



ASSAM COLLEGE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
sponsored

Two- Day National Seminar (Hybrid Mode)

on



Ethnic Societies of North-East India and the Impact of Globalization

Organised by

**ACTA (Bongaigaon, Kokrajhar- Chirang Zone) and ACTA Bijni College Unit
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**Research, Innovation and Publication Cell in association with IQAC, Bijni
College, Bijni**

Seminar Dates: 5th November, 2026 & 6th November, 2026

Mode of Presentation: Hybrid Mode (Both Physical & Virtual)

Venue: Bijni College, Bijni

ABOUT BIJNI COLLEGE

Bijni College is one of the premier institution situated in BTR, Assam, India. Established on 21st July, 1969, the college is affiliated with Bodoland University. It offers academic programmes through fourteen Undergraduate Departments and three Postgraduate Departments. The college is accredited by NAAC with 'B' grade in the third cycle of accreditation. The college enjoys excellent connectivity, being located near National Highway 27 and Bijni Railway Station. It caters to the higher educational needs of students from both rural and urban areas of the Bijni Subdivision under the Chirang district. Geographically, Bijni is situated in the ecologically significant Indo-Bhutan border region, characterised by transitional climatic zone. The area lies in proximity to Manas National Park, renowned for its rich bio-diversity, including numerous endangered species of floral and fauna.

ABOUT ACTA

The Assam College Teachers' Association (ACTA) was founded in 1948 — making it one of the oldest teachers' organisations in northeast India. For over seven decades, ACTA has been the collective voice of college teachers across Assam's diverse districts.

We represent teachers from government- provincialised colleges, deficit colleges, and aided colleges affiliated with Gauhati University, Dibrugarh University, Assam University, Bodoland University, and Cotton University.

ACTA is affiliated with AIFUCTO (All India Federation of University & College Teachers' Organisations) and actively participates in national-level dialogues on higher education policy, UGC regulations, and faculty service conditions.

CONCEPT NOTE OF SEMINAR

North-East India represents a unique mosaic of ethnic communities, languages, cultures, traditions, customary institutions and indigenous knowledge systems. Its diversity is not simply a feature of the region; it is an integral part of its historical experience, social organisation and contemporary identity. In recent decades, however, the forces of globalization have significantly transformed the social, cultural, economic and political landscape of these communities.

Rapid technological advancement, digital communication, migration, urbanisation, market integration, modern education and increased connectivity have brought ethnic societies closer to the wider world. These processes have created new opportunities for education, employment, entrepreneurship, cultural exchange and global engagement. At the same time, they have generated important questions about the continuity of indigenous languages, traditions, customary practices, community institutions, land and resource rights, and the preservation of collective identities.

Globalization, therefore, cannot be understood only as a process of cultural change or homogenisation. It can also provide new spaces for cultural revival, identity assertion and community mobilisation. Social media and digital platforms, for example, have enabled communities to document their histories, promote their languages, share cultural practices and articulate their concerns beyond geographical boundaries. The interaction between the local and the global is consequently producing new forms of identity, social relationships and cultural expression.

Against this backdrop, the proposed Two-Day National Seminar on “Ethnic Societies of North-East India and the Impact of Globalization” seeks to create an interdisciplinary forum for critical reflection and academic dialogue. The seminar will bring together scholars, researchers, teachers, students and other stakeholders to examine how ethnic societies are adapting to, negotiating with and responding to the opportunities and challenges of a rapidly changing world.



SEMINAR SUB-THEMES

1. Ethnic Societies of North-East India: Identity, History and Social Structure.
2. Linguistic Diversity, Language Endangerment, Preservation and Revitalisation.
3. Mother Tongue Education, Language Policy and Ethnic Communities.
4. Ethnic Literatures: Society, History, Culture and Emerging Literary Voices.
5. Science Fiction and Science Writing in North-East Indian Languages.
6. Oral Traditions, Folklore, Mythology and Collective Memory.
7. Translation, Multilingualism and Cross-Cultural Communication.
8. Festivals, Folk Dances, Music, Performing Arts and Folk Culture.
9. Globalization, Cultural Identity and Indigenous Self-Representation.
10. Globalization and Cultural Transformation: Opportunities, Challenges and Changing Lifestyles.
11. Indigenous Knowledge Systems, Cultural Heritage and Sustainable Development.
12. Ethnobotany and Ethnomedicine: Traditional Healing Practices and Scientific Perspectives.
13. Indigenous Food Systems, Food Processing and Fermentation: Nutrition, Health and Culture.
14. Globalization and Changes in Local Food Habits: Nutrition, Health and Cultural Identity.
15. Traditional Crafts in Global Markets: Sustainable Technology, Cultural Industries and Livelihoods.
16. Climate Change, Ecological Change and the Loss of Culture-Linked Knowledge.
17. Sacred Groves, Taboos and Indigenous Practices of Forest Conservation.
18. Biodiversity Conservation and Indigenous Ecological Knowledge.
19. Language, Literature and Cultural Preservation in the Digital Age.
20. Media, Social Media, Digital Storytelling and Indigenous Cultural Expression.
21. Language Technology, Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Indigenous Languages.
22. Documentation and Digital Archiving of Endangered Languages and Cultural Practices.
23. Indigenous Youth, Education, Employment and Cultural Continuity.
24. Gender, Ethnicity, Women and Traditional Knowledge Systems.
25. Indigenous Rights, Intellectual Property Rights, Biopiracy and Protection of Traditional Knowledge.
26. Migration, Urbanization and Changing Cultural Landscapes of North-East India.
27. Cultural Tourism, Heritage Conservation and Community Participation.
28. Indigenous Performing Arts, Cultural Industries and Creative Economy.
29. Comparative Studies of Ethnic Languages, Literatures and Cultures of North-East India.
30. Contemporary Challenges, Cultural Resilience and Future of Indigenous Heritage in North-East India.
31. Indigenous Ethics and Moral Values in the Traditional Societies of North-East India.
32. Any other topic related to main theme.

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT & PAPER SUBMISSION

Abstract Submission Guidelines

- **Language** : English, Assamese, Bodo & Bengali
- **Structure of Abstract**: Should not exceed 300 words with 3 to 5 key words.
- **Formatting** : Font - Times New Roman, 12 font size and line spacing 1.5
- **For Assamese**: Page maker (Ramdhenu) at Geetanjali light Font), Font Size: 14 pt. Line Spacing 1.5, Alignment: Justified.
- **For Bodo** : Page maker (Ramdhenu) at Chanakya/ Kalidas font , MS Word, Unicode.
- **For Bengali**: Page maker (Ramdhenu) at Chanakya. Unicode
- **The Abstract should include**: Title of the Paper, Name of the Author(s), Institutional Name, Designation, Email ID, Mobile No.

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- **Structure of Full Paper** : (. doc/.docx, pmd)
- **Word Limit**: 2500- 3000 words
- **Formatting**: Font: As per Abstract
- **Title**: 14 pt (Bold)
- **Headings** : 12 pt (Bold)
- **Text**: 12 pt
- **Line Spacing**: 1.5
- **Referencing Style**: APA/ MLA
- Manuscript should contain the Title of the manuscript, Name with salutation, institution/ affiliation, e-mail ID, and Contact number.
- The Paper Should be original and unpublished.
- Submit your Abstracts and Full Papers at : bcseminar26@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Seminar Date** : 05 & 06 November, 2026
- **Last Date for Abstract Submission** : 25-10-2026
- **Communication of Acceptance** : Within one week of submission
- **Last Date of Registration** : 30-10-2026
- **Last Date of Full Paper Submission**: 01-11-2026

REGISTRATION FEE

Category	Amount (in Rs)
Faculty Members & Academician	1000.00
Research Scholars	500.00
Students	200.00

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

**The registration fee will be free for ACTA members.*

BANK DETAILS

- **Account Holder** : Bijni College Publication Fund
- **Account No** : 05020110171189
- **IFSC** : UCBA0000502
- **Bank Name** : UCO Bank, Bijni Branch

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https://chat.whatsapp.com/C5wURNqUmSf1aa5KMxe0Bb?mode=gi_t



CERTIFICATES, BOOK OF ABSTRACTS & ACCOMMODATION

- 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.

PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY

- Selected papers will be published in a Peer Reviewed Research Journal/ ISBN Book.
- Separate charges will be applicable for Publication.

HOW TO REACH BIJNI COLLEGE

- From New Bongaigaon Railway Station: Approx. 18–20 km by road. Bijni is also directly connected by rail.
- From Bijni Railway Station: Approx. 1 km from the College.
- From LGBI Airport, Guwahati: Approx. 170 km by road. The airport is connected to the region by road, taxi and train services
- By Road: Bijni is connected through NH-31 and other major roads.

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