

## **REPORT OF THE SEMINAR**

**ICSSR (New Delhi) sponsored National Seminar**

**Organized by Department of History**

**Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar,**

**Dist. Jorhat, PIN. 785630, Assam (India)**

**Date : 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021**

### **Inaugural Session:**

The two day Indian Council of Social Science Research (New Delhi) sponsored national seminar on **“Exploring Local History and Folk Culture of the Indigenous people of North East India with special Reference to Assam”** was held at Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The seminar was organized by the Department of History and Dr. Rabindra Bordoloi, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Nanda Nath Saikia College was the Convener of the seminar.



Students of the college performs the College Song during inaugural session

The registration of participants of the seminar was started at 9.00 am to 10.00am. After the registration, the Inaugural session starts at 10.00 am in the Jiba Kanta Saikia Auditorium of the college. The opening session starts with the chorus of Nanda Nath Saikia College and the students of the college had sung it. After the Chorus of the college, Convener of the Seminar Dr. Rabindra Bordoloi anchored the Inaugural Session. The prominent guest who attended the inaugural session are Dr. Litool Baruah, Principal, Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar, Dr. Sagar Baruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam, Dr. Surendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi, Mr. Budhin Dutta, Head of the Department of History and Vice Principal of N.N. Saikia College, Titabar and Dr. Malakshmi Dutta, President, N.N. Saikia College Teachers' Unit. Dr. Sagar Boruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam and President of Asomiya Sahitry Sanmiloni attended the session as Keynote Speaker and Resource Person. Dr. Surendra Kumar, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi attended the session as Invited Guest and Resource Person. Convener Dr. Rabindra Bordoloi welcome all the invited guest

to the stage and felicitated them with Assamese Gamusa, Horai and with a memento, Assam's pride, miniature one- horn rhinoceros in the stage. After the felicitation event Dr. Sagar Boruah lighted the lamp and other invited guest assisted him.



Invited guest/Resource persons and some of the participants during inaugural session

Dr. Litoool Baruah, Principal, Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar welcome all the guest and participants of the seminar and provided his Welcome Speech. In his speech Dr. Baruah gives special thanks to ICSSR (New Delhi) for sponsoring the national seminar on “Exploring Local History and Folk Culture of the Indigenous people of North East India with special Reference to Assam”. He has also mention about the importance of Local History and Folk Culture of North East India with special references to Assam.



Dr. Litoool Baruah, Principal, N.N. Saikia College delivers the Welcome address



All the Teaching Faculty members of Nanda Nath Saikia College, members of the Office Staff and Students of the college attended the inaugural session. The paper presenters and participants from different places across India graced the occasion of the session. Some of the Reporters of Titabar Sub Division also attended the inaugural session of the seminar.

### **Keynote Speech**

After the Welcome Address by the Principal the Keynote Speaker Dr. Dr. Sagar Boruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon, Assam and President of Asomiya Sahitry Sanmiloni has delivered the Keynote Speech of the seminar. The speaker has given emphasis on the importance of studying local history and folk culture of the region. The writing of local history enriches the life and times of the community of a particular place by providing information related to historical sites and societies. It incorporates culture as social aspect of history of a locality. It should be kept in mind that national or regional history is always incomplete without local history. National history can never be built on a solid foundation without local history.



Dr. Sagar Baruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College & Joint Secretary of North East India History Association presents the Keynote Speech

### **Speech by Invited Guest:**

Dr. Surendra Kumar, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of History, University of Delhi presented the speech of Guest of Honour and Resource Person. Dr. Kumar has highlighted the importance of local history and folk culture in world perspective as well as of Indian context. Emphasis was also given on the local history and culture of North East India and the state of Assam.



Dr. Surendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi delivers his speech as Invited Guest/Resource Person

### **Technical Sessions (Day 1)**

#### **Academic Session I (11.00AM TO 1.30 PM)**

After the end of the inaugural session the first Technical Session starts in two rooms simultaneously in the college premises of Nanda Nath Saikia College, Titabar from 11.00 am. In the first Academic session Dr. Surendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi was the Resource Person and this session started from 11.00 am to 1.30 pm at Room No. 26 of the college. Twenty five (25) researcher/academicians had presented their research papers in this academic session. The first paper was presented by Dr. Nibedita Paul, Professor, Dept. of Social Work, University of Science & Technology, Meghalay and the title of her paper was on “Socio-Economic Vicinity of Dimasa Tribe of South Assam”. This paper critically examines initiatives for greater participation in socio-economic segment of tribal communities of India, arguing that current policy does not effectively enough to facilitate greater participation and may, in fact, go against the stated principle of ensuring greater equity. The paper relies on fieldwork-based study to support arguments for the need to be culturally sensitive in making appropriate provisions for the socio-economic activity of scheduled tribes in India. The tribes of North Eastern Regions of India attracted the attention of sociologists, social anthropologists and administrators in order to understand the fabric of their socio-cultural life. But there are very few studies that reveal the process of modernization and development among the tribes of N. E. Region. In spite of primitive technology and poor economic condition the North East India is rich in spinning, dyeing and weaving which are primarily controlled by womenfolk. In Assam, the Cachari (Dimasa/Barman/Sonowal) are expert in rearing indigenous variety of cocoon, which is used for manufacturing of silk/cotton cloths. It is very clear that North Eastern Region has a very high potential for the development of textile

