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GEO-CULTURAL HERITAGES OF TRIBAL INHABITED AREAS OF INDIA

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ABSTRACT

The Indian subcontinent is endowed with extraordinary, awe-inspiring, and rich geographical diversities of people, culture and landscape. India has been home to one of the oldest civilisations as well as to a wide range of indigenous tribal communities that is rich in heritages and varied socio-cultural patterns in diversified geographical areas. These communities have distinct social pursuits and cultural traits varying across the geographic location and space. The close association of the tribal communities with their environment in different geographic locations with distinct cultural practices and natural adaptations together represents incredible and unique geo-cultural heritages. They have a distinct nature varying across diverse terrains, climate, and geographic spaces. Not surprisingly, it is this diversity that has evoked ethnographic curiosity for more than a century. Different disciplines from anthropology, sociology, geography, tourism, and history have explored these places of natural and cultural wonders inhabited by indigenous communities. They attract people for being sites of unique knowledge systems of ancient times. Study of these geo-cultural heritages has not only been a matter of curiosity but also provides a scientific basis for their preservation, protection. These are now presented as repositories of invaluable Indian heritages on the global platform, using a multidisciplinary approach.

The panel is looking for papers and deliberations that explore the characterisation of the geo-cultural heritage sites, development of indigenous heritage clusters, geospatial mapping and geo-tagging of cultural infrastructure, heritage management and exploration of Folklore and Cultures and allied resources.

Keywords – Geo-cultural heritages, Geospatial Mapping, Digitization of heritage sites, Folklore and Culture, Indigenous Communities

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