

2003 (Annexure-4) under appendix C, Sl. No.1). CBS at present is working on three research areas, a. Bodo Language and Literature, b. Bodo Culture and Society and c. Bodo Antiquity and has the vision to expand its horizon in near future.

Invitation

The Organizing committee invites Papers from faculties, students, Research scholars, Academicians etc covering the following sub themes:

Sub-Themes

- The Bodo Elements in the Toponymy of the Geography of Northern India (Author may choose any of the States or Region of Northern India as the area of study)
- Bodo Toponyms in the Geography of North-East India.
- Bodo Toponyms in the Geography of Bengal, Bihar, Nepal and Bhutan.
- Bodo Toponymy in the context of Cultural Heritage from the Historical Perspectives
- Folklore as a source of Bodo Toponyms
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- Vedic and Puranic Literatures and Bodo Toponyms
- Traditional knowledge of Bodo Community as a source of Bodo Toponyms

- Notes of the Greek and European Travellers and Bodo Toponyms
- Ancient Buddhist Literatures and Bodo Toponyms

Guidelines for submission of ABSTRACT :

The ABSTRACT should not be more than 250 words neatly typed on A4 size paper in MS Word format. For writing abstracts and full paper, Times New Roman and 12 font sizes with 1.5 spacing may be used. The paper can be submitted in English, Bodo, and Assamese Language.

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NATIONAL SEMINAR ON



The Bodo Elements in Indian Toponymy: In Search of Glory in the Mainstream Civilization of India (Bharat Varsh)



JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY:
CENTRE FOR BODO STUDIES,
BODOLAND UNIVERSITY

&
BODO SAHITYA SABHA
KOKRAJHAR (BTR), ASSAM-783370

DATE : 31- 08-24 & 01-09-24

VENUE : SUNITI KR. CHATTERJEE HALL
BODOLAND UNIVERSITY

Important dates:

Date of the Seminar: 31.8.24 & 01.09.24

Paper presentation and technical session : 31.8.24

Special programme for the elderly Bodo writers, scholars, academicians, thinkers and other resourceful personalities of the society : 01.09.24

Date for Submission of ABSTRACT: 31.7.2024

Abstract acceptance notification: 3.8.2024

Submission of Full Seminar paper : 15.8. 2024

Last date of submission of full paper : 25.08.2024

Online Registration dates : 5.8.2024 to 8.8.2024

Registration Link ::

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Contact No : 8133974616, 8761967282

NB : Detail programmes will be prepared and served only after obtaining consents from the dignitaries participants.

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Registration fee details:

Registration fee:

Faculty/Academicians/other professional: Rs. 1000/-

Research Scholar: Rs. 800/-

Bodo writers: Rs. 350/-

Students: Rs. 300/-

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About the Seminar

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relations of the Bodo people with mainstream Indians. The theme focuses on the Toponymy of the Bodo tribe as a window into the cultural heritage of Bodos and its influence in the mainstream civilization of India (Bharat Varsh). The theme emphasizes the need for systematic research in this field to document and preserve the rich heritage encoded in Bodo place names. The seminar will be held in two days: on 31/08/24 technical session and paper presentation.

On the second day (01/09/24) a special programme for the Elderly Bodo Writers, Scholars, Academicians, Thinkers and other resourceful personalities of the society will be convened with noble objectives of accumulation of valuable information on the subject.

A brief about CBS :

The Centre for Bodo Studies is based on the concept of Multi and Inter disciplinary approaches. It believes that, unilateral approach is quite insufficient to unfold the hidden truth, and Multi and Interdisciplinary approach is far better as a method of research works.

The Centre for Bodo Studies (CBS) has started functioning in 2014 as an out-come of the Memorandum of settlement of the Bodo Accord,

CONCEPT NOTE OF THE SEMINAR

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Theme: The Bodo Elements in Indian Toponymy: In Search of Glory in the Mainstream Civilization of India (Bharat Varsh).

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INVITATION

The undersigned have the pleasure to inform you that the Centre for Bodo Studies, Bodoland University was instituted in the year 2014 on the basis of the Memorandum of Settlement of the Bodo Accord, 2003 as maintained in the Annexure- IV, Appendix C, Sl. No.-1. In the initial stage, the Centre has been attached to Bodoland University and it will remain as the Centre for research activities affiliated to Bodoland University till it fulfills the basic conditions of a full-fledged independent Research Institution/Centre as per government rules. Now the Centre has become a part of the University structurally and functionally with substantial autonomy.

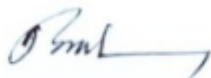
The vision of the Centre for Bodo Studies is to protect and preserve the endangered Bodo culture, society, language, literature, customs, traditions, and social practices and take appropriate measures for the promotion and development of the same under the provisions available in Indian constitution. The Bodo people have occupied a glorious space in the history of the mainstream culture and civilization of India for thousands of years since the time of the Ramayana and the Mahabharata. Their glorious history is in oblivion due to misrepresentation by some section of writers and scholars of the 20th Century in disfigured and horrible manners that are far away from the truth and authenticity. Therefore, another vision of the Centre for Bodo Studies is the reconstruction the Bodo Antiquity in an actual form adopting all scientific methods, (Multi and Interdisciplinary approaches) as required.

Guided by the spirit of the Bodoland Accord, 2003, the Centre for Bodo Studies has adopted a realistic approach and decided to organize a National Seminar on "**THE BODO ELEMENTS IN INDIAN TOPONYMY: IN SEARCH OF GLORY IN THE MAINSTREAM CIVILIZATION OF INDIA (BHARAT VARSH)**" to be held on **31-08-2024** and **01-09-2024** at the premises of Dr. Suniti Kr. Chatterjee Hall, Bodoland University.

