ABOUT THE COLLEGE:
Sankardev College was founded on 2nd September, 1962. It caters to the higher educational needs of students from the urban, suburban and rural areas and also caters specially to students from educationally weaker sections. The college is affiliated to North Eastern Hill University for graduate courses in Arts and Science Stream. The college has been recently reaccredited with the NAAC, Bangalore in 2016. Having completed its journey of 57 years Sankardev College continues to strive towards attaining academic excellence and to make education a tool for social change and betterment of the society.

ACCOMODATION:
Accommodation will be provided for outstation delegates on prior request. Limited accommodation facilities are available and the same shall be allotted to delegates on a first come first serve basis.

HOW TO REACH SHILLONG:
The nearest airport Umroi is about 30 Kms away from the city and nearest railway station Guwahati which is about 100 km from Shillong. Shillong may be reached by road from Guwahati. Taxis and buses are available from Paltan Bazar, Guwahati which is just behind the railway station.
INVITATION

The Department of languages (Assamese, Bengali, Khasi, Garo, Nepali & Hindi) cordially invite you to participate in the 2-day National Seminar on ‘Cultural and Linguistic studies in Northeast India: Prospects and Challenges’ to be held on 30th and 31st October, 2019 at the Sankardev College Conference Hall, Shillong.

About the Seminar

North Eastern States consist of different social groups with diverse cultures. The unity in diversity has been guiding the road map of Indian culture which can be seen in this far flung enchanting part of India in customary practices, folk songs and dances, food habits and forest life, manuscripts and folk literature etc. The people of North Eastern India inhabit a multi-ethnic, multi-linguistic and multi-religious society. They basically belong to three main language groups: Indo-Aryan, Austro-Asiatic and Tibeto-Burman. With the passage of time, hybrid culture is also evolving due to cultural assimilation of different ethno-cultural groups under various socio-political economic systems. But North Eastern region has been facing challenges as its copes with pressure emanating from its ethnic diversity culture. The special focus in discussion of the seminar will be the present status and challenge to study the culture and languages of the north eastern region in a holistic ways.

THEME:
Cultural and Linguistic studies in Northeast India: Prospects and Challenges.

CALL FOR PAPER:
Papers are invited from scholars, academicians, professionals, social workers and all stakeholders of society on the theme of the seminar. However, the sub-themes mentioned below are only illustrative in nature and may include any paper covering the main theme of the seminar.

SUB-THEME OF THE SEMINAR:
- Folklore and Folktales in North-East India.
- Language groups and speech communities of North-East India.
- Cultural Identity of the Tribes of the North-east India.
- Traditional knowledge system in the North-east India.
- Customary law and practices in North-east India.
- Religious diversity of North-east India.
- Socio-political and cultural movements of North-east India.
- Any other relevant subject(s) falling under the main theme.

GUIDELINES FOR PAPER CONTRIBUTORS:
- Papers should be original and authentic and be exclusively prepared for this Seminar. Duration of time for oral presentation shall be restricted to 15 minutes including discussion for 5 minutes.
- The participants will be allowed to present Seminar paper in English or in Assamese, Khasi, Bengali and Garo. But abstract should be submitted in English only.
- The abstract of the paper should be within 200 words and full papers must be limited to 2500 words (in MS word, Times Roman with 1.5 space) addressed to The Convener, National Seminar, Sankardev College, Shillong, 793004 and can be mailed to seminarskdc@gmail.com
- The registration fee to be paid either through demand draft in favour of ‘Principal, Sankardev College, Bishnupur, Shillong payable at SBI, Kenches Trace Branch, Shillong(07703)’ or in cash at the time of registration.

REGISTRATION:
- Participation with full paper INR 700/- (for students & research scholars) & INR 1000/- for others.
- Participation without paper INR 500/- (for all)

KEY DATES:
Last date of abstract: 18th October
Last date of submission full paper: 25th October
Timing of the Seminar: 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

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