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ASSAM
(NAAC ACCREDITED: 'B' GRADE)

**ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL
SEMINAR ON**

**Indigenous Knowledge: Special
Focus on the Tribes and
Communities of Northeast India**



Organized by

**Department of Anthropology
Nandalal Borgohain City College
Dibrugarh-786003
Assam**

27th and 28th April 2018

ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

Sir/Madam

It is our pleasure to inform you that an ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *Indigenous Knowledge: Special Focus on the Tribes and Communities of Northeast India* will be held in Nandalal Borgohain City College (NLB), Dibrugarh on 27th and 28th April 2018.

We take this opportunity to invite you and your colleagues to participate in this two days intellectual deliberation.

On behalf of the organizing committee we solicit your presence in the seminar and hope that your kind participation and cooperation will make the event a success.

With warmest regards,

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NLB City College



Nandalal Borgohain City College is a co-educational institution of higher education established in August 1992, as an outcome of the energetic, selfless and enthusiastic effort of the renowned educationist Late Nandalal Borgohain. The College is situated in the South-Western parts of Dibrugarh town at Nirmali Gaon and well connected by roads, rails, air and waterways. It caters to the ever increasing educational needs of all, particularly the rural areas of Dibrugarh district, neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

The college is affiliated to Dibrugarh University since the year 1997. The College is a NAAC accredited 'B' grade institution. It offers Higher Secondary programmes in arts and commerce and Degree programmes in arts stream in the Semester System. The college has a sprawling campus, which covers about 1.72 acres of land set in bucolic and idyllic surroundings. Besides the well furnished classrooms, Office building, Library, an auditorium, a Conference Hall, Boy's and Girls' Common room, canteen and a two storied Girls' hostel are other worth mentioning infrastructure facilities. Other support services of the college are Research Cell, Career Counselling Cell, Women's Cell, Community Cell, Eco Club, Yoga Club, Culture and Music Cell, NCC and NSS units.

Department of Anthropology

The Department of Anthropology of NLB City College is one of the oldest departments of the College. In 1992, the department

started functioning under the founding headship and diligent initiative of Dr. Gitimallika Gogoi. Since inception, the department committed to provide quality education to its students. The department also offers Major course in Anthropology. The results of the department have been excellent over the years. The department has an ethnographic museum and a well equipped Physical Anthropology and Prehistoric lab.

How to reach

Dibrugarh is well connected by Air (Mohanbari Airport, about 20 KM from the college), by train (station at Dibrugarh Town DBRT and Banipur DBRG, about 1.5 KM and 3 KM respectively from the college) and by surface transport (via 37 National Highway). The College is located in the heart of Dibrugarh town.

About the Seminar

Indigenous knowledge is the local knowledge that is unique to a culture or society. Other names for it include 'local knowledge, folk knowledge, people's knowledge, traditional wisdom or traditional science. This knowledge is passed from generation to generation, usually by word of mouth and culture rituals, and has been the basis for agriculture, food preparation, health care, education, conservation and the wide range of other activities that sustain societies in many parts of the world. Etymologically speaking, Indigenous Traditional Knowledge is the acquired knowledge of indigenous peoples through time and space.

There are various practices and beliefs which local people have been congregating since time immemorial. The North East India is a region where such kind of knowledge is very common. Northeast India is considered a panorama of its rich cultures, nature friendly indigenous technologies and enduring social institutions. These have been shaped and nurtured by many tribal and non tribal groups inhabiting different parts of the region. Among the indigenous communities, there are more than 120 scheduled tribes, most of whom are traditional inhabitants of the hills regions, which make up over 70% of the total area. Despite impressive socio-economic changes, the indigenous people of this region still

retain their pristine elements of age-old traditions. However, the indigenous knowledge preserved by the locals has either been confined to the small group of people of this region or left to subside gradually.

The objective of the seminar is to highlight the distinctive elements of regional cultures and institutions and the role played by indigenous beliefs and practices in maintaining order and harmony between man and nature in different ecological formats. Another objective is to identify the time-tested tradition, customary practices and technologies which are not merely eco-friendly and economic, but also relevant for sustainable development of the people of this region. The present proposed seminar is specially focused on Northeast India which on many fronts including understanding from an ethnoscience perspective remains un-explored, not only about the potential of the region but also in terms of its worldview and knowledge system. With this backdrop, the seminar aims to explore the theoretical as well as empirical models and methods of traditional technology among the tribes and Indigenous peoples of Northeast India.

Sub-themes:

- Agriculture Practice including Shifting Cultivation,
- Conservation
- Water Management
- Forest Management
- Traditional Art and Craft
- Ethno-medicine
- Health and Hygiene
- Preservation of Traditional Technology
- Traditional Food Processing Technology
- Indigenous knowledge and Intellectual Property Right
- Any other topic relevant to the theme

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REGISTRATION FORM

(Photocopy of the Registration Form may be used)

Name (IN BLOCK LETTERS).....

Designation.....

Department.....

Address.....

Phone/Mobile No.....

Email ID.....

Whether participated with a paper: (Yes/No)

If yes

Title of the paper.....

Co-authors (if any)

Whether accommodation required.....(Yes/NO)*

Particulars of demand draft.....(draft no.).....

.....(bank).....(date).....(amount).

Demand draft should be in favour of the Principal, NLB

City College, payable at,

Dibrugarh.

Date.....

Place..... (Signature of Participant)

*Accommodation facilities will be provided on request to outstation participants at their own cost.

Guidelines for Paper Contributors:

Original research papers preferably based on primary data on the mentioned sub-themes are invited researchers, teachers from Universities and colleges, academicians and students.

Abstract and full length paper should be within 200 and 3000 words respectively

Font: Times New Roman

Font size: 12

Spacing: 1.5

Margin 2.54 cm on all sides.

One hard copy and one soft copy are required to be submitted.

For references the authors are requested to follow the APA Style (Surname, Name, Year of Publication, Title of the book, Place of publication)

Authors are requested to send the soft copies of the abstract and full paper in the following email ID:

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Selected papers will be published as a book volume having ISBN and will be distributed to the participants on payment basis.

Important Dates:

Last date for abstract submission: **5th April, 2018**

Last date for full paper submission: **20th April 2018**

Registration Fees:

Participant with paper: Rs. 700.00

Research Scholar: Rs. 500.00

Participant without paper: Rs. 400.00

Student: Rs. 200.00

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