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Press Invite,

**Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, JMI to hold National Seminar on
*Oral Tradition of the Nagas and the Tangible Heritage on March 24, 2017***

The Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research is organizing a one-day National Seminar on *Oral Tradition of the Nagas and the Tangible Heritage, the Makhel* on March 24, 2017 at the Centre's Conference Hall.

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. The seminar is expected to raise several questions like what does the timeless folklore and oral tradition of the Nagas have to say about Makhel tradition? What 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, which different groups of Nagas have claimed as their common heritage.

Prof. Vinay Kumar Srivastava, Department of Anthropology at the Delhi University will deliver the Keynote Address on *Oral and Print: Cultural Transmission and Continuity*.

The day-long seminar that has three sessions will have presentations from scholars from Delhi University, NEHU and Jamia.

This seminar follows the Centre's previous ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on *'Borderland migration, neo-liberal India, and borderland identity'* that was held on 8-9 March'17 that addressed various issues about out migration from North East India.

The Centre will also organize the Eight Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew Annual Lecture to be delivered by Dr. Prasenjit Biswas from NEHU on *Between Anthropology and Philosophy: Can There Be Tribal Epistemology from India's Northeast?* on March 29, 2017.

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