



**NATIONAL SEMINAR**

(हायुञ्जरि सावराइमेल)

ON

**TRIBAL LITERATURE: IN THE QUEST OF TRIBAL  
ENTITY, NE INDIA**

থাগিবি (ট্রাইবেল) খুনলাই: সা-সান্জা ভারতনি থাগিবিফোরনি  
থামোন্থাই নাগিরনায়

Organized by: Department of Bodo, Bodoland University in  
collaboration with Department of Bodo & IQAC Janata College,  
Serfanguri, Kokrajhar, BTR (Assam) India.

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

Venue: Department of Bodo, Bodoland University

### Concept Note

A group of people who live and work together in a shared geographical area is called 'tribe.' The people of Bodo Group are also regarded as a tribal in India. They are the indigenous dwellers in north east India. Linguistically, Bodo language has developed from Tibeto-Burman branch of Sino-Tibetan language family. Its cognate languages are Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa, Kok-Borok. They have rich cultural heritage, oral traditions, Customs, Language, Literature, Identity, Indigenous Knowledge Systems and etc. These languages are spoken in the northeastern region of India, particularly in the states like Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

It is noted that, every community has their own life style, literature, culture and philosophy, which is the means for its sustenance, wellbeing and success. It is also well known that tribal community have unique cultural traits and philosophical view of their world. Tribal Literature is made up of the tribal community's folklore, oral traditions, and poems. It has been mainly oral for thousands of years. Tribal literature produced in hundreds of indigenous languages. It is often performed at special occasions like birth, death, and ritual. Tribal Literature not only preserves the history, culture and identity of the Tribal community but also giving voice to marginalized communities, empower the individual and communities to assert their rights, resist oppression, and advocate for social justice and helps to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of tribal traditions, indigenous knowledge systems and cultures, fostering empathy and respect for diverse perspectives.



The two days National Seminar seeks to invite papers from Faculty, Research Scholars, Independent Researchers, Students, and other interested professionals in the following areas to deliberate upon the following sub-themes:

#### **Sub-Themes:**

- Women participation and their status in the creative Tribal literature of Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa and Kok-Borok.
- Folklore and Folk Literature of Tribal Society of Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa and Kok-Borok.
- Culture, Traditions and customs of Tribal People of North East India of Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa and Kok-Borok.
- Scopes of the study of Tribal Literature of Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa and Kok-Borok.
- Comparative study of Tribal Language, Culture, Literature, Folklore and Folk Literature, Customs, Traditional Knowledge Systems of Bodo, Garo, Rabha, Tiwa, Dimasa and Kok-Borok.

#### **Abstract Submission guidelines:**

- Abstract can be in English, Bodo, Assamese.
- Abstract should not exceed 350 words with title and keywords. The full paper must be below 3000 words.
- Font should be *Times New Roman, Mangal, Nirmala UT*
- Registration Date: 29/04/2025
- Registration Time: 9:00 AM
- Medium of Presentation: Bodo, English and Assamese
- Deadlines for Abstract Submission: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025
- Deadlines of Submission for Full Paper: April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Registration Fees: With paper 2,000/-  
Without paper 500/-**

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(N.B.: No accommodation will be arranged for participation)