

Regional Science Conference concludes with a call for Better Output in Research and Development



The 41st Annual Conference of the Regional Science Association of India (RSAI) concluded here today that is 4th March 2010 with the valedictory address of Deputy Commissioner Swati Sharma in which she outlined that scientific and technological innovations and advancement affects each and every sector of life and hence, she appealed the participants of the conference to dwell upon originality with pure dedication and sincerity for better output in research and development.

The 2-day conference was marked with presentation of 22 papers on Cooperation and Regional Development, Health Care Resources in Regional Perspectives, Urban Planning in Hill Areas, Liberalization, Economic Growth and Regional Inequalities and Emerging Challenges to Development of Hill Economic with special reference to north-east region. The postulates of different technical sessions formed the basis of report to be published in the proceedings of the organizations to impress upon the planners and executors of the development process at regional and national levels.

The day before, in the inaugural session, Grammy award nominee Geshe Nawang Tashi Bapu, Principal Central Institute of Himalayan Cultural Studies Dahun, emphasized upon a balanced development without generating any social unrest. The syncretic approach adopted by him as a theological scholar to define development of regional economies on the basis of suitable blending, indigenous knowl-

edge and resources with innovations science and technology was really praiseworthy.

Dr. P. Nag, Director National Atlas Thematic Mapping Organization (NATMO) in his presidential address impressed upon the participants that holding the conference in a place like Bomdila, is a clear indication that the Regional Science Association of India (RSAI) is conscious of its core objectives which believes that any developmental initiative has to consider its spatial variations and regional specificities. He further reiterated that, for any development the use of national resources, economic investments, technological innovations and the institutional works are to be carried out within an ecologically balanced framework.

The Secretary Regional Science Association of India (RSAI) Dr. C. R. Pathak, while elaborating on the objectives of the association, appealed the delegates to go for disseminating knowledge by developing the tools and techniques of research on regional development and to encourage the application of the outcome of the research for regional development of the economically backward areas. Lauding the cultural richness and natural endowments of the state, Dr. Pathak exhorted the academicians to concentrate more on the hill economy of the state.

The local organizer Dr. H. Lasa, Principal Government College Bomdila opined that there should be close linkages between academicians, policy makers and executors for proper development of any region in which the regional resources should be optimally utilized as he reasoned that such deliberations in seminars and conferences very often do not form the part of policy and planning documents.