



## *Call for Paper Submission*

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### **Ganga to Volga: India's Connectivity with Inner Asia**

**6-7 March 2019**

**Venue:** School of International Studies (I & II)  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

#### **Concept Note**

India's connection with Inner Asia, which constitutes five republics of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan), Mongolia, three regions of China – Xinjiang, Inner Mongolia and Tibet, and Afghanistan, is as old as Methuselah. The foundation stone of this linkage was laid by land trade that witnessed regular contacts between traders/merchants from India and Inner Asia. The knowledge and wisdom of India during ancient period had percolated into the hearts and minds of people in Inner Asia, which has been reflected in the discoveries and explorations of western scholars. The civilizational linkage between the two regions not only blossomed with the influx of religion and philosophy, arts and culture from India, but also thrived for centuries. Reproduction of Ajanta in Dun Huang, replica of Kailasa Monolith on the Khullam or the work of Indian scholars/monks in Tibet, the overhaul of Kushan antiquities etc. demonstrates India's academic pursuits. Sanskrit words, such as *Ratna*, *Mani* and *Guru* in Tibet and Mongolia, and the transformation of the word *Vihara* into Bukhara or of *Sartha* into *Sart* in western Turkestan are symbols of Indian culture in the entire Inner Asian region. In contemporary times, Nobel laureate Rabindranath Tagore and several other Indian scholars and historians continued to highlight role of Inner Asia in the life, culture and civilisations of India, and narrated how races from Inner Asia had found their permanent habitat in India as well. At the present juncture, the age-old bonding between the two regions is strengthened further, as the countries in Inner Asian region and India have been braving new challenges in the post-Soviet period, such as non-traditional security threats, posing serious threat to humanity. However, this situation brings a new opportunity for both to have a common stand against the aforesaid challenges. It is against this



background, the UGC Area Studies Programme of the Centre for Inner Asian Studies proposes to organize a two-day International Conference on the theme “*Ganga to Volga: India’s Connectivity with Inner Asia*” at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 6-7 March 2019. The following themes/issues are proposed to be dilated upon:

1. Historical linkages
2. The Fabled Silk Route: From “Old” to “New”
3. Geo-strategic, Geo-political and Geo-economic Dynamics
4. Culture, Commerce and Connectivity (trade and economy, industry, education, and science & technology, people to people contact)
5. Energy Issues, Transportation Networks and linkages
6. Common Issues: Ethnicity, Politics, Nationalism and Religion
7. Common Challenges: Non-traditional security threats, religious extremism, terrorism, human security, ecology and sustainable development

### **Submission of Paper**

This international conference is open to scholars/academics, who wish to submit full paper and make a presentation. The full-length papers (preferably 5000 words) must be submitted to the conference organizers in the following e-mail IDs: [maxeew@gmail.com](mailto:maxeew@gmail.com) / [mdebata@mail.jnu.ac.in](mailto:mdebata@mail.jnu.ac.in) on or before **15th February 2019**. All papers submitted for presentation at the Conference are subjected to a double-blind peer review process. Decision on the acceptance of papers for this Conference will be communicated by **22nd February 2019**. Selected papers from the conference will be considered for publication in an edited book by a reputed national/international publisher. The guidelines for submission of full paper for the Conference are given below:

- ❖ **Details of the Paper Presenter** (name, designation, organization, address, telephone, mobile and email) must be mentioned along with a short **biographical note** (100 words).
- ❖ **A 200-word Abstract** narrating objective/scope/rationale, research methods, main arguments, findings/conclusions and recommendations.
- ❖ At least **five Keywords** should be given.
- ❖ The participants must adhere to plagiarism rules (in the paper) as per UGC notification (below 10 per cent).



- ❖ Full paper submission (maximum 5000 words) must follow the **referencing style** as per **SIS Research Manual 2006**.
- ❖ **Style-sheet** of the paper: Format (MS Word), Font (Times New Roman), Font size (12) and Spacing (1.5).

### **Local Hospitality for Paper Presenters**

Local travel and hospitality (boarding, lodging and transport in New Delhi) will be provided to paper presenters. In case of jointly authored paper, the main author/one presenter only can avail the aforesaid facilities. All outstation paper presenters will be provided modest accommodation in the University Guest Houses (Aravali, Aravali International and Gomti) from the evening of 5th to 7th March 2019. Accommodation for accompanying persons and extended stay shall be chargeable and has to be communicated well in advance to the conference organisers.

### **Important Dates of Conference**

<b>Deadline for Submission of Paper:</b>	15 February 2019
<b>Notification of Acceptance of Paper:</b>	20 February 2019
<b>Conference Date:</b>	6-7 March 2019

### **Conference Organizing Committee**

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