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Two Days National Seminar on

## Equity with Special Emphasis on North Eastern Region

Organized By Dr. Ambedkar Chair, Tezpur University

In Collaboration with ICSSR, New Delhi & ICSSR NERC, Shillong

Date : June 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 • Venue : Tezpur University, Assam

### Day I

#### Inaugural Programme :

Chairperson:	9:30 am – 10.45 am P. K. Das, Dean SH&SS, TU
Welcome Address:	K. Kikhi, Chair Professor, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU
Introducing the Theme:	D. R. Gautam, Research Officer, Dr. Ambedkar Chair, TU
Inaugural Address:	V. K. Jain, Vice Chancellor, TU
Keynote Address:	Narender Kumar, Professor, CPS-SSS, JNU
Chairperson's Remark:	
Vote of Thanks:	Padmakshi Kakoti, ICSSR-NERC

High Tea : 10:45 am – 11:00 am

#### Session I : 11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Theme :	<i>Concept of Equity – Theoretical Perspectives &amp; Inclusions in Indian Social Milieu</i>
Chairperson :	A. C. Sinha
Speakers :	Virginus Xaxa (TU): <i>Comprehending Equity through Post Modern Lens</i> Dhruba Pratim Sharma (GU): <i>Equity - A Conceptual Note</i> L. David Lal (IIIT, Guwahati): <i>Caste Conflicts and Issue of Marginalisation in India</i>

Lunch: 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

#### Session II: 1:45 pm – 3:45 pm

Theme :	<i>Ethnicity – A Long Waited Struggle for Assimilation</i>
Chairperson :	Y. Josephine
Speakers :	A. C. Sinha (NEHU-Retd.): <i>Sikkim's Search for Scheduled Tribal Status for the Communities</i> Susmita Sengupta (NEHU): <i>Equity and Ethnic Politics in North East India</i> N. Kipgen (IIT-Gwt): <i>Ethnicity, Food Security and Deprivation: The Marginalised Hill People &amp; Distributive (In)Justice in Manipur</i> Roluah Puia (CSDS): <i>Contesting Land Reforms: Tribals and the Land Question in Manipur</i>

Tea Break: 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

#### Session III: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Theme :	<i>Religion: An Agent of Othering</i>
Chairperson:	Priyaranjan Singh
Speakers :	M. Amarjeet Singh (JMI): <i>How Pangals are unfairly Disadvantaged in Manipur</i> Rabin Deka (TU): <i>Religion and Social Exclusion: The Case of Barpeta Satra</i> C. J. Thomas & Padmakshi Kakoti (ICSSR-NERC): <i>The Scourge of Filth and Scavenging: The untold Saga of the Scheduled Castes in Tripura and their need for Equity</i>



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#### Session IV : 9:30 am – 11:15 am

**Theme :** *Gendered Perspectives: Need for Change*  
**Chairperson :** Susmita Sengupta  
**Speakers:** Rosemary Dzuwachu (NU): *Gender Equity Question and Naga Customary Law*  
 Nani Bath (RGU): *Equity and Political Representation – A Case of Arunachal Pradesh*  
 Madhurima Goswami (TU): *Empowerment of Women: Need for Affirmative Approach*  
 Manabi Bandyopadhyay (KWC-Kolkata): *Transgender - An Untouchable Community in Indian Milieu*

**Tea Break :** 11.15 am – 11.30 am

#### Session V : 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Theme:** *Educational Development and Equity*  
**Chairperson:** Dhruva Pratim Sharma  
**Speakers:** Y. Josephine (NIEPA-Retd.): *Equity Driven Financial Reforms for School Education Development in NE states of India*  
 Malish C.M. (CPRHE-NIEPA): *Classroom as a site of Exclusion in Massified Higher Education in India*  
 S. Haripriya (IIAS-Shimla): *Just add North East and Stir: Brewing Knowledge in University*

**Lunch Break:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

#### Session VI: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Theme :** *Equity Issues Pertaining to Development*  
**Chairperson:** Madhurima Goswami  
**Speakers:** K. Jose (Sanskriti-Gwt): *Equity – A Crucial Debate in the Context of Socio-Economic Development in India*  
 Ch. Priyoranjan Singh (MU) : *Institutional Impediments to Equity: Developmental Divide in the Hills and Valley of Manipur*  
 Runumi Das (TU): *Social Marketing: A Tool to Seek Equity with Reference to NE*  
 Vinod Arya (CUP): *Equity of Access to Public Health Care Services in NE India : A Human Rights' Perspective*

**Valedictory:** 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm