

Seminar Report
Seminar on Witch Hunting: A Curse in Assam

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Date: 25th and 26th October 2018

A two day ICSSR Sponsored national seminar on the topic entitled “ Witch Hunting: A curse in Assam” was organized by Jhanji Hemnth Sarma College, Sivsagar, Assam in collaboration with Assam College Teachers Association, Jhanji HNS college unit on 26th and 27th October 2018, at the premises of JHNS College.

The sub-theme of the seminar were:

1. Basic factors of Witch Hunting and its Remedies.
2. Witch Hunting in Assam: A curse of Society.
3. Role of Women in Eradication Witch Hunting from Assam.
4. Witch Hunting in Tribal areas of Assam and its Remedies.
5. Role of Education in Eradicating Witch Hunting from Assam.
6. Witch Hunting: Representation in Arts and Literatures.
7. Witch Hunting in Assam and effective Legal System to prevent it.
8. Role of organization and Media in Eradicating Witch Hunting from Assam.
9. Any other relevant issues to the focal theme of the Seminar.

In the development of Science and Technology, a section of the society is engaged with inhuman activity like killing the lives of many innocent people in the name of witch hunting. It is the violation of human rights in all civil society. But everyone has the right to live. To eradicate this brutal activity from the society is the main objective to hold the seminar.

The seminar was conducted in five technical sessions. Teachers, Research Scholars, Academics and many students from Dibrugarh University participated in the seminar. The actual participants presented in the seminar were 75. A total nos. of 36 papers were presented in the seminar.

The inaugural session which was started from 10 am on 26th October 2018, was chaired by Dr. Monjit Gogoi, the Principal of the college. Dr. Sanjib Borgohain, principal of Hem Chandra Dev Goswami College, Nitaipukhuri inaugurated the session, while Dr Birinchi Kr

Medhi, noted poet, lyricist, and retired professor Department of Anthropology, Guwahati university, delivered the key-note address of the seminar. In the speech he highlighted the rise of with hunting incident among the tribal people of Assam. The other dignitaries who attend in the seminar were Mr Dudu Bora, Officer in charge of Gaurisagar Police Station, and Mr Bhabani Kumar Boruah, retired vice principal of the college. The resource persons were Dr. Birinchi Kr Medhi, Retired professor of Gauhati University, Dr Sanjib Borgohain, Principal HCDG College, Nitaipukhuri, Dr Mridul Bordoloi, HOD, Department of English, Dibrugarh University, noted educationalist and columnist Dr Balin Hazariaka and Dr Ajay kr Das, Principal of Jorhat Law College, Jorhat.

Mrs Mamoni Borgohain, Mr Bidyadhar Boruah, Md Sagidul Haque Borbora and Dr Birinchi Kr Bora were the advisor of the National Seminar Organizing Committee. Dr Manjit Gogoi, the Principal of the collegewas the chairperson and Mr Indra Sen Boro served as the joint Assistant Co-ordinator while Dr Santana Dutta, Mrs Sima Nath and Mr Rajiv Gogoi were the member of the organizing committee. The seminar came to a successful end with valedictory session held on 27th October 2018 with greater support from all concerned

Some Photographs of the seminar in Different Sessions:



Inaugural Session



Technical Session



Technical Session



Teachers, Research Scholars & other Delegates gathered in the Seminar



Some of the Participants of the Seminar



Valedictory Session



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ICSSR-sponsored national seminar on witch hunting held

A CORRESPONDENT

GAURISAGAR, Oct 27: Jhanji Hemnath Sarma College organized a two-day long Indian Council of Social Science and Research (ICSSR) sponsored national seminar on 'Witch Hunting : A curse in Assam' which successfully concluded on Saturday.

In this connection an inaugural function was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Manjit Gogoi, Principal of the college. Dr. Sanjib Borgohain, Principal of Netaipukhuri Hem Chandra Dev Goswami College inaugurated the function while Dr. Birinchi Kumar Medhi, noted poet, lyricist and former Professor, Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University delivered the keynote



address of the seminar.

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function were Dadu Bora, officer in-charge of Gaurisagar Police Station, and Bhabani Kumar Baruah, former Vice-Principal of the college. The resource persons were Dr. Mridul Bordoloi, Professor of the Depart-

ment of English, Dibrugarh University, noted educationist and columnist Balin Arika, and Dr. Ajoy Kumar Das, Principal of Jorhat College. A total of 46 papers were submitted in the two-day long programme.

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