

Paper 3. Rituals of Renewal: Exploring the Behdeifñkhlam Festival and its Spiritual Significance- Mandahakani Shylla, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, North-Eastern Hill University.

Paper 4. The tradition of 'Gift' and Affirmation of social ties among the Angamis of Nagaland- Keneiselhou Chielie, Department of Sociology, The Assam Royal Global University.

LUNCH 1:15-1:45 pm

Session VII - Migration, marginality & identity
Chairperson- Prof B. Panda, Department of Sociology,
North-Eastern Hill University
Time: 1:45 - 3:30 pm

Paper 1. Sociology of Meitei Architecture: Unpacking the Interplay between Culture, Tradition, and Modernization- Vivek Paonam, Department of Sociology, Dhanamanjuri University.

Paper 2. Tea, Migration and Marginality: Understanding the Plight of Assam's Tea Tribes- Amisha L Phukan, Faculty of Social sciences, Jamia Millia Islamia University.

Paper 3. Social Media in Shaping Political Awareness in Arunachal Pradesh- Raja Darang, Department of Sociology, Nagaland University.

Session VIII - Identity, history and knowledge production
(Online)

Chairperson- Prof Amarjeet M. Singh, Centre for North East
Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia
Link: <https://meet.google.com/xzd-zuie-mcr>
Time: 1:30 - 3:45 pm

Paper 1. Anthropological Turn- Sarita Pirsali, Department of History, University of Delhi.

Paper 2. Reimagining Knowledge Production through Digital Platforms: Insights from Lamka- Chinggelniang, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

Paper 3. Navigating Security and Mobility in the Assam-Sylhet Borderland- Shobharaj Das, Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Dhanbad.

Paper 4. Locating ethnic homeland framework in Arunachal Pradesh; understanding the fraught belonging of 'mixed ethno-state offsprings'- Shovit Mallick, Department of Political Science, Gauhati University.

Paper 5. Land, Conflict, and Reconciliation: Revisiting Historical Narratives in Manipur- Leivon Albert Lamkang, Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.

TEA 3:30 - 4:00 pm

VALEDICTORY SESSION
4: 00 pm - 6:00 pm

4:00 - 4:05 pm: Welcome Address- Prof. Biswambhar Panda, Head, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong.

4:05 - 4:10 pm: Felicitation of the Guests

4:15 - 4:25 pm: Rapporteurs Report

4:25 - 4:45 pm: Experience Sharing by the Participants

4:45 - 5:15 pm: Prof. B.B. Mohanty, Professor and Head, Department of Sociology, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry & Editor, Sociological Bulletin.

5:15 - 5:35 pm: Prof. C.A. Mawlong, Dean, School of Social Sciences, NEHU, Shillong.

5:35 - 5:55 pm: Distribution of Certificates by Dean, School of Social Science.

5:55 - 6:00 pm: Vote of Thanks- Dr. Rashi Bhargava, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong

Prof. Biswambhar Panda
Convener

Dr. Rashi Bhargava
Convener



Two-day Young Scholars Workshop
on
Conducting Research in North-East India
in Contemporary Times: Issues, Concerns
and Challenges (Blended mode)

DAY 1 - 13th DECEMBER, 2024

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:00 - 9:10 am: Welcome Address- Prof. Biswambhar Panda, Head, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong

9:10 - 9:20 am: Introduction to the Workshop - Dr Rashi Bhargava, Convener of the workshop

9:20 - 9:30 am: Felicitation of the guests

9:30 - 10:00 am: Keynote address- Prof Maitrayee Chaudhuri, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi & President, Indian Sociological Society

10:00 - 10:15 am: Address by Guest of Honour - Prof Bhagirathi Panda, Honorary Director, ICSSR-NERC, Shillong

10:15 -10:30 am: Address by Special Invitee - Mr Sanjay Sharma, Regional Team Lead- NE, Foundation for Ecological Security

10:30 -10:55 am : Address by the Chief Guest - Prof N Saha, Vice-Chancellor (Acting), NEHU, Shillong

10:55 -11:00 am: Vote of Thanks- Dr. Yusuf Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NEHU, Shillong

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Session I - Theoretical & methodological concerns

**Chairperson- Prof Kedilezo Kikhi, Department of Sociology,
North-Eastern Hill University
Time: 11:15 am -1:15 pm**

Paper 1. Decolonizing Indigenous Knowledge System in North East India-Lalduhthlana, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University.

Paper 2. Re-reading 'Methodology' in Tribal Development Studies from a Decolonial Lens: Some Arguments from Northeast India-Thomas Malsom, Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University.

