



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
VISION OF RABINDRANATH TAGORE ON
CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
(ALONG WITH A CRAFT FAIR AND EXHIBITION)
18TH - 19TH AUGUST 2017



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VISVA-BHARATI (A CENTRAL UNIVERSITY)
SANTINIKETAN, WEST BENGAL, INDIA, 731235

Venue of the Seminar and Craft Fair: Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan

Visva-Bharati represents India where she has her wealth of mind which is for all. Visva-Bharati acknowledges India's obligation to offer to others the hospitality of her best culture and India's right to accept from others their best"

—Rabindranath Tagore

Visva-Bharati, founded by Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in 1921, started its journey as a Central University on the 14th of May 1951. In 1863, Maharshi Devendranath Tagore, father of Rabindranath Tagore, purchased 20 *bighas* of land from Shri Bhuban Mohan Singh, the then landlord of Raipur. Soon a house was built in the locality known as *Santiniketan* (the abode of peace). Gradually the entire area came to be known as Santiniketan. In 1901 Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore setup a *Brahmacharyasrama*, a school for children. Tagore's Santiniketan school evolved into an unconventional University, called Visva-Bharati. He dreamt of designing the educational system of Visva-Bharati in such a manner that would act as a centre for religious, national and global harmony. Along with Philosophy, Religion, Language, Literature, History, Fine Arts, Music, Dance, Crafts, and Rural Reconstruction also acquired importance in the curriculum of Visva-Bharati. Visva-Bharati, since inception, was conceived as a pilgrimage for education and culture. It reflects the Tagorean ethos of making a complete human being in close proximity to nature.

Focal Theme

We see our real motherland in the village; her heart is there, and it is there that Lakshmi, the Goddess of Plenty, seeks her throne. For a long time that throne has not been kept ready for her, for the opulent demi-god Kuver has lured men's minds away to the city's yakshapuri. We have long neglected to invoke Lakshmi to her own sphere of plenty; thus from the land have vanished health and beauty, knowledge and joy, and even of life itself little remains. Today in the village the tanks are dry, the air pestilent, the roads impassable, the granaries empty and social bonds lax. Envy and malice, squabbles and misdeeds hasten the decay of the crumbling society. The end seems near, for in this squalid, uncared-for land the fearful rule of Yama grows more powerful every day.

May the Giver of all Bounty be pleased with those who have to-day taken upon themselves the task of filling with milk the drained breasts of the village—that nourisher of life; who are lighting a lamp to bring radiance to her gloomy and joyless home. May these dedicated souls, by their sacrifice, service and devotion, by unifying all in harmonious living and co-ordinating all disjointed efforts, banish from India the sins of her people, accumulated through centuries of ignorance and inertia, and with these the curse of an angry deity; this is what I pray for with my whole soul.

Rural reconstruction is a significant part of Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore's educational thoughts and experiments. Gurudeva believed that Indian education would be imperfect without the knowledge of the rural India. With this view Sriniketan was established by him as a centre for rural reconstruction, which still remains an indispensable part of Visva-Bharati. Gurudeva always believed in the unity and harmony of minds, and this idea was behind his efforts of rural reconstruction with the aim of developing rural co-operative systems. In his words "There is the fear of poverty. It can be countered if we stand and act in a group".

To learn to live in harmony seems to be one of the major aims of Tagore's educational philosophy. Keeping this idea in mind Visva- Bharati was established with the motto 'Yatra Visvam Bhavatyekanidam'(where the entire world makes its home in a single nest). To achieve that harmony, according to Gurudeva,unity of people is required at the grass root level, to be able to stand and act in a group, encounter any problem whether it is social, economical or political. The co-operative system, according to Tagore, is primarily based on this principle of 'togetherness'.

Community development is an extremely relevant issue in the present time. Health facilities, well-developed sanitation system, educational facilities,economic development etc. are considered important factors for the community advancement for which a very well organized co-operative system is perhaps the most important requirement. Hence, the Co-Operative System in the social domain is becoming more and more important today. Almost all countries of the world have started putting considerable emphasis on initiating co-operative activities. In India also various policies have been adopted from time to time to improve the Co-Operative system, mainly in the rural areas.

Almost one hundred years ago Gurudeva Rabindranath Tagore felt the need of introducing such a system for the development of the rural areas of the nation. With this idea, in 1927,the Co-operative System was introduced in Visva-Bharati to support activities in the adopted villages of Sriniketan.

Considering the importance and need of the Co-operative system for community development, a special seminar is being organized. Its principal mission will be to analyse various co-operative activities and also to formulate strategies to strengthen and accelerate such ventures.

SUB -THEMES OF THE SEMINAR

1. Development of rural economy and self-employment through Co-operative system.
2. Co-operative system and women empowerment.
3. Co-operative system and education.
4. Co-operative system and village craft.
5. Rural Reconstruction through co-operative system.
6. Co-operative system and national development.
7. Co-operative system and regional co-operation.
8. Co-operative system, community development and Sustainable development.
9. Co-operative system, community development and great thinkers.
10. Public-Private Partnership, community participation in co-operative system.
11. Recent trends in Community Development.

