



## **Two-day National Seminar on Land, Development and Identity Politics in North East India**

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### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Day One**

#### **Inaugural Session**

10:00 -11:00 a.m.

**Welcome Address and Introduction of Theme**  
Prof. Manisha Tripathy Pandey  
Honorary Director  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

**Chief Guest**  
Prof. Mohammad Shakeel  
Officiating Vice Chancellor  
Jamia Millia Islamia

**Guest of Honour**  
Prof. Mohd. Muslim Khan  
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences

**Keynote Address**  
Prof. Virginius Xaxa  
Eminent Scholar and Educationist

**Vote of Thanks**  
Prof. M. Amarjeet Singh  
Seminar Convenor  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Tea Break

**Academic Session: I**

11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m.

**Trends in Land Use and its Impact**

Chair: Prof. Ajailiu Niumai

Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy  
University of Hyderabad

Rapporteur: Yihingle, Ph.D scholar

**Neoliberalism, Development and Emerging Issues of Land in Assam, India**

Prof. Rabin Deka, Dr. Partha Pratim Borah\* &amp; Mr. Shofiul Alom Pathan

\* Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Viswavidyalaya, Golaghat

**Protection of Indigenous Land Rights in North East India with Special Reference to Sixth Schedule and Article 371 of the Constitution: A study**

Dr. Naveen Kumar

Associate Professor

Department of Law, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong

**Land Use Practices, Identity Politics and Conflicts in Manipur**

Dr. N. Somorendro Singh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,

Maharaja Bodhchandra College, Imphal

**The Land of Majuli, and its Identity through Bhaona**

Ms. Mrigakshi Parashar

Research Scholar

Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Unravelling the Populist Veil: Land Policies and Governance in Assam**

Kunal Deka

Research Scholar

Humanities and Social Sciences

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay

1:30-2:30 pm

Lunch Break

**Academic Session-II**

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Development Projects**

Chair: Prof. Manisha T. Pandey

Honorary Director

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

Rapporteur: Himat Ali Tampakmayum, PhD scholar

**Socio-cultural Implications of Development Projects on Indigenous Communities in Karbi Anglong, North-East India**

Lonkiri Terang & Dr. Chandrakanta\*

\*Assistant Professor

Department of Geography, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong

**Evicted in the Name of Nature: Locating Loss and Lives in the Forest Landscape of the Kaziranga National Park**

Bijaya Sarmah

Research Scholar

Department of Political Science, Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh

**Infrastructuring the Borderlands in the North-east: Questions on Land, Materiality and Aesthetics of National Highways**

Yihingle

Research Scholar

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Academic Session-III**

4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Infrastructure and Land, State's Policy on Land**

Chair: Prof. Vimal Khawas

Special Centre for the Study of North East India

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rapporteur: Alan Mustofa, PhD scholar

**Eviction and the Question of Landlessness: Understanding the Politics of Exclusion in Assam**

Dr. Nazimuddin Siddique\* & Jharna Gogoi

Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Territorialization, Land Politics and Media**

Dr. Athikho Kaisii

Assistant Professor

Centre for Culture, Media & Governance

Jamia Millia Islamia

**Elites and the Resource Politics of Arunachal Pradesh: Land Appropriation and Inequalities among the Tangsas**

Manta Wangsu

Research Scholar

Department of Social Science and Humanities

Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi

**Land Use Patterns in Manipur and the Ethnic Politics**

Elangbam Ashakiran Chanu\* and Komol Singha

PhD Scholar

Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Day Two****Academic Session-IV**

10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Inter-State Border Disputes and Identity**

Chair: Prof. Komol Singha

Centre for Economic Studies and Planning

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rapporteur: Priyakshi Baruah, PhD scholar

**The Complex Terrain: The Inter-State Border Dispute between Meghalaya and Assam**

Dr. Dhiraj Borkotoky

Associate Professor

Royal Global University, Guwahati

**Assam and Meghalaya: Unresolved Border Disputes**

Dr. Sanborlang Tynsong

Assistant Professor

Shillong College, Shillong

**Land, Identity and Development: Mirroring One Against the Other in North East India**

Dr. Gorky Chakraborty

Associate Professor

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, Kolkata

**Demand for Autonomous Region: An Analysis on the TCL Region of Arunachal Pradesh, India**

Dr. B. Komow

Associate Professor, Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai

**The Multiple Afterlives of an Event: Ancestral Homelands, Identity Politics and History Writing in Northeast India**

Kenedy Singh Mutum

Visiting Faculty

National Law School of India University, Bengaluru

**Academic Session-V**

11:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m.

**Customary Laws, Land and Identity**

Chair: Dr. G. Amarjit Sharma

Assistant Professor

Special Centre for the Study of North East India

Jawaharlal Nehru University

Rapporteur: R.K. Sanayaima and Rishi Kumar, PhD scholars

**Land, Development and Chieftainship: The Case of the Zo ethnic tribes**

Thangkhanlan Ngaihte\* and Jangkhongam Doungel  
 Assistant Professor  
 Department of Political Science, Churachandpur College, Manipur

**Relevance of the Traditional Land Holding System among the Naga Tribes: A Critical Assessment of the Mao Nagas**

Dr. K. Kokho  
 Assistant Professor  
 Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia

**(Dis)placed Divisions: Analysing Siddhart Deb's Point of Return, and Kishalay Bhattacharjee's Where the Madness Lies**

Jaya Yadav  
 Assistant Professor, Department of English  
 Bharati College, University of Delhi

**Traditional Land Tenure System and Development: A Case of the Naga Tribals of Manipur**

Martin Kamodang  
 Assistant Professor  
 Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia

**Land-in the Imagination of the People of Assam**

Atlanta Ojah  
 Project Assistant  
 Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, New Delhi

**Analysing the Changing Structure of Land Use to Achieve Sustainable Development in Manipur**

Dr. Marchang Reimeingam  
 Assistant Professor  
 Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru

1:30-2:30 p.m.                      Lunch Break

**Academic Session-VI**

2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Land and Gender**

Chair: Prof. Ajailiu Niumai  
 Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy  
 University of Hyderabad

Rapporteur: Yihingle & Priyakshi Baruah, PhD scholars

**Fractured Birthrights: An Overview of Paite Inheritance Laws**

Dr. Siamlianvung Hangzo  
 Associate Professor, Department of English  
 Shivaji College, University of Delhi

**Land Rights and Gender: A Sociological Analysis**

Dr. Gomati Bodra Hembrom  
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology,  
Jamia Millia Islamia

**Khasi Women's Rights to Land and Land-based Resources amidst Change**

Dr. Charis Mine P. Khonglah\* and Dr. Beula Sharon Challam  
Principal, Laikyntiew College, Shillong

**Gender, Negotiation and Space: Understanding the Informal Space in Ima Keithel, Manipur in the context of North East India**

Luxmi Salam  
Research scholar  
Jawaharlal Nehru University

**Valedictory Session**

4:00-5:00 p.m.

Chair: Prof. Manisha T. Pandey

Honorary Director

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

Rapporteur: Alan Mustofa and Riamei Jangmei, PhD scholars

Valedictory Address: Prof. Savyasaachi (Retd.)  
Eminent Scholar Anthropologist

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Vote of Thanks: Dr. K. Kokho  
Assistant Professor  
Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research

5:00-5:30 p.m. Tea