

About the College

Established in 1964, Lala Rural College is a provincialized institution located in the town of Lala, in Hailakandi district, Assam. Set in a semi-urban ambience that offers a unique blend of urban and countryside features the college is affiliated with Assam University (a Central University) and holds NAAC accreditation with B grade. It offers Higher Secondary and Degree programmes in Arts and Commerce. The college serves a diverse population including tea labourers, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, emerging as a centre of learning for first-generation learners. With dedicated academic infrastructure, a community hall and an expanding library the institution continues to upgrade its facilities to meet contemporary academic needs.

The vision of the college is to develop it into a dynamic skill-based institution fostering scientific temper, employability and ethical values through practical learning, innovation and professional competence. Our mission is to build confidence, originality of thought and responsible citizenship among students by empowering them through education.

Committed to academic excellence and holistic development, Lala Rural College warmly welcomes scholars, researchers and academicians to participate and contribute to its intellectual environment through this seminar.

About ICSSR-NERC, SHILLONG

The Indian Council of Social Science Research – North Eastern Regional Centre (ICSSR-NERC), Shillong, is dedicated to promoting and strengthening high-quality research in the social sciences across the Northeast region of India. The Centre supports scholars, institutions and academic initiatives that contribute to a deeper understanding of the socio-cultural, economic and political realities of Northeast India. Through its research programmes, capacity-building activities, seminars and publications, ICSSR-NERC plays a vital role in nurturing a robust research ecosystem in the region. Its sponsorship of this seminar lends national relevance, credibility and academic enrichment to the event.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

1. Prof. Rajive Mohan Pant, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Assam University, Silchar (Chief Patron)
2. Mr. Dipak Kanti Aich, President, G.B., Lala Rural College, Lala (Patron)
3. Dr. Himabrata Chakravarty, Principal, Lala Rural College, Lala (Patron)
4. Dr. Ng. Dayamay Singha, Coordinator, IQAC, Lala Rural College, Lala
5. Dr. Manas Sinha, Convenor
6. Ms. Anamika Khersa, Joint Convenor



ICSSR-NERC sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on Narratives of Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation: Language, Culture and Development in Northeast India

(Hybrid Mode)

Date: 27 – 28 January, 2026

Venue: Lala Rural College, Lala



Organised by
Department of English,
Lala Rural College, Lala



INVITATION

The Department of English, Lala Rural College, Lala, warmly invites academicians, researchers and students to participate in the Two-day National Seminar on "Narratives of Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation: Language, Culture and Development in Northeast India", sponsored by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong to be held on 27th and 28th January, 2026 at Lala Rural College, Lala.

We welcome scholarly contributions from Humanities, Social Science and Commerce that enrich discussions on indigenous knowledge and regional development. Your participation will greatly enhance the seminar.

Dr. Manas Sinha

Convenor

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Ms Anamika Khera

Joint Convenor

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Northeast India, known for its ecological and cultural diversity, holds rich indigenous knowledge systems shaped by generations of interaction with nature and community life. These include herbal healing, sustainable agriculture, crafts, oral traditions and ecological wisdom, yet they remain underdocumented within the Indian Knowledge System (IKS). The Two-day National Seminar on "Narratives of Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation: Language, Culture and Development in Northeast India" aims to highlight these traditions and their importance in Contemporary debates on knowledge and sustainable development. With rapid modernisation and the continued colonial trend of marginalisation of non-Western philosophy, preserving these practices is increasingly urgent.

Providing an interdisciplinary platform, the seminar explores how language, culture, identity and community innovation shape indigenous knowledge in the region. It brings together scholars, practitioners and community representatives, aligning with NEP 2020, UNDRIP and the SDGs to promote decolonised and inclusive development.

Theme of the Seminar

Narratives of Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation: Language, Culture and Development in Northeast India

Sub-themes

(All sub-themes focus on Indigenous Knowledge and Innovation in Northeast India)

1. Historical Trajectories of Indigenous Knowledge Systems
2. Indigenous Autonomy, Political Representation and Governance
3. Economic Practices, Livelihoods and Community-based Innovation
4. Business, Entrepreneurship and Indigenous Economic Models
5. Indigenous Literatures, Oral Traditions and Folklore as Knowledge Repositories
6. Language Preservation, Revitalisation and Cultural Identity
7. Women and Knowledge Transmission in Indigenous Communities
8. Decolonising Knowledge and Reclaiming Indigenous Epistemologies
9. Integrating Indigenous Knowledge into NEP 2020 Frameworks
10. Digital Documentation and Preservation of Indigenous Knowledge

Note: Papers on any other topic aligned with the main theme are welcome.

CALL FOR PAPERS Guidelines for Paper Contributors

- Word limit for Abstract: 200-250 words including five keywords
- Minimum Word limit for Full Paper: 2500 words (excluding references)
- Abstract and Full paper are to be sent in MS word document
- Citation in Full paper Citation : as per latest edition of MLA/APA
- Font style should be in (English) : Times New Roman (12 size)
- Line Spacing :1.5
- Papers can be presented in English, Bengali & Manipuri

IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date for Abstract submission: 20/01/2026
- Last date for Registration: 24/01/2026
- Full Paper Submission: Latest by 25 January, 2026

**Submission of Abstract & Full Paper at
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Selected papers may be considered for publication in an ISBN volume or an ISSN journal, subject to review.

The seminar will follow a hybrid format, enabling both offline and online participation.

Registration: Online Mode
Registration Link: [click here](https://forms.gle/11Eqx1ND1xqx31iG8)

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Registration Details

- Faculty / Academics: Rs. 1200/-
- Research Scholars/Students: Rs. 800/-

Fee Structure

- Payment Mode: UPI / Online/QR Code

Account Details:

- Account Holder name: Lala Rural College Fund
- A/C no.: 0040010100891
- IFSC: PUNB0004020
- Punjab National Bank, Lala (Hailakandi), Assam - 788163

**Note: Upload a payment receipt (screenshot) during the online registration process
No offline registration will be accepted.**



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