NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

“FINANCIAL INCLUSION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN NORTH EAST INDIA- ISSUES AND CHALLENGES”

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The Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University, Assam is organizing a one-day National Seminar on “Financial Inclusion for Economic Development in North East India- Issues and Challenges” under the DRS-II (SAP) Programme sponsored by UGC on March 7, 2013. It is a widely acknowledged fact that access to a well-functioning financial system or financial inclusion would create equal opportunities and enable economically and socially excluded people to integrate better into the mainstream economy and contribute actively to economic growth as well as protect themselves against economic shocks. Although the term financial inclusion has many other dimensions, as banks are the gateway to the most basic forms of financial services, banking inclusion/exclusion, in general, is often used analogous to financial inclusion/exclusion. In this context, it is worth noting that the banking development in the Northeastern states is lagging far behind the rest of India. Even amongst the North Eastern states, the inequalities with regard to availability of banking and other financial services are very disquieting. The low level of financial inclusion in the North Eastern region entails with it some severe repercussions especially in the context of the Union Government’s initiative of countrywide implementation of direct cash transfer of subsidy by 2014. In view of this scenario, the present seminar seeks to deliberate on the following areas:

a) Extent of financial inclusion/exclusion among occupational groups and social groups in North East India.
b) Evaluation of initiatives/measures undertaken by Government of India and Reserve Bank of India for financial inclusion with specific reference to North East India.
c) Factors affecting access to financial services in North East India.
d) Enabling financial inclusion through the use of technology and Aadhar
e) Empowering women by enhancing their access to financial services

This list is merely indicative and not exhaustive.

Abstract within 300 words should reach the Coordinator by February 15, 2013. Both soft and hard copies of the full paper should reach by February 25, 2013. Papers may also be sent through e-mail. Selected abstracts would be included in the souvenir to be
published on this occasion. The above list, however, is indicative only. Authors are encouraged to write paper on relevant issues pertaining to specific crops also.

Accommodation:

The Organizing Committee shall arrange accommodation in the University Guest House for the participants on prior information and provide local hospitality. If any participant wishes to stay in hotel, we would be glad to make reservation if payment is made in advance with the registration form.

Travel:

The University is well connected with Dibrugarh Airport and railway stations, which are 17 km and 4/8 km away respectively from the University. Easy bus service is available from any place of N.E. India.

Registration:

Registration fee is Rs700 per participant with accommodation & Rs. 500 per participant without accommodation. Registration fee may be paid in advance by A/C payee draft only in favour of “Seminar & Conference Account, Department of Economics, Dibrugarh University” payable at SBI, Dibrugarh University Branch, Code No. 2051 along with the filled in registration form.

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