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Press Invite

JMI to organize a seminar on '*Oral Tradition of the Nagas*'

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, Jamia Millia Islamia is organizing a one day national seminar on *Oral Tradition of the Nagas and the Tangible Heritage, the Makhel* on March 24, 2017.

The seminar aims to trace and interrogate the Makhel heritage of the Nagas from the perspective of oral tradition as exists among different Naga tribes.

Of late, the study of oral tradition has gained momentum across scholars particularly in the disciplines of linguistics, history, literature, anthropology, cultural studies and communication. On the one hand, the increase interest on oral tradition is due to cultural roots and historical materials, and on the other hand, it is uniquely an important factor of identity formation.

The proposed seminar aims to trace and interrogate the Makhel heritage of the Nagas from the perspective of oral tradition as exists among different Naga tribes. It intends to draw attention on oral tradition of different Naga groups of how they are related to Makhel tradition and its antiquities. The seminar is expected to raise several questions, such as, What does their timeless folklore and oral tradition have to say about Makhel tradition?, Which is their identity, a common or individual and referring to a group? In other words, it will be an attempt to find out the strength of how to reaffirm the popular Makhel tradition, to which different groups of Nagas have claimed as their common heritage.

Please find attached the Schedule attached herewith.

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National Seminar
on
Oral Tradition of the Nagas and the Tangible Heritage, *the Makhel*

24th March, 2017

Conference Room, Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Inaugural Session

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Chair: Prof. Simi Malhotra
Director, Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research
Jamia Millia Islamia

Keynote Address: *Oral and Print: Cultural Transmission and Continuity*
Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava
Department of Anthropology
University of Delhi

Vote of Thanks: K. Kokho
Asstt. Prof.
Centre for North East Studies & Policy Research
Jamia Millia Islamia

Session I

11:00 am – 01:00 pm

Orality: Concept, Context & Text

Chair: Prof. Savyasaachi
Department of Sociology
Jamia Millia Islamia

1. *Oral Traditions in Print with Reference to Indigenous Communities*
Prof. P.C. Pattanaik
HoD, Department of Modern Indian Languages & Literary Studies
University of Delhi

2. *Oral Tradition: A Critical Appraisal of Makhelian Perspective*
Prof. Xavier P. Mao
HoD, Department of Philosophy, NEHU
Member, Indian Council of Philosophical Research

3. *Orality and Migration of Shüpfomei: A Makhelian Perspective*
Rev. Dr. Fr. William Nepuni
General Secretary, Mao Academy

Lunch Break: 01:00 pm – 02pm

Session II

02:00 pm – 03:15 pm

Orality and Naga Legends: Change and Continuity

Chair: Prof. Xavier P. Mao
HoD, Department of Philosophy, NEHU
Member, Indian Council of Philosophical Research

1. *Orality, Transmission and Documentation*

Dr. Walunir
Asstt. Prof. Department of English
Amity University

2. *Orality and Folk Tradition: Narrative on Legendary Wild Pear Tree (Chiite Bu Kaji)*

Dr. Athikho Kaisü
Asstt. Prof. Centre for Culture, Media & Governance
Jamia Millia Islamia

3. *From the Oral to the Written: The Continuing Storytelling Tradition of the Nagas*

Dr. Veio Pou
Asstt. Prof. Shaheed Bhagat Singh College
University of Delhi

4. *The Charmed Stone (Otu-Tupha): A Legendary discourse in Oral Tradition*

Dr. Daili Neli, Postdoctoral Fellow (UGC), Department of Anthropology
University of Delhi

Tea Break: 03:15 pm – 03:30 pm

Session III

03:30 pm – 04:30 pm

Naga Civilization, Tradition & Migration

Chair: Rev. Dr. Fr. William Nepuni
General Secretary, Mao Academy

1. *Where does Motherland Begin?: Oral Tradition of the Zeliangrong Nagas*

Pouriangthanliu, Asstt. Prof. Janki Devi Memorial College
University of Delhi

2. *Shaminism of Makhel Ancestry*

Houshou Suzen, Asstt. Prof. Shyama Prasad Mukherji College
University of Delhi

3. *The Trio Megalith: Myths and beliefs*

Kaini Anne Mao, Asstt. Prof. Janki Devi Memorial College
University of Delhi

Closing Remarks: Dr. H. Francis Arüna, Asstt. Prof. Department of Philosophy
University of Delhi

Rapporteurs:

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