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**MANY PATRIARCHIES, MANY POSITIONALITIES: RE-INTERROGATING
GENDER IN NARRATIVES FROM NORTH-EAST INDIA**

16-17 February 2017

**Department of English
Shivaji College, University of Delhi**

Venue: Shivaji College Auditorium
Raja Garden
Ring Road
New Delhi- 110027

Registration: 9:00-10:00 a.m.

DAY 1: 16 FEBRUARY 2017

INAUGURAL SESSION: 10:00 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.

Welcome note by **Dr L. Gitarani Devi**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Shivaji College

Address by **Dr Shashi Nijhawan**, Principal, Shivaji College

Inaugural Address by Chief Guest, **Shri Kiren Rijju**, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Home Affairs

Address by Guest of Honour, **Shri Utpal Borpujari**, National Award Winning Filmmaker and Critic

Keynote Address by **Prof. Bhagat Oinam**, Centre for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Vote of Thanks by **Dr Anjali Raman**, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Shivaji College

TEA BREAK: 11:45 – 12:00 P.M.

SESSION I: 12:00 – 1:30 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. Nandita Basu (retd.)**, Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies, University of Delhi

Prof. Arupa Patangia Kalita, Writer, Sahitya Akademi Awardee, "Patriarchy in My Fiction"

Dr Thounaojam Chanu Ibemhal, Writer, Sahitya Akademi Awardee, “Amaibi: The Shamaness of Manipur”

Prof. Desmond L. Kharmawphlang, Department of Cultural and Creative Studies, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong, “Her Story: The Raconteur and Her Realm”

LUNCH: 1:30 – 2:30 P.M.

SESSION II: 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. RE-THINKING WO(MEN)

Chair: Ms Tiamerenla Monalisa Changkija, Poet, Journalist, and Editor

Tanya Lahon Warjri, Assistant Professor, Zakir Husain College, University of Delhi, “Reading ‘Ki Kynthei’ (Women): The Real and The Imagined”

Charis Mine P. Khonglah, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Loyola College (Meghalaya), “Changing Rights of Men and Gender Relations in Khasi Matriliney”

Gertrude Lamare, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Shivaji College, “Female Governance in the Legend of Ka lang Lyngdoh”

TEA BREAK: 3:30 – 3:45 P.M.

SESSION III: 3:45 – 4:45 P.M. GENDER AND ORALITY

Chair: Prof. Desmond Kharmawphlang

Mercy V. Guite, Assistant Professor, Centre for German Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “Cultural Representations: Gender and Its Cultural Implications in Selected Paite Folklore”

Senganglu Thaimai, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Miranda House (University of Delhi), “Identity, History and the Female in Zeliangrong Oral Narratives”

Rajarshi Kalita, Assistant Professor, Department of English, Shyam Lal College (University of Delhi), “Exploring Representations of Women in Lakshminath Bezbaruah’s *Burhi Aair Xadhu* (Old Granny’s Tales)”

DAY 2: 17 FEBRUARY 2017

SESSION I: 10:00 – 11:00 A.M.

Chair: Prof. Arupa Patangia Kalita

Ms Tiamerenla Monalisa Changkija, Poet, Journalist, and Editor of *Nagaland Page*, “Freedom Is Just Another Word For Nothing Left To Lose: Some Positionalities Of Naga Women”

Dr Vijayalakshmi Brara, Associate Professor of Sociology, Centre for Manipur Studies, Manipur University, “The ‘High Status’ of Women: Manipuri and Burmese Contestations”

TEA BREAK: 11:00 A.M. – 11:30 P.M.

SESSION II: 11:30 – 12:30 P.M. WO(MEN) AND AGENCY

Chair: Dr G. Amarjit Sharma, Assistant Professor, North-East India Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Loiya Leima Oinam, Assistant Professor, Ramjas College, University of Delhi, “Reimagining the Woman in the Market: Arambam Samarendra’s Sanatombi”

Merina Henam, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “Shumang Lila: The Courtyard Theatre of Manipur and the Politics of Gender Inside and Outside the Theatre”

Adhikarimayum Heniya Devi and **Jamang Justin**, Assistant Professors, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College, University of Delhi, “The Myth of Power: Re-imagining The Authority Of The Manipuri Women”

LUNCH: 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.

SESSION III: 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. WOMEN AND/IN MALE SPACES

Chair: Dr Rose Nembikkim, Director, School of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Open University

Mukuta Borah, University of Delhi, “Re-imagining Gender in Insurgency: A Reading of Kaberi Kochari’s Memoir”

Kevilenuo Tapa, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, “The Many Layers of Silencing Women in Tribal Societies: A Critical Reading of Easterine Kire’s ‘A Terrible Matriarchy’

Hamari Jamatia, Research Scholar, University of Hyderabad, “Pastoral Power and Women in Northeast India”

VALEDICTORY SESSION: 2:30 – 3:30 P.M.

Address by the Chief Guest, **Dr Jitendra Singh**, Hon’ble Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region

Valedictory Address by **Prof. Sanjoy Hazarika**, Director, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), Delhi

Vote of Thanks by **Ms Siamlianvung Hangzo**, Teacher-in-charge, Department of English, Shivaji College

3:30 – 4:00 P.M.

**CULTURAL PERFORMANCE BY PANTHOYBI JAGOI MARUP
(A COMPOSITION OF THANG-TA, DHOL CHOLOM, KHAMBA-THOIBI AND
MAIBI DANCE FORMS)**

HIGH TEA AT 4:00 P.M.