

### Sub-Themes

1. Infrastructure, Connectivity and Strategic Integration
2. Energy, Environment, Climate and Sustainability
3. Economic Transformation (Agriculture/MSMEs/Start-ups)
4. Social Development (Education/Healthcare & Human Capital)
5. Digital Transformation and Governance
6. Preservation of Culture and Identity
7. Youth, Migration and Employment
8. Gender Dimension of Development and Inclusivity
9. Security, Geopolitics & Cross-Border Relations
10. 'Act East, Act Fast and Act First' Policy
11. Border Trade and Regional Integration
12. Technology, Innovation and Digital Uttar Purv
13. Policy Implementation, Gaps and Solutions
14. Industrialization, Community Displacement, Cultural Erosion
15. Any other topics within the main theme

### Important Dates

- Last date of Abstract Submission: 10th May, 2026  
Last date of Notification Regarding Acceptance of Abstract: 12th May 2026  
Last date of Full Paper Submission: 14th May, 2026

### Abstract Submission Details

- Title: Times New Roman, Bold, Capital, 12  
Word Limit: Within 300 words with maximum 6 keywords (12 font size)  
(In case of joint authors, Presenter's name must be marked with\*)

### Registration Fees

- For Faculty members with papers: 800 INR  
For Faculty members without papers: 500/  
For Independent Scholars: 500 INR  
For Non-Academicians: 400 INR  
For Students: 300 INR

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### About the Seminar

The North Eastern region of India is a quagmire of crises from early to contemporary times. But its significance lies in its unique flora and fauna, thriving culture of over 200 tribes forming a mini India. This diversity offers wellness and eco-tourism which aligns with the country's "Heal in India" mission. Rich in natural resources, the region accounts for about 34% of the country's water resources and almost 40% of India's hydropower with Sikkim being the country's first organic state. It is a strategic gateway to neighboring countries.

Standing in the threshold of the centenary year of India's independence, the central government's announcement of Viksit Bharat vision changed its 'Look East' policy to 'Act East, 'Act Fast' and 'Act First' policy. Mega projects were granted to every North eastern state, the Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), was convened in New Delhi to attract global and domestic investors on different sectors for developing the region, resulting in proposals for ₹4.3 lakh crore from different sources.

But can the Northeast make it? Many remote regions like the Jinam Valley area of North Cachar Hills/Dima Hasao district of Assam are still deprived of basic necessities like electricity, health centres, Higher Secondary Schools etc. Though very alluring, achieving Viksit Bharat requires a localized, grassroots approach involving more than top-down policies or large-scale infrastructure revolution. It demands a bottom-up strategy with comprehensive approach like region-led development where locals have a share in the planning and implementation process without which, we may recreate the India of pre-independence era.

This seminar therefore, intends to draw out prospects, issues/challenges, local leadership through discussions and offer remedies on how best Northeast problems can be tackled through inclusivity without which, the vision of Viksit Bharat would merely be a litmus test for the country's inclusive and sustainable development. In short, the seminar aims at including local people as the voice of the periphery in the creation of Viksit Uttar Purv.



## ICSSR Sponsored Two Days' National Seminar on

**"Northeast India and the Viksit Bharat Initiatives : Local perspectives on Prospects, Issues and Remedies"**  
**(Hybrid Mode)**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

**Venue: Conference Hall  
Silapathar College, Silapathar**



Organised by :

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**In Collaboration with IQAC**  
Silapathar College, Silapathar

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## Invitation

Dear Sir/Ma'am,

We are immensely pleased to inform you that the Department of History, Silapathar College, Silapathar is going to organise an ICSSR Sponsored Two Days' National Seminar on "Northeast India and the Viksit Bharat Initiatives: Local perspectives on Prospects, Issues and Remedies" to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2026. In this connection, we cordially invite you, your Department, your esteemed colleagues, Research Scholars and students to participate and contribute your valuable quality research papers and augment academic pursuits of the Northeast

Selected papers of the Seminar will be published in the proceedings volume of the seminar/edited volume either with ISSN or ISBN

With warm regards

**Dr. Lakhi Nath Pegu**  
Principal

**Mr. Leela Ram Newar**  
Vice Principal

**Dr. Lalrilmoi Hrangchal**  
Convener

**Mr. Siva Nath Pait**  
Co-Convener



## ABOUT THE COLLEGE

The Silapathar College was established in 1979 as a result of concerted efforts made by generous local public who were led by a group of academically ambitious leaders. It is the second oldest college in the district of Dhemaji. The history of establishment of institutions for higher learning in the district of Dhemaji, in fact, began with the inception of Dhemaji College followed by Silapathar College. It is located in the heart of the rapidly growing small commercial township of Silapathar which is surrounded by mostly tribal village communities. Thus, the college pledges to underline its target groups at the youth belonging to economically poor and socially excluded sections of the society. Established with the goal of spreading the web of higher education in geographically northern Assam, it has been endlessly attempting to provide quality education to the young generation. The college believes that the need of the hour is creating human resource that is able to keep track with latest developments in academics by developing a humanitarian outlook as well. It understands that the major life blood of any educational institution is the teaching-learning process. Without dedicated and well trained teachers and enthusiastic students, the process can never be interesting and fruitful.

The institution is permanently affiliated to the Dibrugarh University. It was brought under deficit system of grant-in-aid in 1992 and was subsequently provincialized in 2005 by the Government of Assam. The college registered under 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC Act 1956 was recently accredited with 'B++' Grade within (CGPA) 2.98 by NAAC in 2023.

## HOW TO REACH SILAPATHAR COLLEGE

### By Flight:

1. Nearest Airport Dr. Bhupen Hazarika Airport, Dibrugarh (Mohanbari) then take a pre-booked taxi or local cab for the 32 kms, roughly 1-hour's drive to the heart of Silapathar town where the college is located.
2. Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport (LGBIA) Guwahati, then take a train for the approximately 436 kms to Silapathar.

**By Train:** Guwahati to Silapathar (Lachit Express)/Luming to Dibrugarh

**By Road:** Approachable from the Gateway of Northeast India



## Keynote Speaker

### Sajal Nag

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Distinguished Professor of Social Sciences, Presidency University, Kolkata  
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### Organizing Committee

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### Special Feature

\*Best Paper Award\*

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