

North East Society
Indraprastha College for Women

REPORT

The North East Society of Indraprastha College for Women organised a symposium on 'Language, Literature and Communication in the North East' on 1st November 2019, followed by an open mic session alongside food and handicraft stalls from the region.

The United Nations declared 2019 The Year of Indigenous Languages (IY2019) in order to raise awareness of them, not only to benefit the people who speak these languages, but also for others to appreciate the important contribution they make to our world's rich cultural diversity.

The North East society of Indraprastha College for women commemorated the United Nations year of Indigenous Languages by holding a symposium, chaired by Dr. Nitoo Das.

Dr. Nitoo Das is a birder, caricaturist, and poet. Her PhD from Jawaharlal Nehru University dealt with constructions of the Assamese Identity under British colonialism. Das teaches literature here at Indraprastha College for Women. The resource persons for the symposium were Dr. Hemanga Dutta and Dr. Senganglu Thaimai.

Senganglu Thaimai is an Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Miranda House. She has worked as Research Assistant at Delhi University Research and Development project that involved archiving, transcribing/transliterating and translating of Zeliangrong oral narratives, songs and proverbs, and collection of Rongmei Literature in print. She did her Phd on *The Oral Tradition of the Rongmei People* from the Department of English, University of Delhi under the supervision of Dr. Gautam Chakravarty.

Dr. Hemanga Dutta, an Assistant Professor of Linguistics at EFL University, Hyderabad. He did his M.A. and PhD in Linguistics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He did his Post Doctorate programme at MIT, USA.

More than a hundred and fifty students from various colleges in Delhi University attended the event. Fifteen students participated in the open mic session and performed various songs, dances, poetry and stand-up comedy. Dr. Hemanga Dutta also took the stage and performed a few Assamese songs.

Twenty stalls were put up by the students, these included food stalls from various North Eastern states like Assam, Manipur and Mizoram. Students also put up handicraft stalls. Croydon- The Fine Arts Society put up a stall of paintings and handmade bookmarks.

The Event concluded with a Bihu dance followed by Thabal Chongba. All the students joined in on the folk dances.