• **IMPORTANT DATES**

Submission of Abstract (Maximum 500 Words abstract, in Times New Roman font. The participants are requested to mention the Sub-theme, Title of the paper along with their Name, Designation, Affiliation, and contact details)	05.08.2017
Acceptance of the Abstract	10.08.2017
Submission of Full Paper (An edited volume will be published after the seminar with selected papers only).	25.08.2017
Last date of Payment	18.08.2017

REGISTRATION

After the acceptance of the abstract, participants will be requested to submit the Registration Fee through a Demand Draft of Rs. 1000/-for delegates; Rs. 600./- For Research Scholars and the students .The Demand Draft should be drawn in *favour of* Organizing Secretary of the Seminar and payable at State Bank Of India, Santiniketan Branch, (IFSC: SBIN0002121).

Please note that the registration fee will include only the registration of the participants to the seminar, seminar kit, along with food during the seminar (two breakfasts, two lunches, and one dinner.). No travel allowance will be paid to the participants for attending the seminar. The participants have to arrange their accommodation by their own. However, on request of the participants the organizing committee may arrange some modest accommodation (first-come-first-serve basis) but the payment for such accommodation have to be made by the participant directly to the concerned guest houses.

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Tentative Programme:

DAY-1

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
18.08.2017	08.30-09.30 A.M	REGISTRATION	LIPIKA
	09.30-11.30 A.M	INAUGURATION	LIPIKA
	11.30-12.15 A.M	OPENING OF THE EXIBITION	LIPIKA
	12.15-12.30 A.M	TEA BREAK	LIPIKA
	12.30 A.M - 01.15P.M	SHARING EXPERIENCES OF THE MEMBERS OF DIFFRENT CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES	LIPIKA
	01.15-02.15 P.M	LUNCH BREAK	LIPIKA
	02.15-03.45 P.M	TECHINICAL SESSION -I	PARALLEL SESSION
			PUNTHIGARH-1
			PUNTHIIGHAR-2
	04.00-5.15 P.M	TECHINICAL SESSION - II	PARALLEL SESSION
			PUNTHIGARH-1
			PUNTHIIGHAR-2
	515-05.30 P.M	Tea break	PUNTHIGARH
	05.30-06.15P.M	Poster presentation	PUNTHIGARH
08.00-09.00 P.M	Cultural Programme	LIPIKA	
09.00 P.M onwards	Dinner	LIPIKA	

DAY-2

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE	
19.08.2017	08.30- 09.00 A.M.	Breakfast	LIPIKA	
	09.30-11.00 A.M.	Plenary Session	LIPIKA	
	11.15- 11.30 A.M.	Tea Break	LIPIKA	
	11.30 A.M. - 01.00 P.M	TECHINICAL SESSION - III	PARALLEL SESSION	LIPIKA
				PUNTHIIGHAR
				CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETY
	01.00A.M -02.00 P.M	LUNCH BREAK	LIPIKA	
	02.15 –03.00 P.M	VALEDICTORY and CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION	LIPIKA	
03.00- 3.30 P.M	TEA	LIPIKA		

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REGISTRATION FORM

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SANTINIKETAN

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Please Tick (✓) your requirement:

PPGH RKGH INGH SAIL Sriniketan

1. Name of Visitor(s) : _____
2. Organisation : _____
3. Purpose of Visit : _____
4. Postal address & Tele No. : _____
5. Arrival : DD MM YYYY Hrs.

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6. Departure : DD MM YYYY Hrs.

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7. Category
(for 'A' & 'B' enclosed Invitation letter
from University) :

A (University)	B (Official)	C (Others)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Type of accommodation required
(Please see overleaf) : _____
9. No. of Person(s) : _____
10. Person making the Booking
Name : _____
Employee Code/No. : _____
Designation : _____
Bhavana/Sadana/Department/
Centre/Section/School : _____
Contact No. & E-mail ID : _____
11. For Category 'B' & 'C' only:
 - a. Kindly settle the bill(s) before checking out .
 - b. If Charges are not paid by the Guest then the undersigned agrees to settle the Bill(s) and the same to be treated as deduction from my Salary.
 - c. Check Out time is 12:00 Noon.

Date : _____ Signature of the Proposer : _____

12. Signature of the Vice-Chancellor/Pro-Vice-Chancellor/Registrar (for Category 'A')

Date : _____ Signature : _____

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The In-Charge (Public Relations and Guest Houses)
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The villages in the country must be built up to be completely self-sufficient, and able to supply all their own needs. For this, village-groups should be formed— a few villages going to form each such group— and the headmen of each group should make it self-sufficient by providing work for all, and seeing that all their wants are met. Thus only can self-government become a reality all over the country. The villagers must be educated, assisted and encouraged to establish primary schools, centres for training in arts and crafts, centres for religious activities, cooperative stores and banks. Our salvation lies in thus making our villages self-reliant and knit together by the ties of corporate life. Our main problem is how to build up model village communities.

---Rabindranath Tagore, 1923

