

## Concept Note

North Eastern India has always triggered serious discussions and contemplations on issues related to militancy, rise of insurgent groups, ethnic clashes, etc. challenging the very fabric and social structure of the country. The policy makers, intellectuals and people in general have increasingly shown interest in these problems. The people from north eastern states are born with different look and physical disposition, culture and tradition, which often makes them subject of much fun and frolic among the rest of the country folks. They are often mistakenly identified as 'foreigners' within their own land and asked to show their visas when found visiting to rest of the country. The relationship of the people belonging to the north eastern states with the rest of the country is problematic and poses challenges to the sovereignty and integrity of the country. Against this backdrop this seminar will focus on the linkages among society, language and culture of North East.

The seminar would try to explore the factors causing instability and emergence of militancy, ethnic violence and cross border terrorism in these states. By addressing various aspects of cultural and societal evolution in these states the prevailing scenario and current attitudes of the people of these states shall be analyzed. This has happened in spite of the fact that the north eastern region has much to share with the rest of the country in terms of language, culture and traditions. The different languages of this region share ties with other linguistic families viz. Indo-Aryan, Astro-Asiatic, Tibbato-Burman, and Dravid, etc. Local language of Assam, viz. Bodo, Koroi, Devri, Dimasa, Hamar, Hangkhol, Karahi, Khelma, Koch, Mishing, Rabha, Tai, Tiva, belong to the Tibbato-Burman family. The Panar language belong to the Austro-Asiatic family. Khasi language of Meghalaya is a part of the Austro-Asiatic family and Garo belongs to Tibbato-Burman family. The Kakbarak language of Tripura is also a part of Tibbato-Burman family. But, even after sharing noteworthy similarities and links with different languages, customs and traditions with other parts of the country, the eight states have remained isolated for a long time. The tribal languages are part and parcel of the mainstream languages but they are not given their due place in the socio-political set up.

The seminar would try to understand the cultural diversity and traditions of the north eastern states. An attempt will be made to decipher the similarities and differences in their indigenous cultural traditions.



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**A National Seminar on  
Language, Culture and Society of  
North Eastern Region:  
An Interdisciplinary Dialogue**

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The chief objectives of the proposed seminar are listed as follows:

1. To explore and understand the nature of social change and problems related to regional development and collaboration with other regions.
2. Exploring the issues of contact and coordination among tribal, regional and national languages in North Eastern region.
3. Identifying the modalities for enhancement and development of a culture of coordination and co existence.
4. Processes fostering peace in North Eastern states.

**DAY I: 7<sup>th</sup> August , 2015**

10.30 A.M.-11.30 A.M.

Inaugural Speech: Prof.Girishwar Misra, V.C. , MGAHV, Wardha  
Chair:Prof. M. N. Karna

Vote of Thanks: Dr. O.P.Bharati, Director, EZCC

TEA 11.30 to 11.45

SESSION 2: 11.45 A.M to 1.30 P.M.

THE PRESENT LINGUISTIC SCENARIO OF NORTH EAST  
Prof. Bhagat Oinam, Prof. Soma Bandopadhyay, Dr. Milan Rani  
Jamatiya, Kapil Krishna Thakur, Chair: Prof. Chandrakala Pandey  
LUNCH-1.30-2.30 P.M.

SESSION 3: 2.30 to 3.30 P.M.

CURRENT SOCIO-POLITICAL SCENARIO IN NORTH  
EASTERN INDIA AND LITERARY EXPRESSIONS  
PARTICIPANTS: Prof. Sanjay Hajarika, Prof. Madhvendra,  
Dr. Om Prakash Bharati, Chair: Prof. AC Sinha  
TEA :3.30 -3.45 P.M.

3.45 to 5.00 P.M. Films on cultural heritage of North East

**DAY II: 8<sup>th</sup> August , 2015**

SESSION 4 : 10.30A.M – 1.00 P.M.

INTER GROUP RELATIONS OF NORTH EASTERN INDIA  
PARTICIPANTS: Prof MN Karna, Prof. Bimol Akoijam, Prof.  
Arvind Mishra, Dr. Korsi Dorene, Prof Arbind K. Jha,  
Chair: Prof. Girishwar Misra

LUNCH BREAK: 1.00 P.M.to 2.00 P.M.

SESSION 5: 2.00 P.M. to 3.30 P.M.

LITERATURE AND SOCIETY: CRISES AND POTENTIAL  
COLLABORATIONS.

Participants: Prof. A.C. sinha, Prof. Bhagat Oinam, M.K. Singh,  
Joshy Joseph,

Chair: Dr. P. Nag, Vice chancellor-MGKV, Varanasi

TEA-3.30-3.45

3.45 to 5 P.M. Films on cultural heritage of North East and discussion

**DAY III: 9<sup>th</sup> August , 2015**

SESSION 6: 10.30 A.M. to 11.30 A.M.

DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE OF NORTH EAST

Participants: Prof. Soumen Chattopadhyay, Prakash Dubey  
Chair: Dr. Prem Shankar Tripathi

TEA 11.30 to 11.45 A.M.

SESSION 7: 11.45 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.

THE LINGUISTIC COORDINATION BETWEEN HINDI AND  
LANGUAGES OF NORTH EAST: MUTUAL RELATIONS

Participants: Prof. Chandrakala Pandey, Prof. Arun Hota, Nukfanti,  
Fatima Kaneez, Sony Kumari singh , Chair: Prof. Madhvendra  
LUNCH BREAK: 1.30 P.M. to 2.30 P.M.

CONCLUDING SESSION : 2.30 P.M. to 3.30 P.M

Guest of Honour: Prof.. Dr. Lalitluangliana Kiangte (Awardee of  
Padma Shri in Literature & Education)

**R.S.V.P.**

**Dr. KripaShankar Chaubey** (Convenor)

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