entrepreneurship as most of the tribal women already have weaving skill. The need is only to provide necessary technical and financial support and marketing facilities



Dr. Surendra Kumar, Associate Professor, University of Delhi during Technical Session

Atrayee Kashyap, Research Scholar, Dept. of Cultural and Creative Studies North- Eastern Hill University, Shillong, Meghalaya has presented her paper on Exploring the Origin and the Folk Musical Tradition of the Deoris residing in Assam. The Deoris belong to the Sino-Tibetan family of Mongoloid stock. They are considered to be one of the communities found in Assam and some parts of Arunachal Pradesh in North- East India. The word *Deori* means the offspring of Gods and Goddesses. The Deori culture is facing danger from the clutches of globalization and striving hard to flourish. Such endangered culture so sprung -up by the nature thousand years past now deserve preservation and propagation by the government itself from being extinct. The paper is a humble endeavour to deal with the notions of authenticity, locality, vitality of oral culture and cultural identity of the Deori Community, in the realm of folklore.



Views of Technical Session



Bipasha Sarma and Banita Rongpi, Assistant professor, Department of Commerce, Narengi Anchalik College had presented their joint paper on Impact of Folklore, Traditional and Cultural Changes on Business. Bwhwithi Narzary, Research Scholar, Department of Commerce, Gauhati University has presented her paper on Livelihood Opportunities of the Bodo Community. Faculties from both universities and colleges, research scholars, academicians and some university students also presented research papers on various themes relating to the main theme of the seminar.

## **Academic Session II**

The second Academic Session of the seminar started at room no. 24 of the college and Dr. Sagar Baruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon (Assam) was the Chairperson of the session. This session also started from 11.00 AM to 1.30PM and total number of paper presenter for the session was 25. Research papers relating to folk songs, oral traditions, tribal culture of Assam and North East India, history of indigenous tribal people, socio economic issues of the tribal people and historical aspects of the local people were presented in this second technical session.



Dr. Sagar Baruah, Resource Person in Technical Session II

The first presenter in this session was Dr. Bhuban Ch. Talukdar, Assistant Professor of English, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati and the title of his paper was on Folk Songs of the *Hajongs*: A Study. This research paper aims at discussing some folk songs of the *Hajongs* that reflect their culture, tradition and beliefs. Folk songs of this tribal community depict their folk beliefs regarding occupation, nature and supernatural agencies. Moreover, these songs are sung by this tribal community in order to celebrate their folk life and sustain their culture and tradition. These songs also reveal their ideas of integrity in terms of community life. The second presenter of the session was Dr. Jayanta Deka and the topic of the paper was on "Folk lives of The Bodos and their socio-cultural aspects: A Descriptive Study". Some of the papers were presented by research scholars and some outgoing students of different university of the region. Anmona Goswami, a researcher from Tezpur University, Assam has presented her paper on 'Place of River Brahmaputra on Assamese

Folk Literature’. Another scholar Manash Jyoti Nath of Gauhati University has presented his paper on ‘The relation of Tiwa with the Ahom and Jaintia kingdom during the Medieval Period of Assam’. Similarly Syed Towhid Momin, an ex-student from the department of, Mass Communication and Journalism, Tezpur University has presented a paper on ‘Scope and Challenges for Zikir and Zari to emerge as a mainstream Assamese Folk Media’.

