

North-East Counselling Cell

Webinar

**“The Idea of North-East India: A Brief History of State, Democracy and Society in the Margin”**

In the wake of COVID-19 crisis, several cases were reported of people from North-East India – living in the mainland – being discriminated against and harassed on suspicion of being Chinese nationals. These incidents, once again, draw our attention to the need of deliberating on the questions: ‘What is North-East India? Who are its people? Are they indistinguishable, as people from mainland India seemingly find them to be?’

Despite being a region of utmost geopolitical importance that shares international borders with countries like China, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Myanmar, very little is known about the states that comprise the ‘North-East’: its geography, ecology, culture, and history in its variegated form. The ‘idea’ of the North-East circulated in popular cinema, music videos, travel writings, travel and lifestyle videos and vlogs, etc., more often than not, continues to feed romantic imagination of the region at best – an exotic, idyllic place inhabited by simple, homogenous group of peoples – and reinforces stereotypes about the region at worst.

Keeping the above context in mind, the guest speaker will deliberate on the idea of ‘North-East India’, highlighting the history of state-making project(s) and the associated problems of/in the margin.

**SPEAKER**



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**STUDENT PRESENTATIONS**

**Debunking Myths and Misconceptions**

Daleeya Dhingia  
B.A.(Hons) Political Science  
2nd year

**Resistance against the British Raj: A case of North-East India**

Joshua Lalramsan Keivom  
B.A.(Hons) History  
2nd year

**Heritage of Tripura**

Khumja Debbarma  
B.A.(Hons) History  
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