

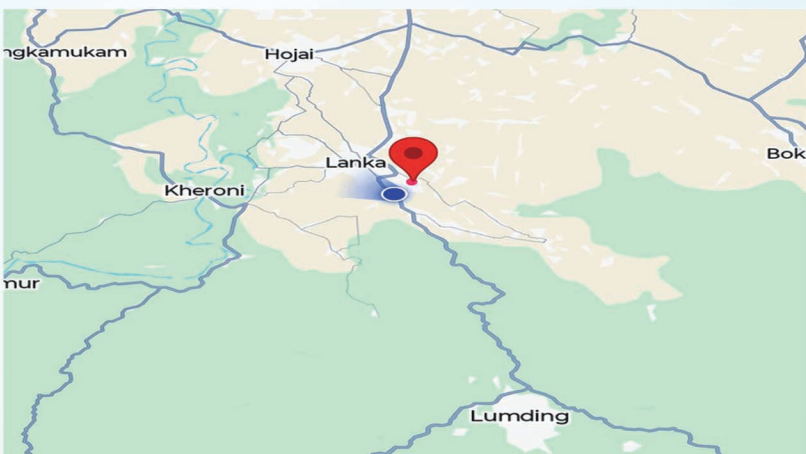
IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS :

Authors/presenters are requested to kindly adhere to the following guidelines:

1. The abstract of the paper should not exceed 300 words.
2. The full-length paper should not exceed 3000 words. Both the abstract and full-length paper must be typed on A4 size paper, in 12-point font, with 1.5 line spacing, using MS Word format.
3. The abstract and full-length paper should be submitted via email to: asbccseminar@gmail.com
4. The last date for submission of abstracts is 30th April, 2026, and the last date for submission of full-length papers is 5th May, 2026.
6. Online presentation of papers will be permitted only for participants whose college/institute/organization is located more than 100 km away from ASBC College.
7. Papers may be written in English or Assamese. For Assamese submissions, both the Abstract and Full Paper must be typed using PageMaker Gitanjali (Ramdhenu) font, size 14, with double-spaced.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

Accommodation facilities may be arranged for outstation participants upon prior request, subject to availability, and on a self-payment basis. No TA/DA (Travel Allowance / Dearness Allowance) will be provided to the participants.



PUBLICATION :

All accepted abstracts will be published in the form of a booklet of abstracts. Full-length papers, after a rigorous peer-review process by an expert committee, will be published in the form of seminar proceedings with an ISBN number.

REGISTRATION:

1. REGISTRATION FEES

- Participation with paper for Academicians, Faculty Members : Rs.1000/-
- Participation with paper for Research Scholars : Rs. 700/-
- Participation without paper : Rs. 500/-
- Student participation : Rs. 300/-

2. MODE OF PAYMENT

Registration fees should be paid through using the following bank account details:

- Bank Name: State Bank of India (SBI), Lanka Branch
- Account Number: 43574744979
- A/C Name: Alhaz Sunai Bibi Choudhury College
- IFSC Code: SBIN0009144

3. REGISTRATION PROCESS

Participants are required to complete their registration by filling out the Google Form using the QR Code provided below



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Sponsored Two Days National Seminar
on

**Ethnic Identity, Autonomy and Democratic
Participation in North East India**

Date: 15th & 16th May, 2026

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Invitation

Sir/Madam,

We are immensely pleased to inform you that a two-day National Seminar on “Ethnic Identity, Autonomy and Democratic Participation in North East India”, sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, is being organized by Alhaz Sunai Bibi Choudhury (ASBC) College, Udali Bazar, in collaboration with North East Nursery and Seeds House, Bordoloi Pathar, Udali, Hojai (Assam) on 15th and 16th May, 2026 at the college premises.

The seminar aims to serve as an important platform for scholarly deliberations on various dimensions of ethnic identity, autonomy movements, and democratic participation in the North East region of India.

Selected papers, after due review by an expert committee constituted for the purpose, will be published in an edited volume with an ISBN number.

We would be honoured by your gracious presence. Your participation, along with that of your esteemed colleagues, will greatly enrich the deliberations. We also invite you to contribute a research paper and help make the seminar a grand success.

We look forward to your kind participation.

With regards,

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ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Alhaz Sunai Bibi Choudhury (ASBC) College, located at Udali Bazar, about 1.5 km from the Udali Bypass in the Hojai district of Assam, is a well-established institution of higher education founded in 1997. Since its inception, the college has been committed to expanding access to quality education, particularly for students from rural, minority, and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.

With a strong emphasis on inclusivity and academic excellence, the institution has emerged as an important centre of learning in the region. The college is affiliated with Rabindranath Tagore University and follows its prescribed academic structure, including curriculum design, evaluation, and examination systems.

The college primarily offers undergraduate programmes in the Arts stream. The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) programme is conducted under the Four-Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP) in alignment with the National Education Policy (NEP), promoting multidisciplinary learning, flexibility, and skill development.

The campus provides a learner-friendly environment with facilities such as a well-stocked library, spacious classrooms, seminar halls, and interactive learning spaces that support academic and co-curricular activities.

THEMATIC RATIONALE:

The dynamics between ethnic identity, autonomy, and democratic participation in North East India are multifaceted and require critical examination. Although autonomy arrangements like the Sixth Schedule, statehood provisions, and autonomous district councils were designed to address ethnic aspirations, their outcomes have been uneven.

While these frameworks have, in certain contexts, facilitated self-governance and conflict management, they have not fully resolved issues of inter-ethnic conflict or ensured inclusive development. At times, ethnic-based political mobilization has enhanced local governance, but it has also intensified competition and fragmentation among communities.

Democratic processes in the region reflect both progress and persistent challenges. High voter participation demonstrates strong democratic engagement, yet structural issues such as insurgency, social exclusion, and limited

representation of marginalized groups continue to constrain democratic deepening.

In this context, the seminar seeks to provide a platform for critical reflection and dialogue. It aims to bring together academicians, researchers, policymakers, civil society representatives, and students to deliberate on how ethnic diversity can be harmonized with democratic principles. The discussions will explore whether existing autonomy models have succeeded in promoting participatory democracy, ensuring social justice, and strengthening regional integration.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Scholars, academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students are invited to submit original and unpublished research papers for the National Seminar on “Ethnic Identity, Autonomy and Democratic Participation in North East India.” The seminar aims to examine the complex interconnections between identity, governance, and democratic processes in the region. It seeks to provide a platform for meaningful academic dialogue and policy-oriented discussions on emerging challenges and opportunities

SUB-THEMES

- Ethnic Identity and the Politics of Recognition
- Ethnic Identity and Nation-Building
- Autonomy and Governance in North East India
- Autonomy and Constitutional Provisions
- Democratic Participation and Representation
- Traditional Institutions and Modern Democracy
- Local Self-Governance and Indigenous Institutions
- Gender, Youth, and Civil Society in Democratic Processes
- Social Participation and Grassroots Democracy
- Ethnicity, Conflict, Peacebuilding, and Development
- Identity, Inclusion, and Marginalization
- Federalism and National Integration
- Role of Civil Society in Inclusive Governance
- Inter-ethnic Relations and Conflict Resolution
- Sixth Schedule and Decentralized Governance
- Autonomy Movements and State Formation
- Any other topic related to the main theme of the seminar