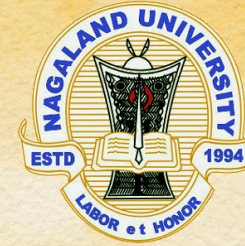


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ONE DAY NATIONAL LEVEL WORKSHOP AND RESEARCH TRAINING
PROGRAMME ON-

EMERGING AREAS OF RESEARCH IN
BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL
ANTHROPOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY
APPROACH

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CONCEPT NOTE

EMERGING AREAS OF RESEARCH IN BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

A great deal of knowledge has been accumulated over the years in all the sub-disciplines of Anthropology. A great number of scholars and researchers have made valuable contributions towards the development of the aims and scope of the subject. However, over the years there have been changes in the broad aims and scope of the subject. In this era of globalization and industrial revolution, focuses have changed with the emergence of newer areas of research. These modern trends now demand new theoretical paradigms and methodological approaches.

New dimensions of research in Physical Anthropology primarily include forensic anthropology, molecular anthropology, child nutrition, human growth, exposure to toxic elements and changes in gene frequencies of traits both within and between populations. With the development in analytical techniques such as PCR, studies are being initiated to understand and document population affinities. New focus is being given on somatotyping, mtDNA, genetic disorder, lifestyles, dietary practices, nutritional supplementation, cardio-metabolic risk factors, and ergonomics.

In the context of Social-cultural Anthropology, studies dealing with post-modernism, globalization, social problems, environmentalism, natural disaster and ecological sustainability, gender issues, cognition and indigenous knowledge, human rights and culture of peace are the emerging trends.

Anthropologists are intensively working towards contemporary issues pertaining to health and health seeking behaviour, have helped in bridging the gap between evolutionary medicine, social epidemiology and public health. They have often acted as cultural mediators, helping to communicate cross cultural understandings of health and illness in order to make public health initiatives more effective for specific groups. Key concern in anthropology of development pertains to upliftment and improvisation of standard of living. Anthropologists can facilitate developmental schemes envisaged by different agencies in the improvement of the lifestyle of the people. The panel will primarily focus to know about the emerging fields of Anthropological researches and its methodological approach. It will try to find out the importance of Anthropology as a multi-disciplinary scientific discipline in order to sustainable development and greater human welfare.

Academic outcome-

The proposed academic event seminar will find out the emerging fields of Anthropological researches in the 21st century and the new methodological approach related to it. Further, how the Anthropological knowledge can be applied for redressing different social problems and how it can play the prime role in the process of national development with the interdisciplinary approach, will be the major outcome of this event. This has been organized primarily for the research scholars of different Departments in Nagaland University as a major inter-disciplinary research training programme. For the students and Research scholars of Nagaland University there will be no registration fee and the maximum intake will be 50 on the basis of earliest communication of the registration form, as provided.