

### Sub themes:

1. Implications of Atmanirbhar Bharat for Business sector in India: Especially in North Eastern Region.
2. Union budget for building Self-reliant India and the North Eastern Region.
3. Impact of Covid-19 on MSME's in India: with special focus on North Eastern Region.
4. Role of Agriculture Sector in Atmanirbhar Bharat.
5. Role of Manufacturing Sector in Atmanirbhar Bharat with especial reference to North Eastern Region.
6. Prospect of Handloom industry in Northeast and its Neighborhood.
7. International relations, border trade and socio-political environment.
8. Governance reforms and other measures required for self-reliance.
9. Reforms in Service Sector (Health and Hospitality, Tourism etc).
10. Building Atmanirbhar Bharat and overcoming Covid pandemic.
11. Policies for labor market and migrant workers.
12. Challenges for "Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan" in India: with special reference to North Eastern Region.
13. Self-reliant Northeast through Science and Technology.
14. Atmanirbhar Bharat as an idea of Nation-building: Past and Present.
15. Any theme related to the main theme.

Papers are invited on the above mentioned themes from Government officials, Policy Makers, Planners, Faculty Members, Research Scholars, reputed NGOs, Corporate Sectors, Independent Researchers, Practitioners, and Social Activist working in this area.

### Guidelines for Paper Contributors

- All authors should mention Title (e.g. Dr/Mr/Mrs) and Name, Affiliation, Email, etc.
- Abstract not more than 250 – 300 words and 3 – 5 keywords
- Paper Title should be brief
- Full Paper: 2000 – 4000 words
- Contents: Introduction, review of literature, objectives, methodology, results and discussion, conclusion and recommendations.
- References- APA style
- Margin: 1 inch or 2.5 cm
- Font: Times New Roman, (12 size)
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Accommodation could be arranged to the paper presenters on request in Hotels, but they will have to bear the expenses. The Hotel rents are affordable. Alternatively, they can arrange their accommodation directly. **No TA/DA will be provided to the presenters.**

### **Important Dates:**

**Last date of Abstract submission: 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**

**Full paper Submission: 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022**

**Registration last date (Online): 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022**

**Seminar Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

**Google form link for online registration:**

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## **ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR**

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## **ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN NORTH EAST INDIA AND WAY FORWARD**

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# Invitation

Dear, Sir/Madam

*It is really a privilege to inform you with immense pleasure that the Department of Economics, Nowgong College (Autonomous), Nagaon, Assam is going to organize a two day National Seminar on “Atmanirbhar Bharat: Opportunities And Challenges in North East India and Way Forward” in the college premises on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. The Seminar intends to provide a forum of scholars, researchers and academicians to interact and exchange views on this topic.*

*We therefore, cordially invite you to actively participate and contribute a research paper in the seminar and make it a grand success.*

*With warm regards-*

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## ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN NORTH EAST INDIA AND WAY FORWARD

The North Eastern Region (NER) of India is known for its unique geographical characteristic with rich culture. The region shares almost 98 percent of its borders with other countries and only 2 percent with India. It has forever been seen that the region has huge potentiality for growth due to richness in natural resources and biodiversity. Yet, the region is underdeveloped as compared to the other regions of India and it accounts 2.8% of India’s GDP (2019-20). Thus, the development of North East becomes a major concern.

Various sectors of North East India have huge potentiality to make the region self-reliant. The recent data shows that agricultural sector plays an important role, as the proportion of agricultural household in all the North East states (Except Tripura) is higher than the national average. As part of agricultural development the Northeast states of India have developed as a hub of organic farming with their efforts. Sikkim has taken lead to convert their entire produce in organic cultivation.

Apart from agriculture, some other potential areas of NER for development are mineral resources (Crude Oil & Natural Gas), tourism, horticulture, floriculture and sericulture; tea and rubber.

The North East India also identified as the biodiversity hotspot due to its large forest area (about 50%) and it is home to unique species of plants and flowers. The climate of this region also suits for production of different kinds of raw materials for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) industries, which constitute an integral part of Indian rural economy.

In this regard “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan” or “Self-reliant India Mission” which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the time of Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, is a great initiative. The intended objective of this plan was two - fold. First, interim measures such as liquidity infusion and direct cash transfers for the poor will work as shock absorbers for those in acute stress. The second is long-term reforms in growth-critical sectors to make them globally competitive and attractive. As part of the Atmanirbhar Bharat Package, the government of India has distributed Rs. 200 crore for each of the 8 North Eastern States as a special interest free loan for 50 years. Although, the packages announced to fight against Covid-19, but the objectives were to long term development of the industries. Besides the “Atmanirbhar Package”, some other schemes such as ‘Atmanirbhar Hastshilpkar Scheme’, ‘Oil Palm Mission’, ‘Purvodaya’ etc. also announced to develop the North East.

Thus, the present seminar will add some new knowledge and gather information on potential areas of NER for successful implementation of Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme.