# THE NORTH EAST STUDENTS' GROUP



About the Society

North East Students' Group of Janki Devi Memorial College aims to bring about the inclusivity of the North East students in the college and a platform to showcase various cultures and aspects of the North Eastern parts of India. It is an interactive society for students where events and activities such as the annual North East fest and competitions are organised by the society to widen the knowledge and hear perspectives from the North East part of India.

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CORE UNION MEMBERS OF 2022-23 1. PRESIDENT DIMTHUILU GONMEI (English honours)3rd year 2. VICE PRESIDENT CHRISTINA SUINILA NG (English honours)3rd year 3. GENERAL SECRETARY HEIGRUJAM PORTIA (Maths honours)2nd year 4. CULTURAL SECRETARY SHARON SIMTE (Pol Sci honours)3rd year 5. TREASURER LEMSHON RUNGSUNG (English honours)3rd year 6. MEDIA HEAD BARASHA BANIA (Sociology honours)3rd year 7. MEDIA CO-HEAD NABEEHA RAHMAN (Sociology honours)3rd year.

### PANORAMA 2023



The Northeast Students' Group of Janki Devi Memorial College organized its 5th edition of the annual cultural festival- PANORAMA'23. The theme for the fest *The Northeast- Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging.* 

The was graced by two special guests- A.S Yaruingam, professor in University of Delhi as the chief guest and Mr. Amardeep Jaiswal, Confidential Assistant to the Chief Minister of Tripura as the distinguished guest, followed by Principal ma'am, teachers and students.

The one day fest had a panel discussion on the theme 'The Northeast - Diversity and Inclusion'. The panellist for the discussion a) Shri Kumar Amardeep, Former Confidential Assistant to the Chief Minister of Tripura. b) Dr. Kharingpam, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Jamia Millia Islamia. c) Dr. Lianboi Vaiphei, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Indraprastha College, University of Delhi. d) Dr. Sameer Lama(Moderator), Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Kirori Mal College, University of College.

The session talked highlighted the varied problems faced by the people from the North East of India, and also ways to cope with it. The speakers were given 10 - 15 minutes each to speak on the subject. The attendees were deeply enriched and enlightened the panelists.



#### PANORAMA COMPETITIONS

The Panorama 2023 had three competitive events: Folk Song, Folk Dance and Online Photography competitions.

The Folk Song and Folk Dance competitions were graced by Sir Awarthanga Chiru, Singer-Songwriter and Western Music Teacher, Delhi Public School, Greater Noida and Dr Jayantee P Sahoo, an associate professor at Janki Devi Memorial College, as the esteemed judges. Around 15 Colleges across Delhi University registered and took part in the said competitions showcasing different phenomenal dances of Northeast India.

The winners of the Folk Song Competition were Pratik Adhikari of Zakir Husain College and Rupesh Debbarma of Ram Lal Anand College. The folk dance was won by the stunning Bihu dance troupe of Lady Shri Ram College for Women and the Manipuri dance troupe of Janki Devi Memorial College won the 2nd place.

The Online Photography competition was themed "Oneness in Diversity', where Raahi Deka of Janki Devi Memorial College was declared the winner of the competition.



### **REPORT ON THE WEBINAR "IMPACT OF INSURGENCY IN NORTHEAST"**



The Northeast Students' Group (NESG) of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a webinar on , "Impact of insurgency on women in northeast" with the objective to raise awareness about the devastating effects of insurgency on women in a community due to their vulnerable social status in society. The webinar took place on the 21st of December at 5:00 PM on the zoom platform.

The resource person for the webinar was Mr Sasanka D Saikia, Assistant Professor of Political Science at J.D.S.G. College, Bokakhat, Assam. In the talk he highlighted that insurgency, conflict, war and ethnic rivalry have devastating effects on the Entire community. Women and children are particularly affected as they have relatively smaller roles in social and political decision making. India's northeast having witnessed insurgency for the longest of times, and armed conflict in the country resulting in huge crisis for women and children.

### **REPORT ON THE WEBINAR OF "AFSPA AND GENDERED VIOLENCE"**



On the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, the North East Students' Group (NESG) of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi organized a webinar on the theme "AFSPA and Gendered Violence". Dr. Rituparna in her discussion raise awareness about the AFSPA, the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 which gives unfettered powers to the armed forces and the Central armed police forces deployed in "disturbed areas" to kill anyone acting in contravention to law and arrest and search any premises without a warrant and with protection from persecution and legal suits and gendered violence which seriously affects all aspects of women's health- physical, sexual and reproductive, mental and behavioural health, thus preventing them from realizing their full potential.



### Diwali Mela Jyotsana 2023

The Northeast Students' Group (NESG), Janki Devi Memorial College, University Delhi, also participated in *Jyotsana*, a Diwali Mela of the college on the 20th of October by putting up a food stall. The event was organised by the Student Union of JDMC.



### NORTHEAST STUDENTS GROUP JANKI DEVI MEMORIAL COLLEGE EDUCATIONAL TRIP

The students of NORTHEAST STUDENTS GROUP (JDMC) along with the B. A. Programme students of JDMC went for an educational trip on the 27th of September 2022. The students visited AICTE Auditorium, Vasant Kunj, to attend a programme under the theme "Living Heritage to Arunachal Pradesh".

There were 45 students of JDMC (NESG and B.A. Prog) who participated in the trip. The event was a part of a series of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and US-India 75th anniversary celebrations organized by Kolkata-based non-profit Contact Base, in partnership with the Northeast Regional Office of the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The main focus of the event was launching of audio visual documentation an and website www.arunachallivingheritage.com by the United States Mission, to celebrate the heritage of the indigenous tribes of Arunachal Pradesh. The event also included film screening, performances and exhibition showcasing traditional culture of the tribes of Arunachal Pradesh. The students participated and enjoyed the enthralling cultural display. The exhibition was intended to portray the rich cultural diversity of the people of Arunachal Pradesh with genuine linkage to Mother Nature.



#### <u>'SERAPHIM'</u> <u>A monthly movie screening event</u>

The Northeast Students' Group(NESG), Janki Devi Memorial College decided to hold a monthly movie screening. The main purpose of this screening is to promote our culture, our identity, and our history. To enhance a better relationship with the other region and to make it known about the Northeast region to the vast majority of the people is also one of our primary focuses.

On August, on 28/08/we had a movie screening on the theme: **Poverty as Obstruction To Fundamental Rights**. The screening was done through online mode. One short movie each from Assam, Nagaland and Manipur were screened.



### **Screening of Film ANEK**

On 1st October, 2022 the union of Northeast Students' Group of Janki Devi Memorial College organised a movie screening of the movie ANEK in the seminar room. The students of NESG along with other students of the college joined us for the screening. The story revolved around the Northeast State of India and thus we tried to bring in focus the conflicts and discriminations of these states. In fact, the film begins with how people from the North East have often faced discrimination for their looks, and culture. The cast of the movie was excellent. Ayushman being in the lead role played an undercover agent and another girl named Andrea Kevichua from Northeast played an important role in the movie. The movie is a thriller with sociopolitical backdrop.



## SEMINAR on "CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER IN FOLK NARRATIVES."

The North East Students' Group (NESG) of Janki Devi Memorial College, University of Delhi, has successfully organised a seminar on the topic "**Construction of Gender in Folk Narratives**" on 8<sup>th</sup> of September 2022, in the college premises, from 12:00-1:00 PM. The objective of this seminar is aimed to promote the concept of folklore and its use in understanding gender.



Ms. Monalisha Medhi, Doctoral Research Scholar at Gauhati University, discusses concept folklore and categories, and the gendered narratives in folklore. According to her, the relationship between gender and folklore is very close. She presented the gender paradigms through proverbs and Assamese folklore.

