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NATIONAL SEMINAR

THE TRIBES OF NORTH EAST INDIA: EXPLORING IDENTITIES, CULTURE, POLITICS AND PHILOSOPHY

9 th -11 th march 2017

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INAUGURATION

March 9, 2017 (Thursday)

Session I: (09:30am - 11:30am) - Inauguration

**Thematic Address: Dr. Ruplekha Khullar,
Head, Department of Philosophy, JDMC**

**Welcome Address: Dr. Swati Pal,
Principal, JDMC**

**Address by Distinguished Guest: Prof. S. R.
Bhatt,
Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical
Research**

**Special Invitee: Prof. H. S. Prasad
Head, Department of Philosophy, University of
Delhi**

**Keynote Address: Prof. Sujata Miri
North Eastern Hill University, Shillong,
Meghalaya**

HIGH TEA: 11.30am - 11.45am

SEMINAR PROGRAMME

DAY – 1

March 9, 2017 (Thursday)

Session II: (11:45am - 01:45pm) - Power, Politics and Autonomy

Chair: Prof. Sujata Miri, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya

Prof. Bhagat Oinam, Centre for Philosophy, JNU
“Epistemic discourses and dilemmas of the Receiving Communities”

Dr. Ashild Kolas, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway
“North East Indian Enigmas: Exception, Extraction and Bare Life”

Dr. Manish, Department of International Relations, Sikkim University
“India's Look/ Act East Policy: Implications for North East”

LUNCH: 01.45pm - 02.30pm

Session III: (02:30pm - 04:30pm)-Traditions, Culture and the Divine

Chair: Prof. Bhagat Oinam, Centre for Philosophy, JNU

Prof. Archana Barua, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Guwahati
“An Early Phase of Aryanisation and Sanskritisation among some Assamese Tribes and Communities as Reflected in Myths, Legends and History.”

Dr. Ananya Barua, Hindu College, Delhi University
“The Religious World Views of the Bodo-Kacharis of Assam with Reference to the Worship of Bathau -Borai”

Asojiini Rachael Kashena, North Eastern Social Research Centre, (NESRC), Guwahati
“Prayers from the Kuki-Naga Conflict- Living through Violence in Manipur”

Anu Malhotra, Documentary Film Maker, Writer, Director
“Unique cultures and traditions of India - The Apatani of Arunachal Pradesh, The Konyak of Nagaland”

TEA

CULTURAL PERFORMANCES FOLLOWED BY EARLY DINNER

DAY – 2

March 10, 2017 (Friday)

Session IV: (09:30am - 11:30am) - Investigating Identities

Chair: Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI)

Pouriangthanliu, JDMC, Delhi University
“Clothing, Politics and Identity among the Nagas.”

Roluahpuia, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati
“History, Identity and Belonging among the Mizo in Indo- Burma borderlands

R. Lalhrualiana, Department of Sociology, Mizoram University
“Indigenisation of Christianity in Mizo Identity”

Dr. Kaushtubh Deka, Department of Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, Delhi University
“Identities in a Flux? Consolidations and Contestations in the Times of Migration”

TEA: 11.30am - 11.45am

Session V: (11:45am - 01:45am)-Law, Language and Literature
Chair: Dr. Bhaskarjit Neog, Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU

Nabina Das, Poet, Journalist, Lucknow
“Incorporating Gender: Bodies, Binaries and Modes of Challenge in the Literature of the Northeast.”

Athikho Kaisii, Centre for Culture, Media and Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi
“Orality and Tradition: Media Life in Tribal Society”

Achan Mungleng, Independent Researcher & Human Rights Activist
“Customary Laws and Tribal Society in the Modern World”

LUNCH: 01.45pm - 2.30pm

Session VI: (02:30pm - 04:30pm)-Tribal Hermeneutics, Epistemology and Philosophy

Chair: Nabina Das, Poet, Journalist, Lucknow

Dr. Prasenjit Biswas, Department of Philosophy, NEHU
“Healing Ritual on the Dead: Symbolism, Theology and the Buddhist Self and its parts among the Monpas.”

Dr. H. Francis Ariina, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
“Epistemology of Oral Philosophy: Appraisal in Mao Tribal Perspective.”

Dr. Arup Jyoti Sarma, Department of Philosophy, Tripura University
“Resistant Pluralism and the Just Knowledge of the Other”

Vandana Madan, JDMC, Delhi University
“You cannot observe mankind from the howdah of an elephant: Redefining biography of the Self and Other”

TEA

DAY – 3

March 11, 2017 (Saturday)

Session VII: (09:30pm - 11:30pm) - Gender Issues in the Tribal World

Chair: Prof. Vibha Chaturvedi, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi

Dr. Ayesha Gautam, Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi
“Understanding Gender Relations in Tribals of Northeast India in the context of Tradition/Modernity interface.”

Paulavi Das, Department of Philosophy, I.P. College, University of Delhi
“Status of Women in North East India.”

Dr. Lalhmingmawii Pachhunga University College Aizawl, Mizoram
“Alternative Sexuality and Civil Society: A case study of Mizoram.”

TEA: 11:30am – 11:45am

Session VIII: (11:45am – 01.00pm) – Valedictory

Valedictory address: Binalakshmi Nepram, Humanitarian, Author and Activist, Secretary General, Control Arms Foundation of India (CAFI)

Vote of thanks : Dr. Ruplekha Khullar
Head , Department of philosophy, JDMC

LUNCH
(1.00pm)