

North East Society
Indraprastha College for Women
Report of 2019-2020

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 doctoral studies 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.

Dr. 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.

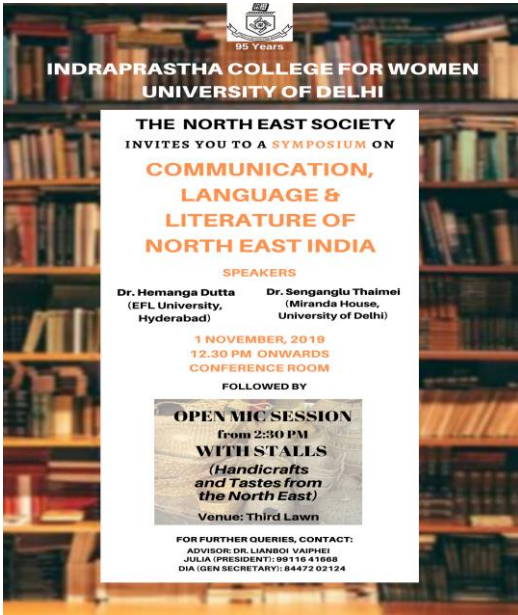
Dr. Hemanga Dutta, an Assistant Professor of Linguistics at EFL University, Hyderabad. He did his M.A. and PhD in Linguistics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He had done his Post Doctorate from MIT, USA.

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

In the North East Food festival had participants from students across different colleges of DU who showcased cuisines and food items from the different North Eastern states of Assam, Manipur and Mizoram and were a big sold out as people enjoyed the flavours from the palette of North East cuisine.

There was also a Handicrafts stall where students also put up handicraft for sale with the other society of the college such as *Croydon- The Fine Arts Society* put up a stall of paintings and handmade bookmarks among other items

The North East Event concluded with a *Bihu* dance from Assam followed by *Thabal Chongba* of Manipur where all the students, teachers and audiences joined and participated together in the merriment successfully; trying to recreate a life of the North East India for the students through this events held by the North East Society of Indraprastha College for Women at University of Delhi thousands of miles away from the region.



Pics of and during the Symposium

North East Food Stalls



North East Cultural Dance



Open Mic Session

