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Adivasis are some of the earliest inhabitants of the sub-continent and once inhabited much greater areas than at present. However little is known of their history although it appears that many were pushed into the hill areas after the invasions of the Indo-Aryan tribes 3,000 years ago. Tribals were not integrated into Hindu caste society; they stood outside it but nevertheless there were many points of contact. Tribal religious beliefs contain many aspects of Hinduism (and vice-versa); Tribals traded with settled villages on the plains and sometimes paid tribute to Hindu rulers. In turn some Tribal rulers conquered and ruled over non-tribals and some Tribals permanently settled and entered caste society.

The Scheduled Tribe groups who were identified as more isolated from the wider community and who maintain a distinctive cultural identity have been categorized as 'Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups' (PTGs) previously known as Primitive Tribal Groups) by the Government at the Centre. So far seventy-five tribal communities have been identified as 'particularly vulnerable tribal groups' in different States of India. These hunting, food-gathering, and some agricultural communities, have been identified as less acculturated tribes among the tribal population groups and in need of special programmes for their sustainable development. The tribes are awakening and demanding their rights for special reservation quota for them:

There are reservations for the Scheduled Tribes in legislatures in the central and the state governments. In the two houses of Parliament, the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, 7% of the seats are reserved for Scheduled Tribe members and similar representation occurs in the state assemblies in proportion to the percentage of Scheduled Tribes in the state’s population. However since the “Scheduled Tribe” voters are always a minority (except in the north-eastern states where they are a numerical majority) in the reserved constituencies and in the assemblies as a whole, favorable legislation can be blocked by vested interests. Furthermore the system does not encourage Scheduled Tribe organization by separate parties but facilitates organization and representation by the major parties, especially the Congress Party which has been in a dominant position since independence. Governments normally have Scheduled Tribe Ministers and sometimes Cabinet Ministers but to date in peninsula India there has been only one Chief Minister from a Scheduled Tribe (in Gujarat) although in the five predominantly Tribal north-eastern states the Chief Minister invariably comes from a Scheduled Tribe.

Sub themes of the International Seminar are as followings:

1. History of Aadiwasi Tribes
2. Characteristics of Indigenous People
3. Tribes of India – Existence, Nuxalite, Terrorism,
4. Social, Economic status of Tribes in India
5. Cultural property of Aadiwasis
6. Natural Resources and tribes
7. Administrative and Political Participation in politics & decision making
9. Health, Education & Human Development status of Aadiwasis
10. Religious status of Tribes
11. Status of welfare schemes running for tribes
12. Impact of globalization, Privatization & Liberalization
13. Literature of tribes
15. Any other topic related to theme.
4. आदिवासियों की अस्थितिया, अस्थिति, विस्थापन का संकट
5. महत्त्व में जनजातियों की सामाजिक–आर्थिक दशा
6. आदिवासियों की सांस्कृतिक विरासत : लोक गीत एवं लोक कलाएं
7. प्राकृतिक सम्पदा एवं जनजातियाँ
8. राजनीति एवं निर्णयन में प्रशासनिक एवं राजनीतिक सहभागिता
9. संवादधारिक प्राथमिक – दशा और दिशा
10. स्वास्थ्य, शिक्षा एवं मानव विकास की स्थिति
11. आदिवासियों में धार्मिक मान्यताएं एवं स्थिति
12. आदिवासियों का साहित्य और साहित्यिक
13. जनजातियों के कल्याणार्थ संचालित कार्यक्रम एवं योजनाएं
14. स्वतंत्रता आन्दोलन, राजनीति एवं सामाजिक सेवाओं, कला, प्रशासन, खेलों, सेवा सेवाओं में आदिवासियों का योगदान, आदिवासी सत्ता
15. विषय से सम्बन्धित अन्य विषय ।

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