Paper 3. The Indigenous Can Speak Too: Mapping the Theoretical Possibilities of Intersectionality in India- Sanjana Hazarika, Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University.

Paper 4. Decolonising Traditional Healing: A Study of Kwai, Tympew, and Shun in Khasi-Jaintia Culture- Bymonmiralda B Lato, English and Cultural Studies, CHRIST University.

LUNCH - 1:15 - 1:45 pm

Session II - Gender & gender dynamics

**Chairperson- Prof D V Kumar, Department of Sociology,
North-Eastern Hill University
Time: 1:45 -3:45 pm**

Paper 1. Navigating Outsider Status: Gender and Research Exclusions in Meghalaya's Dorbar Shnongs- Niharika Saikia, Department of Women's Studies, Savitribai Phule Pune University.

Paper 2. Perspectives on the Challenges and Experiences of Widows in Armed Conflict: A Focus on Manipur- Elizabeth Misao, Department of Social Work, The Assam Royal Global University.

Paper 3. Gender Dynamics and Role Perceptions Among School Teachers in Tuophema Village, Kohima District, Nagaland-Kezhallhousa, Department of Adult & Continuing Education, North-Eastern Hill University.

TEA 3:45 - 4:00 pm

Session III - Gender in contemporary times (Online)

**Chairperson- Prof Sandhya Thapa, Department of
Sociology, Sikkim University
Link: <https://meet.google.com/dkv-yhmm-tts>
Time: 4:00-6:00 pm**

Paper 1. From Anonymity to Orality: Writings of Mizo Women Poets – Dawngi Chawngthu, Mona Zote, and Malsawmi Jacob-Lawmsangzuali, Centre for English Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Paper 2. Changing Status of Kaibarta Women: Insights from Nagaon and Nalbari, Assam- Vaishali Kashyap, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani K.K. Birla Goa Campus.

Paper 3. Deconstructing Feminism: The era of media cultures in NE India- Ashihrii Athiphro, Department of English, Dhanamanjuri University.

Paper 4. Gender Dynamics in the Pat-Muga Industry of Assam: A Study of Sualkuchi Region- Tanmayee Sarma, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Session IV - Ecology and culture (Online)

**Chairperson- Prof Sambit Mallick, Department of
Humanities & Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati
Link: <https://meet.google.com/ofu-oazj-gmu>
Time: 4:00-6:00 pm**

Paper 1. In the Realm of the Coal Queen: Political Ecology of the Patkai Rainforest Frontier in Northeast India- Anisha Gogoi, Special Centre for the Study of North East India(SCSNEI)/ School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Paper 2. Role of Community in Environment Conservation: A comparison of North East India and Bhutan- Silvy Chongneihoi Khongsai, Department of Political Science, Manipur University.

Paper 3. Yumsharol as a specialised understanding of local ecosystem among the Meiteis in Manipur- Takhellambam Nancy, Department of Sociology, Manipur University.

Paper 4. Locating the Urban Transition and Infrastructural Turn: A Case Study of Guwahati City- Pratiksha Dey, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

DAY 2 - 14th DECEMBER, 2024

**Session V - Culture, ecology & agricultural practices
Chairperson- Prof Rekha M. Shangpliang, Department of
Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University
Time - 9:00-11:00 am**

Paper 1. Balancing Sanctity and Sustainability: Preserving the Ecological and Cultural Integrity of Khecheopalri Lake- Karma Norbu Bhutia, Department of Anthropology, Delhi University.

Paper 2. Disasters, migrants and memories: A case study of Majuli, Assam- Lika Dholua, Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati.

Paper 3. Investigating Agriculture based entrepreneurship model of farmer-based organization in Morigaon District, Assam- Nabanita Hazarika, Department of Social Work, Assam Central University.

Paper 4. Determinants of International Migration: A Sociological Study of the Kuki Diaspora- Lhunjamang Baite, Department of Sociology, North-Eastern Hill University.

TEA 11:00 - 11:15 am

Session VI - Culture & rituals in North-East India

**Chairperson - Prof Desmond L. Kharmawphlang, Department of
Cultural and Creative Studies, North-Eastern Hill University
Time: 11:15-1:15 pm**

Paper 1. Bat Festival: Human-Bat Relationship and its Social Capital in the Upland Tribe of Nagaland- Ropfuvinno Krose, Science and Humanities (Sociology), National Institute of Technology Nagaland.

Paper 2. Spirits and Rituals: Understanding Shamanic Healing in Naga Tradition- Khachulo Zehol Kevekha, Department of History, North-Eastern Hill University.