As per information circulated in the Brochure of seminar / as per consent accorded by you, the Centre for Bodo Studies has the honour to invite you to attend the said National Seminar at the time and venue stated in the Programme.

Thanking you,

With warm regards,



Dr. Binoy Kumar Brahma, Director,
Centre for Bodo Studies, BU
President



Dr. Surath Narzary, President,
Bodo Sahitya Sabha,
Adviser



Dr. Sudev Chandra Basumatary,
Member Secretary, Study Committee,
Centre for Bodo Studies, BU
Convenor



Mr. Nilkanta Goyary, Secretary,
Bodo Sahitya Sabha,
Joint Convenor

Organizing Committee, National Seminar
Centre for Bodo Studies,
Bodoland University.

DAY- I

31/08/2024: Saturday

PROGRAMME

8:00 A.M.: Inaugural Function

- Welcome Address
- Felicitation of Invited Guests.
- Lighting of Lamp by Dr. Surath Narzary, President, Bodo Sahitya Sabha, Kokrajhar.
- Homage to Dr. Suniti Kumar Chatterjee, Padma Bhushan (1955) and Padma Vibhushan (1963), by Prof. Babulal Ahuja, Hon`ble V.C., Bodoland University.
- Homage to Bodofa Upendranath Brahma, the “**Father of the Bodos**” by Hon`ble Chief Guest Sjt. Pramod Boro, Chief Executive Member, Bodoland Territorial Region, Kokrajhar.
- Inauguration of the Seminar by Prof. Babulal Ahuja, Hon`ble Vice-Chancellor, Bodoland University.
- Inauguration of “**BURKHANG**” the Quarterly Interdisciplinary Multi-Lingual Peer Reviewed Journal published by Centre for Bodo Studies, B.U., by– Dr. Sekhar Brahma, Former Registrar, Bodoland University.
- Vote of thanks.

8.40- 9-10 A.M.: Breakfast

9.30 A.M.: Inauguration of Technical Session:

- Speech from the invited Resource Person, **Prof. Swarna Prabha Chainary** Head of the Dept. Bodo, Gauhati University.
- Speech from the invited Resource Person, **Dr. Aleendra Brahma**, Lecturer cum Junior Research Officer, Central Institute of Indian Languages, Govt. of India, Mysore.

11.30 A.M. - 1:30 PM: **Technical Session: 1**

Technical Session: 2

1.30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.: **Lunch Break**

2.00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.: **Technical Session: 3**

Technical Session: 4

4.10 P.M.: **Valedictory Function:**

DAY- II

01-09-2024 (Sunday)

Special Programme for Elderly Bodo writers, Scholars, Academicians, Thinkers and Resourceful Persons of the Society:

PROGRAMME:

INAUGURAL FUNCTION: 8.00 A.M.:

- Welcome Address
- Felicitation of the Invited Guests.
- Lighting of Lamp by Sjt. Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
- Floral tribute to Maharaja Barthu (Prithu), A Bodo King of Ancient Kamrupa from Bodo House, by Prof. Babulal Ahuja, Hon'ble V.C., Bodoland University.
- Felicitation to Dr. Raktim Patar, Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the author of "*MAHARAJA PRITHU: THE UNSUNG WARRIOR KING WHO ANNIHILATED BAKHTIYAR KHALJI*" the King of Ancient Kamrupa from the Bodo House.
- Inauguration of the Special Program for the Elderly Bodo Writers, Scholars, Academicians, Thinkers and other Resourceful Personalities of the Society by: Sjt. Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, Dispur.
- Speech from the Hon'ble Chief Guest Sjt. Urkhao Gwra Brahma, Cabinet Minister, Govt. of Assam.
- Vote of Thanks.

9.00- 9.30 A.M: Breakfast

9.30 A.M.: Inauguration of Plenary Session – I

- Inaugural speech by invited Resource Person Dr. Raktim Patar, Associate Professor, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University and the author of "*MAHARAJA PRITHU: THE UNSUNG WARRIOR KING WHO ANNIHILATED BAKHTIYAR KHALJI*" the King of Ancient Kamrupa from the Bodo House.

Topic: "The Bodo Elements in Indian Toponymy: In Search of Glory in the Mainstream Civilization of India (Bharat Varsh)"

INVITED MEMBERS OF THE PENAL DISCUSSION:

1. Dr. Surath Narzary, President Bodo Sahitya Sabha.
2. Sri Janak Lal Basumatary, Retired IRS, Govt. of India.
3. Sjt. Bidyasagar Narzary, Retired Indian Information Service, Govt. of India.
4. Dr. Adaram Basumatary, Principal, Girls College, Kokrajhar.
5. Dr. Premananda Mashahary, Retired Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Thong Nokbe College, Karbi Anglong.
6. Dr. Hiracharan Narjinary, Renowned Bodo Historian.
7. Dr. Luke Daimari, Principal, Udalguri College, Udalguri.
8. Prof. P. K. Patra, Professor, Dept. of English & Dean of Languages, Bodoland University.
9. Dr. Sekhar Brahma, Former, Registrar, Bodoland University.
10. Dr. Dinanath Basumatary, Former Director, College & University Development Council, B.U.

1.00 P.M. - 2.00 P.M.: Lunch Break

2.00 P.M - 4.00 P.M.: Plenary Session- 2

4.00 P.M.: Valedictory Function:
