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43rd Annual Conference

Indian Anthropological Society  
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**43rd Annual Conference**  
**of the Indian Anthropological Society**  
**and National Seminar**  
*on*  
**Understanding Human Diversity : Anthropological and**  
**Museological Perspectives**  
**8-9 March, 2013**

*Conference Theme and Topical Areas*

Diversity existed with the humans since the beginning of their organised living. Eventually they displayed number of varieties of forms and structures in socio-cultural acquisitions as well as biological attributes which increased over time with the pace of progress in all aspects.

The basic objective of anthropological studies and research, by and large, has been to understand these phenomena of continuity and change of human life and culture based on evolution and adaptation. In spite of its emerging ramification into disciplines and sub-disciplines in anthropology the basic intellectual drive at each step has been to evolve more and more precise methodological rigour by reformulating and reorienting the very approach of studying these diversities.

The present seminar proposes to include a special dimension in this journey of understanding the subject in question, i.e. the museological perspective.

In a formal sense, anthropology tries to capture the changing forms of human existence, while museology reconstructs and restores the same for imparting popular education with visual representation. Anthropology and museology can develop a synergistic approach to the understanding of human diversity, which will be rewarding to both the disciplines mutually and exclusively. With this background in mind, the present seminar endeavours to tentatively put the major themes of discussion into the following thematic and sub-thematic categories:

- I. Biological diversities : Health, nutritional and other biological dimensions.
- II. Social and cultural diversities : Dimensions of social organization (family, marriage, kinship etc.), religion, ethnicity, globalization, folklore, cognition, development and change.
- III. Archaeological diversities : Dimensions of pre-historic and proto-historic cultures; palaeoenvironment and human adaptation.
- IV. Museological perspectives : Role of museum in presenting human diversities; current trends of museum studies; issues of conservation and preservation; material culture and museum; interface between museology and anthropology.

*Conference Venue*

Exhibition Hall, Indian Museum, Kolkata  
27, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata-700 016

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**REGISTRATION AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

**Last Date**

Registration and Abstract submission : 15th February, 2013  
(Abstract within 300 words)

