

## **Seminar Report**

# **Socio-Cultural Assimilation in North East India and South East-Asia**

**Date: 30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May,2018**

An International Seminar was organised by IQAC in Collaboration with UGC approved Gandhi Study Centre, Jhanji H.N.S College, Sivasagar and Assam College Principals' Council, Assam, Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat, Assam and Krishak Nyas, Gaurisagar, Sivasagar, Assam on the topic entitled 'Socio-Cultural Assimilation in North East India and South East Asia' on 30<sup>th</sup> April & 1<sup>st</sup> May,2018 at the premises of JHNS College. The objective of the Seminar was to bring out a new dimension on socio-cultural Assimilation in North East India and South East Asia. North East India has strong ties with South-East Asia in terms of Culture and Heritage. It is fascinating to find the unique cultural practices of one Community being replicated and performed by people in different nation altogether. Festivals like Bihu, Songram, Hornbill, etc offer a unique standpoint for both North East India and South East Asia. South East Asia has remained an important point of world trade. Immense prospects lie ahead like Cultural, Economic, Languages, Educational Exchange and various Ethnic similarities between the two regions to assimilate and form a stronger association basing on the common practices and legacy. These all aspects are tried to cover in this seminar.

The seminar was conducted in 15 technical sessions. Teachers, Research scholars and Academician and many students of different places of Assam and abroad participated in the seminar. 219 no of Participants presented their paper in the seminar.

The Inaugural Session was started from 11.30 am, the seminar was inaugurated by Prof. Alak Kr. Buragohain, Hon'able Vice-Chancellor, Dibrugarh University. Prof. Paromita Das, HOD, History, Gauhati University, presented here as Keynote-Speaker. Then the 1<sup>st</sup> technical session was started which was chaired by Dr.Ratanporn Sethakul, Professor, Department of History, Payap University, Thailand. The Theme of this session was 'Socio-Cultural Assimilation in Northeast India'. The 2<sup>nd</sup> technical Session was conducted in the same sub theme and chaired by Dr. Sangeeta Gogoi, HOD, History, Mangaldai College, Assam. The next session was chaired by Prof. Patricia Cheesman, Visiting Professor, Chiangmai University, Thailand. The sub Theme of this session was Folk Identity in Fabric design and

Ornaments in Northeast India and Southeast Asia & Geomorphology and Environment of North- East India and South East Asia. The 4<sup>th</sup> technical session was chaired by Dr. Chirapat Prapandvidya, Founder Director of the Sanskrit Study Centre of the Department of Archaeology, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand and the theme was influence of Indian Religious Heritage in Southeast Asia. The 5<sup>th</sup> session was chaired by Dr. Paromita Das, HOD, History, Gauhati University and the theme was Historical Importance of Southeast Asia in the Politics of North East India. The 6<sup>th</sup> Session was chaired by Dr. K.C. Das, Associate Professor, department of Political science, Assam University, Diphu Campus. The theme of the session was Socio Cultural assimilation in North east India. The other Sessions were Chaired by Viz., Dr. U-Tain Wongsathit, HOD, Oriental Languages, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, Dr. Kangvol Khatshima, Mr. Samudragupta Kashyap, Journalist and Author, Assam, Dr. Girin Phukan, Director, Institute of Tai Studies and Research, Moranhat, Assam, Prof. Bhimkanta Boruah, (Rtd.) Professor Department of Assamese, Dibrugarh University, Dr. Soumarjyoti Mahanta, Principal, Sibsagar Commerce College, Assam, Dr. Jogen Kalita, Professor of Zoology and Director, UGC, HRDC, Gauhati University and the sub theme of the Sessions were Economic Prospects of North East India and South East Asia, Educational Scenario in North East India and South East Asia, Ethnic Inter Relation in North East India and South East Asia, Indian Literature and south East Asia, Legacies of Renowned Indian Philosophers in South East Asia: Buddha, Sankardeva and M. K. Gandhi, Economic Prospects of North East India and South East Asia, Diaspora Studies in North East India and South East Asia, Linguistic Interaction among the North East India and South East Asia. Apart from these sessions, a non-academic interaction Session was held with Resource persons on the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day with the Media and Public in the College Auditorium. The seminar came to the end with Certificates distribution programme in the valedictory session.

### Inaugural Session



### Inauguration of Book of Gandhian Study Centre





**Speech by Dr. S.J. Mahanta, Principal, Sibsagar Commerce College during Valedictory Session**



**Speech by Dr. Principal, Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College during Valedictory Session**





**Abstract Volume of the Seminar**

