



**International Seminar  
On  
Indigenous Languages and Culture : It's Preservation and  
Dissemination  
Organised by  
Centre for Languages and Cultural Studies, Gauhati University  
21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018.**

**About the Seminar:-**

Darwinian 'Survival of the fittest' seems to be applicable not only to individuals, but also to cultures, languages and traditions, as is evident from the prevailing condition of indigenous languages which seem to be losing battle in the face of urbanisation and globalisation. With the advent of industrialisation, technological advancement poses a threat to the indigenous languages which mostly relied on oral tradition for the propagation of culture and which also acted as a carrier of their heritage.

Language to a culture and group is as unique as fingerprints to an individual- they are the sole propellers of the records of changing eras- narrowing down to small tribes, population, their ethnicity and their very identity. Preservation of such language and tradition lays the foundation for construction a future not exclusive of filtered or prioritised particular groups gaining acknowledgement but even the most underdeveloped tribes and races as befits the Indian ethos of unit in diversity, toleration and accommodation, and inclusive growth.

## **Objectives and Relevance :-**

Aiming at safeguarding the unique practices and interests of the almost extinct linguistic groups, this seminar attempts to provide a platform and bring together intellectuals from myriad disciplines and specialities in an endeavour towards discussing and introspecting the underlying issues faced by the endangered languages and cultures and the feasible measures to protect and preserve them for posterity, thus hoping to keep the distinct identities alive and cherish the inherent differences. A pertinent motive of the seminar would be to draw out workable solutions to the above mentioned problems and suggest them to various Government and non-Government bodies and organisations to bring about changes both in the grass root and at the planning levels, thus making the seminar success in a holistic sense.

## **Sub themes:-**

Abstracts for paper presentation are requested centering around, but not strictly restricted to the main theme ‘Indigenous language and culture : **‘It’s Preservation and Dissemination’** and the sub themes :

- 1. Contemporary discourse on indigenous language and culture .**
- 2. Colonial and post colonial influence on language and culture.**
- 3. Oral and documented aspects of language and culture.**
- 4. Role of translation, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research and its contribution.**
- 5. Indigenous identity : Subculture within a culture.**
- 6. Violence, Migration, Displacement and their historical linkages to language and culture.**
- 7. Role of Mass Media and Communication Technology in preservation and dissemination of indigenous language and culture.**

**8. Role of Government and Non Government institutions, agencies and organisations etc. in preservation and dissemination of indigenous language and culture.**

**1. Last date for submission of abstract : 25.08.2018**

**2. E-mail : (a) seminarilcpdgu@gmail.com**

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**3. Medium of abstract : English, Assamese.**

**4. Word limit : Maximum 300 words**

**5. Font size and style : 12 point for the abstract and title in 14 point in Times New Roman with 1.5 line alignment.**

**For Assamese language – Geetanjali.**

**6. Format : MS Word**

**7. Intimation of abstract acceptance by : 27.08.2018**

**The selected seminar papers would be published in book form with ISBN number after peer review.**

**8. Registration Fee (inclusive of kit and meals) :**

(a)(i) Faculties and Participants from India -  
PresenterRs.3000/-  
(Accompanying person-Rs.2000/-)

(ii) Facultiesfrom Foreign Countries \$ 120/-  
(Accompanying  
Person-\$ 100/-)

(b)(i) Research Scholars from India- Rs. 2500/- .

(ii) Research Scholars From Foreign Countries - \$  
100/-

**9. Mode of Payment:(1) Deposit in Account – SBI Gauhati  
University Branch**

**Account Number 37613323490**

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**(2) Deposit in form of Demand Draft/Multicity Cheque in favour of  
Director I/C, Centre for Languages and  
Cultural Studies, Gauhati  
University.**

**Upon submission of the fees, the participants with their status as faculty,  
research scholar etc., are requested to intimate by e-mail with  
cheque/DD Number, Date, Issuing Bank, Amount.**

**10. Last date of Registration : 05:09:2018.**

**For any further query kindly contact :**

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**N.B.(i) Due to paucity offunds, only the Chairpersons will be given travelling allowances.**

**(ii) Outstate participants are requested to contact before 05/09/2018 to facilitate accommodation.**

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