

**Samhita Barooah** (Tezpur University)  
*Ageing, Disability and Queerness: Intersectional Reality*  
**Shofiul Alom Pathan** (IIT, Kanpur)  
*Social Equality and Muslims in India: An Appraisal on Assam*

**Lunch: 12:30 pm – 01:30 pm**

**Session IV: 01:30 pm – 03:00 pm**

**Theme: Multiple Contexts of the North-East: Exploring for the Equitable Confluence**

**Chairperson: M.C. Arunkumar**

**Speakers: K. Jose SVD** (Sanskriti, Guwahati)

*Exclusion/Inequality: Many Inconclusive Debates and Some Challenging Pathways*

**A. Wati Walling** (NIT, Nagaland)

*The Idea of Cosmic Justice and Reservations in Nagaland*

**Prafulla Kr. Nath** (Assam University, Diphu)

*Educational Scenario in the Margins: Some Reflections from the Field*

**Tea: 03:00 pm – 03:15 pm**

**Valedictory Session (and Suggestive Framework): 03:15 pm – 04:30 pm**

**Chairperson: Prasanta K. Das** (Tezpur University)

**Valedictory Address: Bhupen Sarmah** (OKDISCD, Guwahati)

*Questioning Social Inequality: The Flawed Approach of Identity Politics*

Vote of Thanks:

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**Two-Day National Seminar**

**On**

**Towards Social Equality: Multiple Contexts and Approaches with Special Reference to North-East India**

**Organized By**

**Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University  
(Offline Mode)**

**In Collaboration with**

**ICSSR, New Delhi**

**Dates:**

**November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**

**Venue:**

**Conference Hall, TU Guest House**

## Day 1

### **Inaugural Programme: 09:30 am – 10:45 am**

Chairperson: **Farheena Danta**, Dean SHSS, TU  
Welcome Address: **Kedilezo Kikhi**, Chair Professor,  
Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU  
Introducing the Theme: **D.R. Gautam**, Research Officer,  
Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU  
Inaugural Address: **Dhruba Kumar Bhattacharyya**,  
Vice Chancellor, TU  
Keynote Address: **Debi Chatterjee**, Jadavpur University  
*Countering Social Inequality in India:  
Importance of a Multicultural Vision*  
Chairperson's Remark:

### **High Tea: 10:45 am – 11:15 am**

### **Session I: 11:15 am – 01:15 pm**

#### **Theme: Social Equality: Concept and the Relevance**

Chairperson: **Madhurima Goswami**  
Speakers: **M.C. Arunkumar** (Manipur University)  
*Inequality in Tribal Societies of Northeast:  
An Observation*  
**Sawmya Ray** (IIT, Guwahati)  
*Heteronormative Socio-legal Spaces and Gender  
Violence in Assam*  
**Nirmali Goswami** (Tezpur University)  
*The Elusive Ideal of Equality in a Neo-liberal World:  
Reflections on Education in Assam*  
**Sanghamitra Das** (Tezpur University)  
*Burgeoning Violence Against Women: Role of Social  
Mores in Checking the Effectiveness of Existing Laws*

## Lunch: 01:15 pm – 02:30 pm

### **Session II: 02:30 pm – 04:30 pm**

#### **Theme: Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity: Making Pragmatic Connection**

Chairperson: **Sawmya Ray**  
Speakers: **David Lal** (IIIT, Guwahati)  
*Gandhi's Project of Social Expansionism in Assam:  
A Critical Reflection*  
**Partha Pratim Borah** (Dibrugarh University) & **Ankur  
Jyoti Bhuyan** (KBVSAS University)  
*Ethnic Plurality, Social (In)Equality and Assam:  
Problematizing the Vocabulary of Multiculturalism*  
**Soihiamlung Dangmei** (IGNTU, Manipur)  
*Colonialism, Marginalization and Resistance: Revisiting  
the Naga Raj of Haipou Jadonang in Manipur*  
**V. Sawmveli** (TISS, Guwahati)  
*The Discourse of Women's Rights: Reflecting Mizo  
Customary Law*

## Day 2

### **Session III: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

#### **Theme: Dimensions for Inclusive and Sustainable Development**

Chairperson: **K. Jose SVD**  
Speakers: **Madhurima Goswami** (Tezpur University) & **Sonali Boro**  
(Tezpur University)  
*The Question of Safe Motherhood*  
**Bikash Bage** (RGU, Itanagar)  
*A Study of Inclusive Community Substance Abuse in  
Arunachal Pradesh*  
**Roma Dey** (NISWASS, Bhubaneswar)  
*Reinterpreting Muslim Citizenship and Equality: Partition to  
CAA 2020*