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**"INDIA'S EXTENDED NEIGHBOURHOOD:  
CONVERGING INTERESTS"  
(ICIENCI\_2023)**



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## **INAUGURAL GUEST:**

**Prof. Jagadish K Patnaik**

Vice- Chancellor, Nagaland University, Hqrs: Lumami, Nagaland.

## **INVITED SPEAKERS:**

**Prof. Md Shahidul Haque**

Former Foreign Secretary, Govt. of Bangladesh, Currently Professor, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), North-South University, Dhaka, Bangladesh & 'Bangabandhu Chair' of Delhi University.

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Programme Leader of BA Development Economics/ Professor, School of Social Sciences, Royal Thimphu College, Ngabiphu, Thimphu, Bhutan.

**Prof. Imankalyan Lahiri**

Professor and Head of Department, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University and Director, School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

**Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi**

Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University, Delhi.

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**Prof. T. Zarenthung Ezung**

Professor, Department of Economics, Nagaland University, Hqrs: Lumami, Nagaland.

**Prof. Athungo Ovung**

Professor & Head, Department of Sociology, Nagaland University, Hqrs: Lumami, Nagaland.

## **VALEDICTORY GUEST:**

**Dr. A. Nshoga**

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## **CONCLUDING OBSERVATION:**

**Dr. Aküm Longchari**

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## **ABOUT FAZL ALI COLLEGE**

Fazl Ali College (FAC) is a premier higher education institution established on 8th September 1959, has emerged as one of the leading educational institutions of the State in Nagaland, India. It is a co-educational Government College affiliated to Nagaland University. The objective of the College is to promote higher learning and to produce students who are second to none in academic quality in line with the College motto "Academia Nulli Secundus" and are conscious citizens who can bring about social change and development. It signifies the College's constant endeavour to mould the young minds and give the guidance towards the unfoldment of the intellectual faculty latent in them. The College takes pride being the first Government College in Nagaland State to be accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2009.

Being the oldest College in the State, the College remain robust in providing quality education ever since its inception. Being accredited as 'A' Grade College under the third cycle by NAAC in 2022, FAC is vigorously working towards to develop the College into a hub of multidisciplinary studies and a centre for indigenous research of national and international relevance.

## **LOCATION**

FAC is located amidst beautiful natural surroundings about 5 kilometres from Mokokchung town. The town is well connected by road through the National Highway 2. There are 24/7 bus and taxi services from Guwahati, Jorhat, Kohima and Dimapur. The nearest airport to Mokokchung is Jorhat, Assam (102 Kms) and the nearest train station is Mariani, Assam (85 Kms).

## **RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL (RDC)**

The RDC of Fazl Ali College is constituted to monitor and address issues related to research activities. RDC's role and responsibilities is: To motivate faculty and students to conduct research; To encourage faculty members to apply for Major & Minor Research Projects, To consider and make recommendations of the research proposals made by the faculty members; To generate awareness among faculty and students about the quality of research publications; To promote collaborative research; To provide consultancy services to the faculty in areas of research and publication; and To monitor the progress of ongoing projects. In line with the objective of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, RDC FAC is resolute with the goal of promoting quality research that will make a significant contribution to the objective of an independent India ("Atma Nirbhar Bharat").

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The concept of "extended neighbourhood" is frequently portrayed by academics and other professionals as a more recent addition to India's external policy discourse and practice. Although the concept of extended neighbourhood has been gradually impacting India's foreign policy ever since independence, the word "extended neighbourhood" has become more popular in the last two decades or so in the expression of India's concerns about contemporary politics. The term "extended neighbourhood" have a close philosophical ethos which is likely one of the earliest expressions of the globalist perspective on international relations. It was a compact summary of the idea of a single universe in which events in one region always have an effect on the other polar end, even distantly. India's engagement with the world, especially its extended neighbourhood is driven by this sense of humanity's interconnectedness and shared aspirations. In our context, the term extended neighbourhood refers to countries sharing land and maritime borders with India such as China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Indonesia, apart from South Asia.

Greater engagement and reorientation of India's policy and strategic goals are required to bring closer to one another-geographically, economically, and culturally. Prime Minister Narendra Modi time and again reaffirmed that the 21<sup>st</sup> century would be the Asian century and poised conviction that India will play a leading role. As among the top fastest leading largest economies in world, India is most likely candidate to lead strategically significant Asia in the latter half of this century. In recent years, India's foreign policy has focused on deepening bilateral ties with strategically located Asian countries rather than forging a formal security alliance in the Indo-Pacific region alone to prevent direct conflict with other countries. The act of the present government is unmistakable. India is more prepared than ever to take part and make its presence felt on the international scene.

In fine, the idea of an extended neighbourhood fills a structural gap between India's current domineering power status in South Asia and the Indian Ocean, where it is geographically located, and its desired global power status. It is not exaggeration to claim that India views itself as a Great Power deserving of Great Power sphere of influence primarily in her extended neighbourhood. However, this scenario leads to a direct confrontation with resurgent China, which traditionally claims to be her sphere of influence. Therefore, India policy towards her extended neighbourhood has to be very sensitive, guided by a strategic vision, and walk a very delicate balance to achieve her objective. The conference will explore in detail many of these issues related to the concept of India's extended neighbourhood and its ramifications.

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

It is crucial to monitor the many facets of the new Asian alignments and India's involvement with its extended neighbourhood in this framework. The purpose of the conference is to identify prospects and challenges in India's near east that are crucial to India's ongoing transformation and its place in the world. The conference aims to achieve the following goals:

- To study its impact on changing geopolitical alignments in the region.
- To investigate its potential for diplomatic, socio-economic and cultural growth and development of India's extended neighbourhood.
- To identify competing and interlocking interests and work towards deepening relations with India's near east.
- To investigate the regional diversity, environmental mitigation, tourism, religious, migration and displacement and dialogue of multiple identities.
- To advance India's efforts to take on a bigger role in Asia by bringing the nations together on a common platform and making the "Asian Century" dream a reality.

## **THE SUB-THEME FOR THE CONFERENCE ARE AS FOLLOWS :**

- Emerging India's Policy towards its extended neighbourhood : Challenges and Opportunities
- The geopolitics and maritime security of South Asia and South East Asia
- Big brother syndrome of India's neighbourhood
- Biodiversity, Sustainable Development, Environment and Climate Change
- Socio-cultural and Religious Dialogues
- Tourism, Trade and Commerce, and Economic Cooperation
- Illegal migrants, Refugee and Diaspora
- Revisiting India's Act-East Policy
- Ethnicity, Insurgency, Violence and Conflict Management
- Other relevant topic not listed in the above sub-theme.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS MODULE :**

1. Conference Theme Keynote Address
2. Invited Lectures of the Sub-theme
3. Contributory Research Papers

### **REGISTRATION DETAILS:**

Registration Fee : 500/- INR (for single person only)

Last date of registration : 20-03-2023

Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/73cGa3heGML4chxo7>

### **BANK DETAILS:**

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### **NOTE:**

- a) Participants will be intimated through their respective email.
- b) Registration fee includes registration kit, working lunch and certificate.
- c) No TA/DA would be provided to participants.

## *For Communication*

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