



**Tezpur University**  
**Centre for Assamese Studies**

**National Seminar**  
on  
**Approaches to Sankaradeva**  
**Text, Performance, Representation and History**

**5 & 6 August, 2015**  
**Council Hall ● 9 am-6 pm**

Kesavananda Dev Goswami ● Birendranath Datta  
● Bhadra Bora ● Banikanta Sarma ● Baniprasanna Misra  
● Pona Mahanta ● Irshad Ali ● Madan M Sarma  
Pradip Jyoti Mahanta ● Maheswar Hazarika ● Dipak Kumar Sarma  
Bijay Kumar Danta ● Jyotirmay Jana ● Sunil Kumar Dutta  
● Chandan Kumar Sharma ● Bibhash Choudhury  
● Amrit Jyoti Mahanta ● Sanjib Pol Deka



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*The Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University, is organizing a two day National Seminar on Approaches to Sankaradeva: Text, Performance, Representation and History on 5 & 6 August, 2015.*

*You are cordially invited to grace the Inaugural Session as well as the academic sessions of the Seminar.*

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Venue: Council Hall  
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9.00 am to 5.00 pm

## National Seminar

on

### Approaches to Sankaradeva: Text, Performance, Representation and History

Centre for Assamese Studies, Tezpur University

(5 & 6 August, 2015)

#### Day 1

Wednesday - 05.08.2015

Registration - 8.45-9.00

Inaugural Session: Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor in the Chair

**(Dignitaries and participants to take their seats in the Council Hall)**

9.00-9.05: Felicitation of Dignitaries

9.05-9.15: Welcome Address by Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami, Srimanta Sankaradeva Chair, Tezpur University

9.15-9.40: Inaugural Lecture by Professor Kesavananda Dev Goswami: The Need for Text-Critical Studies of the Works of Sankaradeva

9.40-9.50: Speech by Professor Mihir Kanti Choudhuri, Vice-Chancellor, Tezpur University

9.50-10.00: Tea Break

#### First Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Amarjyoti Choudhury**

10.00-10.10: Speech by Professor Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro Vice Chancellor, Tezpur University

10.10-10.40: Key-note Address by Professor Birendranath Datta: Sankaradeva: A Non-Insider's View

#### Second Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Ranjit Kumar Dev Goswami**

10.40-11.15: Professor Banikanta Sarma: Sankaradeva and the *Bhāgavata Purāna*

11.15-11.45: Professor Dipak Kumar Sarma: Sankaradeva's Classical Scholarship

11.45-12.15: Dr. Maheswar Hazarika: Sankaradeva and the "other" *purānas*

12.15-1.00 : Discussion

1.00-2.00 : Lunch Break

#### Third Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Banikanta Sarma**

2.00-2.30: Professor Bhadra Bora: Humour and Satire in Sankaradeva

2.30-3.00: Professor Irshad Ali: Sankaradeva among the Assamese Muslims

3.00-3.30: Professor Sunil Kumar Dutta: Sankaradeva and Traditional Assamese Folklore

3.30-4.00: Shri Amrit Jyoti Mahanta: Sankaradeva in English Translation

4.00-4.30: Professor Chandan Kumar Sharma: Sankaradeva and the Sociology of Bhakti in Medieval Assam

4.30-5.00 : Discussion

#### Day 2

Thursday - 06.08.15

#### Fourth Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Birendranath Datta**

9.00-10.30: Special Lecture by Professor Baniprasanna Misra: Deprovincializing Srimanta Sankaradeva: Lecture Dedicated to the Memory of Professor Maheswar Neog (1915-1995)

10.30-10.45: Tea Break

#### Fifth Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Baniprasanna Misra**

10.45-11.15: Professor Pona Mahanta: The Plays of Sankaradeva: New Perspectives

11.15-11.45: Professor Bijay Kumar Danta: Writing Social History: Sankaradeva's *Oḍeṣā Varnana*

11.45-12.15: Dr. Bibhash Choudhury: Frame for a New Poetics of Ethical Emancipation: Sankaradeva's *Hariścandra Upākhyān*

12.15-12.25: Tea Break

12.25-1.00 : Dr. Jyotirmay Jana: Sankaradeva and Caitanyadeva: A Comparative Study

1.00-1.30 : Discussion

1.30-2.30 : Lunch Break

#### Sixth Academic Session

**Chair: Professor Pona Mahanta**

2.30-3.00: Professor Madan M. Sarma: The *Aṅkas*: Genesis and Structure

3.00-3.30: Professor Pradip Jyoti Mahanta: *Aṅkiyā Bhāṅonā* : The Mārgi-Deśi Continuum in its text and Performance

3.30-4.00: Shri Sanjib Pol Deka: Sankaradeva's Language: The Folk-Classical Continuum

4.00-4.30: Discussion:

4.30-5.00: Valedictory Session