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on



Social Lives of Infrastructure in Northeast India: Navigating Diversity, Connectivity and Resilience

27th & 28th February 2025

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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Department of Sociology
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Registration: 9:30AM-10:00 AM

INAUGURAL SESSION

Date : 27th February 2025

Time : 10:00 AM – 11:00AM

Venue : Conference Hall, Department of Sociology, Lumami

Chairperson: [Prof. Temjensosang](#)
Director, Research and Development Cell
Nagaland University

Order of Programme

Welcome Address : [Prof. Athungo Oving](#)
Head, Department Sociology
Nagaland University

Felicitation :

Address by Chief Patron : [Prof. Jagadish K. Patnaik](#)
Vice-Chancellor
Nagaland University

Special Number : M.A 2nd Semester

Keynote Address : [Prof. Amarjeet Singh](#)
Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Vote of Thanks : [Dr. Suraj Beri](#)
Organizing Secretary

Photo Session with the Guests and Delegates

High Tea: 11:00AM to 11:15AM

DAY-1: 27th February 2025

PLENARY SESSION

Time : 11:15AM – 12:45PM

Venue : Conference Hall, Department of Sociology

Chairperson : **Prof. Toshimenla Jamir**
Department of Sociology, NU

Rapporteur : **Poushali Goswami**
Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Plenary Speakers:

1. **Time** : 11:20AM – 11:40AM
Name : **Prof. Virginius Xaxa**
Institute for Human Development, New Delhi
Title : *Infrastructure as Development: An Inquiry into its Place in Social Lives Northeastern India*
2. **Time** : 11:40AM – 12:00NOON
Name : **Prof. Komol Singha**
CESP, JNU, New Delhi
Title : *Soft Infrastructure and Development in Traditional Society: Examining the Northeast Experiences*
3. **Time** : 12:00PM – 12:20PM
Name : **Dr. Raile Rocky Ziipao**
Dept of HSS, IIT- Bombay
Title : *Researching Infrastructure in Frontier: Revisiting the Methodological Interplay in Borderlands*
4. **Time** : 12:20PM – 12:40PM
Name : **Dr. Roluahpuia**
Dept of HSS, IIT- Roorkee
Title : *The Dam that Failed: capital, community, and hydro-social infrastructure in northeast India*

Chairperson's Remarks : 12:40PM-12:45PM

Lunch Break: 12:45PM- 01:30PM

TECHNICAL SESSION-I

“Infrastructure, Community Lives, Livelihood”

Time : 1:30PM – 2:45PM

Venue : Conference Hall, Department of Sociology

Chairperson : Prof. Amarjeet Singh

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Rapporteur : Pinky Basumatary, Research Scholar, Dept. of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Prof. Sangyu Yaden,</i> <i>Imtiwabangla,</i> <i>Sashikokla Jamir</i> PhD Scholars, Dept. of Geography, NU	Community Participation in Forest Management - A Comparative Study of Aliba and Mongsenyimti Villages
2.	<i>Teisozelhou</i> PhD Research Scholar Department of Law, NU	Exploring the Intersection of Law, Policy, and Social Justice in Infrastructure Development
3.	<i>Dr. Limasenla Jamir</i> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, FAC	Integrating Indigenous Practices into Building Houses: Case Study of Mokokchung and Ungma Village
4.	<i>Dr. Dominic K. Khanyo</i> Principal Eastern Christian College	The Prospects and Limitations of the Participatory Role of Community-Based Institutions in Governance and Infrastructure Development
5.	Dr. Pratisha Borborah Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology Cotton University, Guwahati	Traveling with Goods: Mobility and Vulnerability of Female Vendors in Public Transports in Guwahati
6.	<i>Dr. Jyoti Das,</i> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Cotton University	Infrastructure Development and Displacement: A Case Study of Silsako Beel in Guwahati City

Tea Break: 2:45PM - 3:00PM

TECHNICAL SESSION-II

“Developmental Infrastructure”

