



Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)

Sponsored
Two-Day National Seminar

Marginalization and Marginality in India with a focus on North Eastern Region: Multiple Contexts for State Intervention

Organized By
**Dr. Ambedkar Chair
Tezpur University**
In
Collaboration with
OKDISCD, Guwahati

Date:
15th & 16th March 2019
Venue:
OKDISCD, Guwahati

Day One

Inaugural Programme: 9:15 am – 10:45 am

Chairperson: Kalyan Das, Director (i/c) OKDISCD, Guwahati
Welcome Address: K. Kikhi, Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU
Inaugural Remark: Biren Das, Registrar, TU
Speech: Inderjeet Singh Sodhi, RGNIYD
Keynote Address: N. V. Varghese, Vice Chancellor, NIEPA, New Delhi
Chairperson's Remark:
Vote of Thanks: D. R. Gautam, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU

Break (Tea & Networking): 10:45 am – 11:00 am

Panel Session One: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Chairperson: Bhupen Sarmah

Speakers:

J.B.G. Tilak (CSD): *Widening Inequalities in Higher Education*
Virginus Xaxa (Ex-TU): *Conceptualizing Marginalisation and Marginality*
N. Sukumar (DU): *Representing Marginality: Rosters in Reservations*
A. K. Nongkynrih (NEHU): *Sustainable Development Goals and the
UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People*

Lunch: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Technical Session I: 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

**Theme: Marginalization and Marginality: Theoretical and Conceptual
Reflections**

Chairperson: A. K. Nongkynrih

Speakers:

Joydeep Baruah (OKDISCD): *Margins of Development: Towards an
Understanding*
P. Anbarasan (TU): *Marginality and Marginalisation: Examining
Marginalisation in Everyday Discursive Practices using Noelle
Neumann's Concept of Spiral of Silence*
Pahi Saikia (IIT, Guwahati): *Governance, Identities and Belonging in the
Margins: Centre-Periphery Relations in India*
Amiya Kr. Das (TU): *Interrogating the Idea of Marginality in the Context of
Assam*

Break (Tea & Networking): 3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Technical Session II: 3:30 pm – 5:15 pm

Theme: *Marginality in the Context of North East India: Differing Issues*

Chairperson: Joydeep Baruah

Speakers:

Shailaja Menon (AUD): *Borders and the Construction of Citizenship*

Visakhonu Hibo (NU): *Pre-emptive Criminalisation and Marginalisation of the Nagas*

S. S. Sumesh (TU): *Masculinities in the Margins*

Prafulla Kr. Nath (AU): *Discourse of Assamese Nationalism and Marginalisation: Situating the Miyas of Assam*

Pamidi Hagjer (TU): *Mothers and Midwives: Exploring Childbirth Rituals among Dimasas of Assam*

Day Two

Panel Session Two: 9:15 am – 11:15 am

Chairperson: Virginius Xaxa

Speakers:

Patricia Mukhim (*The Shillong Times*): *On being Transgender in a Politically Correct World*

Prabhat Kr. Datta (IDSK): *Mainstreaming Gender Through Reservation of Seats for Women in Urban Local Body*

Bhupen Sarmah (OKDISCD): *The Nation and its Margin: Political Economy of Making Arunachal Pradesh a Circumstantial State*

Ramesh Dural (NBU): *Identity and Marginalization: The Darjeeling Hills in Context*

Break (Tea & Networking): 11:15 am – 11:30 am

Technical Session III: 11:30 am – 12:45 pm

Theme: *Social Stratification and Marginality in India*

Chairperson: N. Sukumar

Speakers:

Sawmya Ray (IIT, Guwahati): *Women, Sex Industry and Policies of Protection*

Wati Walling (NIT, Nagaland): *Making Life Livable at the Margins: Continuum of Marginalization from Within and Without*

Kh. Pou (DU) & Vanthangpui Khobung (SCERT): *Corruption: Systemic Marginalization of the Tribals*

Rajeev Dubey & Parama Chakma (Tripura University): *Marginalization of Scheduled Tribes in Higher Educational Institutions: A Case of Shrinking Public Space*

Lunch: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm

Technical Session IV: 1:30 pm – 3:15 pm

Theme: *Media, Development and Marginalization: Nuanced Viewpoints*

Chairperson: P. Anbarasan

Speakers:

Teresa Rehman (*The Thumbprint*): *Media on the Margins: An Overview of North Eastern India*

Ajay Kr. Choubey (NIEPA): *Rural Education: An Endemic Problem of Cultural Subordination*

N. Hashik (TU): *Geographies of Marginalisation: Migration and Marginality in Petrolands*

Deboleena Sengupta (OKDISCD): *On Home and Belongingness: Contextualising Enclave Politics*

Piyashi Dutta (Amity University): *Narrating the North East: Contextualising Media led Marginality*

(Tea will be Served Inside)

Valedictory: 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm

Chairperson: P. K. Das, Dean-SHSS, TU

Valedictory Address: Uma Chakravarti, Eminent Social Scientist

High Tea