### **Academic Session III**

In the third academic session which was held in the Seminar Hall of the college Dr. Surendra Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Delhi has chaired the session and the total number of paper presenters in this technical session III was 25. This session started from 1.30 pm to 4.00pm and academicians, researcher and faculties from different colleges have presented their research papers on different topics relation to the main theme of the seminar. After the presentation the discussion on the topic was held and suggestions, recommendations were given to the presenters to improve their papers. The findings of the papers were analyzed and questions were asked to the presenter on the topic. The first presenter in this technical session was Augustin Terang, Assistant Professor of the Department of Education, Morigaon College, Assam, Mr. Terang has presented his paper on ‘Lalilang and its social values’ a folk song traditions of the Tiwas of Assam. The second presenter was Raktimjyoti Hazarika, Assistant Professor of the Department of History of Jorhat College, Assam. The title of his paper was on ‘Jorhat During the Second World War: A Brief Local War History’. The third presenter was Mouchumi Borgohain of Dr. Nabin Bordoloi College, Titabar and her presentation was on ‘Folk-Dances of Arunachal Pradesh: A Study’.

### **Technical Sessions (Day 2):**

#### **Academic Session IV**

The fourth technical session was held on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at Room No. 26 in the Nanda Nath Saikia College premises from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and Dr. Sagar Baruah, Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon (Assam) was the Chairman of the session. Total number of paper presented in this session was 20 (Twenty) and research papers written both in English and Assamese language were presented by academicians and research scholars on different topics relating to the main theme of the seminar.

#### **Academic Session V**

The fifth technical session was held in the Seminar Hall of Nanda Nath Saikia College premises from 9.30 am to 1.00 pm and Mr. Budhin Dutta has chaired the session. Total number of paper presented in this session was 20 (Twenty) and research papers written mainly in Assamese language were presented by academicians and research scholars on different topics relating to the main theme of the seminar in this last session of the seminar. Most of the papers were on folk songs of indigenous people of Assam and local history of North East India.



At the time of release of the book entitled 'Exploring Local History and Folk Culture of North East India'

### **Valedictory Session:**

The valedictory session of the seminar was held at Room No. 26 of Nanda Nath Saikia College premises from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm. Dr, Sagar Baruah, Joint Secretary of North East India History Association (NEIHA) Rtd. Principal, Khagarijan College, Nagaon was the Chief Guest of the event. In his speech Dr. Bbaruah has highlighted the findings of the seminar and pointed out his experience in the Two days seminar as Resource Person. Principal of Nanda Nath Saikia College Dr. Litoo Baruah presented his speech about the seminar. Vice Principal of the College Mr. Budhin Dutta, faculty members of the college and paper presenters and participants of the seminar attended the valedictory session. Dr. Rabindra Bordoloi, Convener of the seminar has anchored the valedictory session. The vote of thanks was given by Mr. Budhin Dutta. Special thanks were given to ICSSR (New Delhi) for sponsoring the national seminar and all the participants of the seminar for making the event a successful one. Certificates were distributed to the participants in this session and some of the participants have expressed their opinion about their experience in this seminar.



## **List of Participants of the Seminar**

1. Ajit Kumar Borah, Asst. Professor, Bahona College, Bahona, Jorhat
2. Akashi Boruah, ex – student, Dibrugarh University
3. Amar Deka, Research Scholar, Dept. of History, Gauhati University
4. Amarjyoti Devanath, Asst. Professor, Department of English, Bahona College, Bahona
5. Anindita Das, Research Scholar, Assam University, Diphu Campus
6. Anmana Goswami, Research Scholar, Gauhati University
7. Atrayee Kashyap, Research Scholar, Dept. of Cultural and Creative Studies, NEHU, Shillong
8. Augustin Terang, Asst. Professor, Morigaon College, Morigaon, Assam
9. Banita Rongpi, Asst. Professor, Narangi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya, Guwahati
10. Barnali Konwar, Librarian, Borholla College, Borholla, Assam
11. Bijoy Timung, Asst. Professor, Majuli College, Majuli
12. Bijoy Kumar Nath, Asst. Professor, Department of Assamese, Charaibahi College, Morigaon
13. Miss Biju Tamuly, Asst. Professor, Department of History, Pub Majuli College, Majuli
14. Mr. Binod Konwar, Asst. Professor, Department of Assamese, Morongi College (Degree), Golaghat
15. Bipasha Sarma, Asst. Professor, Narengi Anchalik Mahavidyalaya, Guwahati
16. Bipul Patar, Asst. Professor, MCD College, Sonai, Kachar
17. Bismita Bora, Research Scholar, Assam University, Diphu Campus
18. Bhowmali Narzary, Research Scholar, Gauhati University
19. Chandana Das, Asst. Professor, Rongapara College, Sonitpur
20. Changdow Borgohain, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
21. Chiranjiv Chowlek, Asst. Professor, L.T.K College, Azad, North Lakhimpur
22. Deepshikha Keot, Ex – student, Dibrugarh University
23. Dimpal Dekaraja, Asst. Professor, Nagaon College
24. Dipanjali Saikia, Ex – Student, Assam Women's University, Jorhat
25. Dipsikha Das, Ex – Student, Dibrugarh University
26. Dr. Bhuvan Chandra Talukdar, Asst. Professor, Handique Girls' College, Guwahati
27. Dr. Dharmendra Dutta, Asst. Professor, Kakojan College, Jorhat
28. Dr. Gitika Das, Asst. Professor, Chamera Ancholik Mahavidyalaya, Kamrup, Assam
29. Dr. Haren Hazarika, Asst. Professor, Sibsagar Commerce College, Sivasagar
30. Dr. Hemalakshmi Gogoi, Asst. Professor, Doomdooma College, Tinsukia
31. Dr. Himanta Protim Borgohain, Asst. Professor, Dr. N.C.B. College, Titabar
32. Dr. Jayanta Deka, Asst. Professor, Pragjyotish College, Guwahati

33. Dr. Jyotirmoy Bordoloi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Jorhat College (Amalgamated), Assam
34. Dr. Manashi Bortamuly, Asst. Professor N.N. Saikia College, Titabar
35. Dr. Monika Chutia, Asst. Professor, D.K.D. College, Dergaon
36. Dr. Monimala Borgohain, Asst. Professor, Kamarbandha College, Golaghat
37. Dr. Munirul Hussain, Asst. Professor, Furkating College, Golaghat
38. Dr. Nandita Haloi, Asst. Professor, D.K.D. College, Golaghat, Assam
39. Dr. Nibedita Paul, Professor, Dept. of Social Work, University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya
40. Dr. Pradip Barman, Asst. Professor, Rongapara College, Sonitpur, Assam
41. Dr. Prapti Thakur, Asst. Professor, Sarupathar College, Golaghat
42. Dr. Rituporna Manikiyal, Asst. Professor, D.K.D. College, Dergaon
43. Durlabh Sensua, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
44. Eva Dupok, Asst. Professor & Head of the Dept. of History, Govt College, Daimukh, Arunachal Pradesh
45. Gargee Baruah, MA in Geography, Dibrugarh University
46. Gitanjali Barah, Teacher, Aryabhatta Academy, Sivasagar, Assam
47. Gitashree Devi, Research Scholar, North Lakhimpur College (Autonomous)
48. Gitashree Kalita, Ex- Student, Dibrugarh University
49. Gyanshree Dutta, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
50. Ishan Krishna Saikia, Asst. Professor, B. Borooah College, Guwahati
51. Jagriti Dihingia, MA in Geography, Dibrugarh University
52. Janardan Patar, Asst. Professor, Rukasen College, Bakaliaghat, Karbi Anglong
53. Jinti Das, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
54. Joshita Goswami, Research Scholar, Tezpur University
55. Jugal Chandra Sonowal, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Pithubar Girls College, Khuwang
56. Kadombini Terangpi, Asst. Professor, Diphu Govt. College, Karbi Anglong, Assam
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58. Kalyan Das, Asst. Professor, Morigaon College, Morigaon
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61. Kongona Dekaraja, Asst. Professor, Langhin College, Karbi Anglong
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65. Lima Gogoi, Research Scholar, Assam University, Diphu Campus
66. Maine Saikia, Ex – student, Dibrugarh University

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68. Mamoni Gogoi, , Asst. Professor, Borholla College, Borholla, Assam
69. Manabendra Sarma, Asst. Professor, B.Borooah College, Guwahati
70. Manash Jyoti Nath, Research Scholar, Gauhati University
71. Margaret L. Khawbong, Asst. Professor, Lakhimpur Girls' College, Lakhimpur
72. Minakshi Nath, Asst. Professor, Dr. N.C.B. College, Jorhat
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78. Mr. Binod Konwar, Asst. Professor, Morongi College, Golaghat
79. Mr. Guptajit Pathak, Asst. Professor, Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Guwahati
80. Mr. Kanon Deka, Asst. Professor, Kakojan College, Jorhat
81. Mr. Papul Das, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
82. Mr. Rajib Das, Asst. Professor, Department of History, N.N. Saikia College, Titabar
83. Mr. Ranjit Bordoloi, Asst. Professor, DhING College, Nagaon
84. Mridusmita Phukan Asst. Professor, Dept. of Assamese, Borholla College
85. Mrinali Pegu, Research Scholar, Dibrugarh University
86. Mrs. Chandrama Devi, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Borholla College
87. Munmi Morang, , Research Scholar, Gauhati University
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112. Sukanta Ghosh, Asst. Professor, D.K.D. College, Golaghat
113. Suntoo Das, Research Scholar, Gauhati University
114. Syed Towhid Momin, Research Scholar, Tezpur University
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