plenary sessions in which papers will be presented on various chosen topics. As the number of papers received is more, there may be simultaneous plenary sessions also. However, the first plenary session is devoted to **Keynote Address** to be delivered by **Dr. Arun K. Jana, Professor, Department of Political Science.**

The delegates are informed that the month of **November usually remains cold** in the North Eastern region of India. In Siliguri winter normally starts from November and continues till late February and very often it is accompanied by occasional rainfall and fog. The maximum and minimum temperatures during this time remain nearly 25° C and 8° C respectively. Hence, delegates, especially those who come from Southern parts of India, would be feeling intense chillness in the air. So, all the delegates are requested to protect themselves by wearing adequate warm clothes, particularly when going out in the late evenings and nights during their stay in Siliguri and elsewhere in the hilly region.

Siliguri is one of the important cities not only for West Bengal, but for many states of North East as well. Situated at a distance of 600 km from Kolkata, Siliguri is at an altitude of 400 feet above sea level. This not too high and not too low altitude ensures perfect climates for tourist activities. Located on the banks of the Mahananda River and at the Himalayan foothills, *Siliguri* is endowed with natural scenic beauty and attracts numerous tourists all year round. Views of the white snow-clad mountain peaks of the Great Himalayan Ranges from Siliguri are not to be missed. The Kanchenjunga stadium and the Hong Kong market are the famous tourist attractions here. Jaldapara Wildlife Sanctuary, located nearby, is also a place to visit for a safari.

Wildlife enthusiasts must visit the Mahananda Wildlife Sanctuary, which is situated around 8 km away from Siliguri. Animals such as barking deer, mountain goat and Indian bison can be spotted along with migratory birds during the winter season. History enthusiasts will appreciate the architectural beauty of the Coronation or Sevoke Bridge built in 1930 over the Teesta River connecting Darjeeling and Jalpaiguri.

Hong Kong Market is a famous location for buying foreign goods and international brands like apparel and gadgets. The market offers a variety of imported goods at highly reasonable prices. As the prices are not fixed visitors can negotiate for the best price.

Within the periphery of about 150 kilometers from Siliguri one can visit **Bagdogra** - place of lush tea gardens (13.9 km) , **Mongpong** – Gateway to the Dooars (26.5 km), **Pelling** - for the Prayerful and Playful (130 Km), **Darjeeling** - India's Tea Haven (67.1 km), **Chalsa** – a beautiful hamlet nestled amidst the Himalayas (61.4 km), **Kalimpong** – a Hill Retreat Snow-capped peaks (65.7 km), **Lava** – a beautiful Hamlet (95.0 km), **Gangtok** - the Pulse of Sikkim (113 Km), **Jalpaiguri** – the Town of Olive (44.4 km), **Jhallong** – a Storehouse of Natural Beauty (91.9 km), **Cooch Behar** – the Ethos of Cooch Behar (142 km) and **Murti** – a Tryst With the Wildlife (69.4 km).

Siliguri has several restaurants serving mouthwatering vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. The Chhang, a drink made of barley is a must try.

Cultural programmes will be held in the evening of November 27 and 28 in which apart from the professionals, the delegates also can participate.

Accommodation for the delegates is booked from the afternoon of November 26th to the forenoon of November 30th. Hence, the delegates are requested to check-in and check-out accordingly.

Those who are interested to obtain “**Certificate of Participation**” in the conference may give their names to **Smt. Kalpana Kaushik**, Deputy Director or **Shri B. Sanjay**, Research Officer, Indian Adult Education Association latest by **6.00 p.m. on November 28, 2018**.

Come all of us join together to make the Conference a success.

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To all the registered delegates of All India Adult Education Conference.