



ICSSR-NERC

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Two-Day National Seminar

On

Reclaiming Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Northeast India: Science, Sustainability, Cultural Memory and Literary Traditions

*Jointly Organised by Departments of
History & Assamese in association with IQAC,
Abhayapuri College &*

*In collaboration with
State Bank of India (SBI), Abhayapuri Branch*

SEMINAR DATES:

13-11-2026 and 14-11-2026

Mode of Presentation:

Hybrid Mode (In-Person & Online)



Venue: ABHAYAPURI COLLEGE, BONGAIGAON, ASSAM

ABOUT ABHAYAPURI COLLEGE

Abhayapuri College, established on 13th August 1955, is one of the oldest and leading institutions of higher education in Assam. Situated in the heart of Abhayapuri town in Bongaigaon district, the college was founded through the collective efforts of the local people under the able leadership of Late Govinda Chandra Dev Sarma. Since its inception, the institution has played a significant role in spreading higher education among the people of Abhayapuri and its adjoining rural and economically disadvantaged areas.

The college began its academic journey with the Arts stream and was brought under the deficit Grants-in-Aid system in 1962. The Science stream was introduced in 1979, followed by the introduction of vocational and career-oriented programmes to meet the changing educational and employment needs of students. The college is permanently affiliated with Gauhati University and is recognised by the UGC under Sections 2(f) and 12(B). It offers Higher Secondary, undergraduate and various skill and career-oriented programmes.

Abhayapuri College has earned recognition for its commitment to academic excellence, discipline, holistic development and social responsibility. In its third cycle of assessment in 2023, the college was accredited with B++ Grade (CGPA 2.87) by NAAC. With dedicated faculties, modern teaching-learning practices and opportunities for co-curricular and extracurricular development, the college continues to fulfil its vision of producing competent, confident and responsible citizens with strong moral and cultural values.

ABOUT DEPARTMENTS

Department of History

The department is committed to promoting the study of history as a discipline of critical inquiry and interdisciplinary understanding. The Department encourages the study of local, regional, national, and global histories with special attention to the historical and cultural heritage of Assam and Northeast India. The Department promotes academic discussions, seminars, workshops, educational excursions, heritage studies, and research-oriented activities. It seeks to develop among students an understanding of historical processes, cultural diversity, social transformation, and the importance of preserving historical and cultural legacy.

Department of Assamese

The department is dedicated to the study, teaching, preservation, and promotion of Assamese language and literature. The Department encourages critical engagement with literary traditions, folklore, oral narratives, linguistic heritage, cultural expressions, and the wider intellectual traditions of Assam. The Department recognizes the importance of language and literature as repositories of collective memory and cultural knowledge. Its participation in the proposed seminar reflects the interdisciplinary relevance of indigenous languages, oral traditions, folklore, literary representations, and cultural memory in understanding Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Northeast India is one of the world's richest regions in terms of cultural diversity, linguistic heritage, biodiversity, and indigenous knowledge. For centuries, its indigenous communities have developed sophisticated systems of ecological management, sustainable agriculture, ethno-medicine, craftsmanship, oral traditions, customary governance, and environmental stewardship. These knowledge traditions remain highly relevant to contemporary concerns of sustainability, climate resilience, cultural identity, and inclusive development.

However, many Indigenous Knowledge Systems of Northeast India are increasingly threatened by globalization, environmental degradation, linguistic erosion, rapid urbanization, and weakening intergenerational transmission. Reclaiming them requires not merely documentation but recognition of indigenous communities as knowledge holders and the integration of their epistemologies into research, education, public policy, and sustainable development.

This ICSSR-NERC Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar seeks to provide an interdisciplinary platform to explore the scientific, historical, cultural, literary, and ecological dimensions of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Northeast India and contribute to their preservation, revitalization, and meaningful application for a culturally inclusive and environmentally sustainable future.

SEMINAR SUB-THEMES

- Indigenous Ecological Knowledge & Environmental Stewardship
- Sustainable Agriculture, Food Systems & Traditional Resource Management
- Ethno medicine, Healing Practices & Indigenous Health Knowledge
- Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Change Adaptation
- Oral Traditions, Folklore & Cultural Memory
- Indigenous Languages, Transmission & Endangered Linguistic Heritage
- Literary Representations of Indigenous Life and Knowledge
- Rituals, Belief Systems & Indigenous Worldviews
- Indigenous Knowledge, Decolonisation & Knowledge Politics
- Women, Gender & Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Community Rights, Customary Laws & Knowledge Governance
- Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Development Policy
- Material Culture, Craft Traditions & Sustainable Technologies
- Education & Curriculum Integration
- Digital Documentation, Archiving & Preservation

The above sub-themes are not exhaustive. Papers on any topic of Northeast India in consonance with the main theme may also be considered for participation.

CALL FOR PAPERS

ORIGINAL AND UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH PAPERS ARE INVITED FROM:

- Academicians and Faculty Members
- Industry Participants
- Research Scholars
- Postgraduate Students
- Representatives of NGOs and Civil Society Organisations

Authors may submit research papers addressing theoretical, historical, empirical, interdisciplinary, comparative, literary, environmental, cultural, social, and policy-related dimensions of the seminar theme.

Abstract Submission Guidelines:

- Abstract Length: 200–300 words
- Language: English/Assamese
- Submit the abstract in MS Word (.doc/.docx) format.
- For Assamese language, use Geetanjali or Ramdhenu Unicode fonts.

The abstract should include:

- Title of the Paper
- Name of the Author(s)
- Institutional Affiliation
- Designation
- E-mail Address
- Mobile Number
- 4–6 Keywords

Submit your Abstracts and Full Papers at:
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FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Length: 3,000–6,000 words
- Font: Times New Roman
- Font Size: 12
- Line Spacing: 1.15
- Main Heading: 14, Bold
- The paper should be original and unpublished.
- The paper should not have been submitted elsewhere for publication.
- Authors must ensure proper acknowledgement and citation of all sources.
- The paper should be submitted in MS Word format.
- Referencing Style: APA 7th edition

IMPORTANT DATES

Seminar Date	:	13–14 November, 2026
Last Date for Abstract Submission	:	25-10-2026
Communication of Acceptance	:	Within one week of submission
Last Date for Registration	:	30-10-2026
Last Date for Full Paper Submission	:	05-11-2026

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Amount (in Rs.)
Academicians and Faculty Members	1000
Industry Participants	1200
Research Scholars	700
Students	600
Representatives of NGOs and Civil Society Organisations	1000

*Each co-author who wishes to receive a certificate is required to register separately and pay the registration fee.

REGISTRATION LINK

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(Primarily via NH 27 and NH 17)



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- **In-person presenters will get hard copies of the Certificate and Book of Abstracts after the Seminar.**
- **Virtual presenters will get soft copies of the Certificate and Book of Abstracts after the Seminar.**
- **Accommodation will be available on prior request and on a payment basis, subject to availability.**

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