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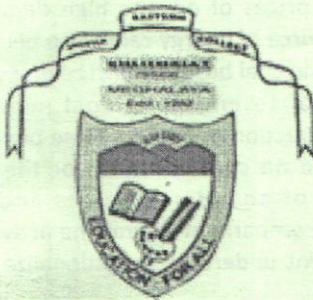
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***National Seminar***

**On**

**"The Impact of the Interim NGT**

**Ban on Coal Mining in Meghalaya"**



**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Venue: Conference Hall,**

**Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat**

**East Jaintia Hills District**

**Meghalaya**

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## Invitation

Jaintia Eastern College Khliehriat, cordially invites you to participate in the two days National Seminars on the theme - "The Impact of the Interim NGT Ban on Coal Mining in Meghalaya" to be held in the College premises on the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016. We hope and expect that the deliberation and participation of many eminent scholars would throw light on this key issue and bring upon a constructive debate on the related themes. Simultaneously, offering suggestions for further needs to be addressed.

Coal mining in India can be traced back to the year 1774 initiated by the East India Company for the purpose of smelting iron ore. Since then, various private enterprises came into existence for commercial extraction of coal in India. Due to the rising prices of oil, the high demand for coal as an alternative source of energy came into being in the 1970s. The opportunities in coal business invited many private companies and individual to engage in coal mining activities. The haphazard extraction of coal by these private enterprises and individual had no consideration for the development and reclamation of abandoned mines and its surrounding. Perceiving the scenario of the mining activities in the country, the government undertook to nationalize coal mining in the year 1973.

In Meghalaya, the extraction of coal was done in 1815 at Sohra, East Khasi Hills District, Umlatdoh (Elaka Lakadong) and East Jaintia Hills District. The extraction of coal in the state was done by private parties till the Interim NGT Ban on Coal Mining was imposed in April 2014. Coal mining and its related activities has been a main source of income for the inhabitants of the state in particular and the region in general. It has also been a source of revenue for the Government's exchequer. Coal mining activities had been an opportunity for the different group of people – landowners, coalmine workers, shop owners and other establishment to improve their living standard. But after the proclamation of Interim NGT Ban on Coal Mining in the state, the people were extensively affected.

In the light of the above, the present seminar has been formulated with a broader objective to identify the problems encountered and to suggest suitable strategies for possible alternatives.

The specific objectives of the seminar deliberations are as follows:

### Objectives of the seminar

1. To assess the dependence of the people on Coal mining and its related activities.
2. To assess the social and economic impact of coal mining and its related activities
3. To identify the possible alternative method vis a vis present coal mining method.
4. To suggest the alternative policy on coal mining.
5. To identify the problems of coal mining in the state.
6. To suggest suitable strategies for reviving coal mining in the state.
7. To document the opinions of the stakeholders (Landowners, Coalmine workers, students, faculty, administrators and other beneficiaries).

Based on the above objectives, the following sub-themes will be deliberated in the semina.

### Sub-Themes

- Social and Economic Impact of NGT Ban on Coal Mining.
- Perspective of NGT Ban on Coal Mining.
- Policy alternatives to Traditional Coal Mining methods.
- Alternate Mechanism/Technology to Traditional Coal Mining methods.
- Possible alternative vis a vis Coal Mining.
- Impact of NGT Ban on Coal Mining on Industries and Employment.
- Impact of the NGT Ban on Coal Mining on the State's exchequer.
- Impact of the NGT Ban on Coal Mining on Banking Sectors (Public & Private).

### Programme:

The seminar will be organized by Jaintia Eastern College, Khliehriat, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya.

### Participants of the seminar:

Administrators, Academicians, Students, Research Scholars, Social workers, Business persons, Corporates and Law makers can participate in the seminar. The seminar consists of plenary sessions; theme based invited talks and panel discussions.

## Call for Papers:

The researchers interested in presenting original research/thematic papers are invited to submit their abstracts not exceeding 500 words latest by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. The full length paper should contain the title, abstract, list of key words and the paper should not exceed Ten pages (A4 size) including references and appendices. It should be typed, with 1 1/2 space, 12 font, New Times Roman and M.S. Word compatible. It should reach the organizers on or before 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 via email to je\_college@yahoo.co.in/iqacjec@gmail.com. The decision of the Screening Committee which consists the panel of experts shall be final and binding for acceptance of papers. Presentation of papers shall be in PowerPoint and the full length paper (Hard Copy) shall be submitted to the organizer on the day of presentation. Selected research paper presented in the seminar will be published in the form of seminar volume.

### Hospitality:

The host will provide travel assistance not exceeding third A/C (limited members) and local hospitality including accommodation for resource persons. Except local hospitality including accommodation no TA will be paid to the paper presenters during the seminar period.

### About the College:

Jaintia Eastern College is a Co-Educational institution established to provide higher education (Arts and Commerce Stream) to the students who are mostly first generation learners. It was started with an initiative of a few prominent spirited individuals, educationists, church leaders, the deprived parents, social workers and conscious public in the year 1992. Since its inception, the College has been sincerely rendering service in imparting higher education at the Under Graduate level. The College not only caters to the need of the local students but also the students of the neighboring districts and children of migrant coalmine workers. The active involvement of the College in disseminating knowledge and hard-working performance within the area has satisfied North Eastern Hill University, Shillong to extend permanent affiliation to the College in the year 2005 and obtained University Grants Commission's 2f and 12B recognition and was accredited Grade 'B' by NAAC with 2.50 CGPA in the year 2016.