Time : 3:00 PM– 3:45PM

Venue : Conference Hall, Department of Sociology

Chairperson : [Dr. Likhase Sangtam](#),

Associate Professor, Dept. of Political Science, NU

Rapporteur : [Rohindra Saikia](#)

Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Dr. Sangay Tamang</i> Assistant Professor Dept of HSS, IIT(ISM) Dhanbad	Infrastructure as Panacea or Penance? Rethinking the Idea of “Development” in the Eastern Himalayas
2.	<i>Shivangi Rajkhowa</i> PhD Scholar, CSSS, JNU	Healthcare on the Move: The Role of Mobile Boat Clinics in Serving the Marginalized Char Communities of Assam
3.	<i>Dr. Priyanka Das</i> Assistant Professor Dept. of English, Presidency University, Kolkata	Streaming Northeast India: Spatial Politics, Infrastructural Realities, and the OTT Gaze
4.	<i>Dr. T. Longkoi</i> <i>Khiamniungan</i> Faculty, Dept. of Sociology, Central University of Haryana; <i>Dr. Sunil Babu</i> , Faculty, Delhi School of Economics	Development and Social Inequality: Recognition and Redistribution Debate Between Nagaland and Eastern Nagaland
5.	<i>Dr. Rukmani Sharma</i> , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Ghoshpukur College	Navigating Power and Space: Organizational Culture in Maternity Ward

TECHNICAL SESSION-II

“Developmental Infrastructure”

Time : 3:00 PM– 3:45PM

Venue : Lecture Hall-II, Department of Sociology

Chairperson : [Prof. Temjensosang](#)

Director RDC, Dept. of Sociology, NU

Rapporteur : [Lemya Konyak](#)

Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Dr. Jagritee Ghosh</i> Assistant Professor Dept. of Sociology PDUAM Tulungia	Tulungia Haat and Tulungia Flyover: A Sociological Analysis in Bongaigaon District, Assam
2.	<i>Kathangaipou Pamei</i> PhD Scholar, Birtikendrajit University, Manipur	Cultural Representation and Symbolism of Infrastructure in Rongmei Traditional Society, Especially Focus on Noney District, Manipur
3.	<i>Pamjakhombi Nongmaithem</i> PhD Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, Tezpur University	Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Conditions of the Lois: A Case Study of Phayeng Village, Manipur
4.	<i>Nisha Kujur</i> PhD Scholar, Dept. of Sociology, North Bengal University	Beyond the Leaves: The Hidden Infrastructure Crisis of North Bengal
5.	<i>Dr. Annu Yudik</i> Assistant Professor Dept. of Sociology, Arunachal University of Studies	The Risk and Resistance of Lower Subansiri Hydro-Electric Power Project in Assam

DAY-2: 28th February 2025

TECHNICAL SESSION-III

“Infrastructure, Development and Governance”

Time : 10:00AM – 11:30AM

Venue : Department of Sociology

Chairperson : [Dr. Raile Rocky Ziipao](#),
Dept. of HSS, IIT-Bombay

Rapporteur : [Asha Saikia](#)
Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Viliebeinuo Medom</i> Assistant Professor Kohima Science College	Ethnography of Roads: A Conceptual Review to Understand Infrastructural Development in Nagaland
2.	Kapil Kodak, PhD Scholar, Dept of Law, NU	Role of Environmental Legislation in Strengthening Community Resilience in North-East India
3.	<i>Ms. Sonia Nath</i> PhD Scholar, Dept. of Law, NU <i>Dr. Rumi Dhar</i> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Law, NU	Data Governance and Digital Infrastructure
4.	<i>Dr. Wapangsunгла Longkumer</i> Guest Faculty, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Communication, NU	Challenges and Opportunities in Digital Payments: A Study of Street Vendors in Kohima
5.	<i>Nayanmoni Dewraja</i> PhD Scholar, Cotton University	The Importance of Digital Literacy in the Age of Digitalization: A Comprehensive Study Among Vulnerable Populations in Assam
6.	<i>Aditya Raj Kanaujia</i> PhD Scholar, Sikkim University	Digital Infrastructure as a Tool of Regional Integration: Analyzing Cross-Border Data Governance in Northeast India

Tea Break: 11:30AM - 11:45AM

TECHNICAL SESSION-IV

“Health, Gender and Infrastructure”

Time : 11:45AM – 1:15PM

Venue : Department of Sociology

Chairperson : Prof. Moamenla Amer
Department of Political Science, NU

Rapporteur : Sentitula Imsong
Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Judith Huidina</i> PhD Scholar, NU Dr. Srikanth Yamsani Assistant Professor, TRC, NU	Healthcare Infrastructure and Health-Seeking Behaviour: A Study on Maram Nagas in Senapati District, Manipur
2.	<i>Lalmangaihi Chhakchhuak</i> Assistant Professor Dept. of Sociology Central University of Punjab	Healthcare Infrastructure and Accessibility in Mizoram: A Question of Health Equity
3.	<i>Zujanbeni M Lotha</i> PhD Scholar Dept. of Sociology, NU	Exploring Rural Healthcare Infrastructure Development: A Case Study of Longleng District, Nagaland
4.	<i>Dr. Raihana Azmeera Sultana</i> Assistant Professor <i>Raginee Kashyap, Priyakshi Thakuria, Darshit Kashyap,</i> Dept. of Sociology, USTM	Housewives and Their Daily Hurdles with Kitchen Infrastructure
5.	<i>Murinshi Lily</i> PhD Scholar Graphic Era Deemed to be University, Dehradun	Socio-Cultural Factors: A Hindrance Towards Women’s Progression and Equitable Inclusion in Yimkhiung Naga Society
6.	<i>Talikaba Ao</i> , PhD Scholar <i>Dr. Arjun Das</i> , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication, NU	Media Induced Social Movements in the Age of Digital Communication

Lunch Break: 1.15PM - 2.00PM

TECHNICAL SESSION-V

“Infrastructure, Politics and Transformation”

Time : 2:00PM – 3:15PM
Venue : Department of Sociology
Chairperson : [Prof. Kilangla Jamir](#)
Dept. of Economics, NU
Rapporteur : [Anupam Changmai](#)
Research Scholar, Department of Sociology

Sl.No	Paper Presenters	Title
1.	<i>Ropfuvinio Krose</i> PhD Scholar, NIT Nagaland; <i>Repakaba</i> <i>Tzudir</i> , PhD Scholar, NU; <i>Liangamang Robert</i> , Independent Researcher	‘Nagaki City’: Transforming Village into a City in the Naga Hills
2.	<i>Rahul Mali</i> PhD Scholar. Dept. of Political Science, NU & DC, Zunheboto	Socio-Economic Changes in the Lives of People: A Case of Chakabama -Zunheboto Road NH 702A
3.	<i>Dr. Renbeni Kikon</i> Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, NU	Decoding Rural Transformation in Nagaland: Empirical Insights and Emerging Patterns
4.	<i>Dr. Sentikumla</i> Assistant Professor <i>Kekhrrie Richa</i> Research Scholar, Dept. of Law, NU	Legal and Cultural Factors in Infrastructure Projects: Reflecting on the Foothill Road Project in Nagaland
5.	<i>Philip Takhelchangba</i> PhD Scholar, JNU	Rethinking Village Democracy: Politics, the Political, and Infrastructure in Manipur
6.	<i>Zenith Das</i> PhD Scholar, Sikkim University	Examining the Rural-Urban Education Pipeline in Northeast India

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Patron

Prof. Mithilesh Kumar Sinha

Dean, School of Social Sciences, Nagaland University

Time : 3:30PM - 4:00PM

Venue : Department of Sociology

Chairperson : [Dr. Dipika Paul](#)
Department of Sociology, NU

Order of Programme

Reflection about the seminar : Dr. Sandeep Gupta
Convenor

Feedback from the participants :

Short speech & Distribution of certificates : Patron

Closing Remarks : Dr. Suraj Beri
Organizing Secretary

Photo Session

Followed by light refreshments