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**In Collaboration with**

**Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies,  
Dahung, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh**

**&**

**Special Centre for the Study of North East India,  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

**Organize**

**3-Day National Seminar**

**“Development and Promotion of Non-Scheduled Languages: Challenges and  
Opportunities in North East India”**

**1-3 February 2023**

**Venue: Gontse Gadeng Rabgye Ling Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh**

**Programme Schedule**

**Day 1**

**Inaugural Session 10:00 -10:30 AM**

- **Speech by Director, Dr. Gurmet Dorjey**

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Arunachal Pradesh

- **Speech by Prof. Vinay Kumar Rao, Chairperson, special Centre for the Study  
of North East India, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**
- **Introduction to the Seminar by Kh. Bijoykumar Singh**

**Tea Break – 10:30 – 10:40 AM**

**Session -2: 10:40 – 11:40 AM**

**Status of Tribal and Minority Languages in North East India**

Chair:

Speakers:

- **Unsheen Leegang, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimuk**

“Post Independence status of Indigenous dialects and the subsequent emergence of Hindi as Lingua-franca in Arunachal Pradesh: Considerations and consequences”

- **Wanglit Mingchan, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimak**

“Status of tribal languages in Arunachal Pradesh”

**Lunch Break – 11:40 AM– 12:30 PM**

**Session 3: 12:30-1:30 PM**

**Tribal and Minority Languages in School Education**

Chair:

Speakers:

- **Kanshouwa Susie, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“Issues and challenges faced in implementing Mother tongue education: A case study of Maring”

- **N. Nandajit Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“School education and domination of English: Issues and challenges for the non-scheduled languages”

**Tea Break -1:30-1:40 PM**

**Session 4: 1:40-3.10 PM**

**Tribal/Minority Languages and Indigenous Knowledge**

Chair:

Speakers:

**Sukanya Dutta, Assam University, Silchar**

“Reduplication in Tai-Khamyang: An endangered language of Assam”

**Reena Ashem, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras**

“Decoding the Concept of Language and Dialect”

**Anisha Gogoi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“Writing in the Majority’s Language: An analysis of the tea garden literature in Assam”

## **Day 2**

### **Session 1: 10:00-11:30 AM**

#### **Language, Politics and Representation**

Chair:

Speakers:

- **Manash P. Nath, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“Dynamics of Kamatapuri Movement: Language, Culture and Politics of Identity”

- **Anup Sekhar Chakravorty, Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata**

“Vernacular Twist: Community, Geography and Politics in North East India

- **Twinkle Gurumayum, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“Representational Politics of Tribal Languages in Mainstream Manipuri Media

### **Tea Break - 11:30 - 11:40 AM**

### **Session 2: 11:40 AM-12:40 PM**

#### **Tribal/Minority Language and Oral Tradition**

Chair:

Speakers:

- **Zoramdinthara, Elizabeth Lalramtanmawii & C. Ramdintluangi**

“Contact with the West: Emergence of Mizo Language as a Predecessor of Education in Mizoram”

- **Manashi Bhattacharya, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi**

“Lepchas of Sikkim: Understanding the worldview through language”

**Lunch Break - 12:40 - 1:30 PM**

**Session 3: 1:30-3:00 PM**

**Community, Stakeholders, Development of Non-Scheduled languages**

Chair:

Speakers:

**Lianboi Vaiphei, IP College, University of Delhi, Delhi**

“Learning language and culture through Indigenous knowledge of the Vaiphei and role of its community”

**Lisa Lomdak, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimak**

“Language Development Initiatives undertaken by Community Based Organisation (CBOs) in Arunachal Pradesh”

**Day 3**

**Session 1: 9:30-11:00 AM**

**Policy Planning and Programs for the Development of Non-Scheduled Languages**

Chair:

Speakers:

**Ch. Sarajubala Devi, North East Regional Institute of Education (NERIE)**

**NCERT, Shillong**

“National Educational Policy 2020 and Tribal Language Education in North East India”

**Ayangbam Shyamkishor & Lairempuia, Mizoram University, Aizawl**

“Tribes and Minority Languages in the Autonomous District Council Areas of Mizoram”

**Raoping Ngupani, Poumai Literature Society**

“Development and Promotion of Non-Scheduled Languages: Challenges and Strategies with Special Reference to Manipur”

**Tea break - 11:00-11:10 AM**

**Session 2: 11:10-12:10 PM**

**Tribal/Minority Community and Development of Link Languages**

Chair:

Speakers:

**Mosyel Syelsaangthyel Khaling, Uipo Community Linguist**

“Proficient in Own Language & Culture Enables One To Understand Those of Others Effectively”

**Lalit Rajkumar, Manipur University, Imphal**

“The Concept and Revelation of *Self* in languages: Evidences from Volitionality and Negation in Meiteilon and Chiru”

**Lunch Break: 12:10 - 1:00 PM**

**Session 3: 1:00-1:40 PM**

**Panel Discussion:**

**“Development and Promotion of Non-Scheduled Languages”**

Chair:

Lead Speakers

**Mosyel Syelsaangthyel Khaling, Uipo Community Linguist**

**Dr. Ngupani Tao, Chairman, Poumai Literature Society**

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**Vote of Thanks**

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