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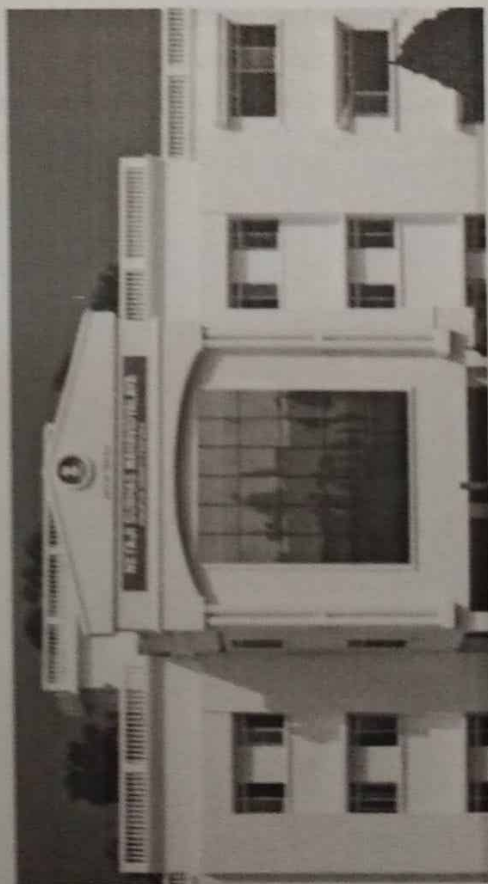
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Kolkata

Message

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, founded on 4 January 1993, is an autonomous research institute under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It is devoted to the study of the life and works of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the eminent nationalist leader and India's first Education Minister, after whom it is named, and to the furtherance of Area Studies, with special reference to South Asia, Central Asia and West Asia, especially dealing with social, cultural, economic, political and administrative developments in Asia. The Institute organizes International and National Seminars, Conferences, Symposiums, Workshops and lectures series too.

I am happy to know that Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur, Tripura, is organizing a National Seminar, entitled "Transitional Aspects of Indigenous People of North East India: Contemporary Issues on Sustainability" on 11th-12th January, 2020. The topic is of much importance and relevance today, as we know that constant change is among the most permanent features of our society. The process of transition movement from one stage to another with a definite direction is both system-sustaining and system-transforming. I am sure learned academicians and research scholars in their two-day academic discourses and interactions will definitely come out with some concrete suggestions and recommendations for reconstructing the text of Northeast India historiography.

I extend my best wishes to the College for organizing this Seminar and hope the Seminar will fulfill its objective.

Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh
Chairman,
MAKAIAS, Kolkata



NETAJI SUBHASH MAHAVIDYALAYA
Udaipur, Gomati Tripura

Message

It is a fact that to exist is to change, to change is to advance and make progress. Man, over the years of his existence, has learnt to judge of things past, to improve upon things present and foresee things to come, so that he may know what to follow and what to avoid. Change is unchangeable and this has gained momentum in the present times.

Human groups change slowly or rapidly through various processes like assimilation, socialization and modernization. Hence transition among tribes has become an important subject for social scientists to explore deep into its scope and significance. The time has come to realize the relevance of such social dynamics analyzing the present status of tribal communities.

It gives me immense pleasure that Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur, Tripura will be organizing a National Seminar on such a topic which has great relevance in today's context. Eminent academicians, research scholars of our country will deliberate in this occasion. I am sure their fruitful discussions will come out with concrete directions of this transition. We hope that their focussed recommendations will lead to further research and influence the policy makers.

I wish the seminar a grand Success.

Dr. Dipannita Chakraborty (Roy Choudhury)
Principal
Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur
Gomati, Tripura

Prologue

North East India has been one of the legendary areas being typical hilly tracts and being the dwelling place of innumerable colourful tribes, having exotic customs and habits, interesting doctrines and dogmas, queer rights and beliefs, ancient traditions and gospel truth. The pattern of evolution of a primitive society to modernity through the strifes and strains of the life of the dwellers of the hills separated by high hills from the rest of the world is an interesting subject of the study for the researchers. During the British advent in the North East India, it was western culture, civilization and education which influenced these people very much. Now those indigenous people are in quest of a distinct identity of their own in search, perhaps of their roots. Hence it is hoped that this national seminar will proclaim a newly awakened dawn in the study of the indigenous people of an amazing variety and heterogeneity of this region. For the last few decades large scale immigration into their mode of life have brought fissure in their locality affecting their society and culture. Now, a change is taking place among them as they are passing through a period of transition. Is it necessary for the tribes to go through a similar process before a better type of social and economic integration take place? In it there shall be diversity under a general frame of unity. A harmonious development of all concerned through a beneficent exchange of creativity is the need of the hour.

In this light scholars are invited to present their papers in the seminar to enrich our knowledge about them. We hope that the seminar on “Transitional Aspects of Indigenous People of North East India: Contemporary Issues on Sustainability” will germinate to the new and newer aspects of research pivotal to transitional aspects of indigenous people of North East India.

Dr. Rita Das Nayak
Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar & Associate Professor
Department of Geography
Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur
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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

11TH JANUARY, 2020 (SATURDAY)	
Registration: 09.00 onwards	Venue: PRTI, Udaipur
Inaugural Session: 10.30 a.m.	
Receiving Dignitaries	
Lighting the lamp	
Opening Song	
Felicitation to the Dignitaries	
Welcome Address by Dr. Rita Das Nayak , Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar	
Address by Inaugurator Sri Rampada Jamatia , Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Tripura	
Address by Prof. C.A. Mawlong , Hon'ble Dean, School of Social Sciences, NEHU, Shillong	
Address by Special Guest Prof. Arunoday Saha , Hon'ble Vice-Chairman, State Higher Education Council, Government of Tripura	
Address by Guest of Honour Prof. Sujit Kumar Ghosh , Hon'ble Chairman, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies,	
Presidential address & Vote of thanks by Dr. Dipannita Chakraborty (Roy Choudhury) , Principal, Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya.	
NATIONAL ANTHEM	
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Panel Discussion 02.00 P.M	
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Special Lecture by Dr. Surojit Sen Gupta , Associate Professor & HOD, Department of English, Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya.	
Moderator Dr. Babudhan Tripura , Assistant Professor & HOD, Department of Political Science	

12th JANUARY, 2020 (SUNDAY)
VENUE: NETAJI SUBHAS MAHAVIDYALAYA

Special lecture by Prof. Smriti Kumar Sarkar, Hon'ble Ex- Vice Chancellor, Burdwan University

Tea break

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Chairperson: Prof. Smriti Kumar Sarkar

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LUNCH BREAK

Technical Session IV
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Dr. Aparna Das

Valedictory Session
03.00 Onwards

Seminar Report

A two-day National Seminar was held on 11th and 12th Jan, 2020 organized by Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur and sponsored by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, an autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India. The seminar was on “Transitional aspects of Indigenous people of North East India: Contemporary Issues and Sustainability”.

On 11th January, 2020, the Inaugural Programme of the National Seminar was started with a great enthusiasm where inaugurator was Shri Rampada Jamatia, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Tripura. Others present in the dais were Prof. Sujit Kr. Ghosh, Chairman MAKAIAS, Prof. Arunodoy Saha, Hon'ble Vice Chairman, State Higher Education Council, Government of Tripura. As a resource person as well as Key note speaker Prof. C.A Mawlong, Dean, School of Social Sciences, NEHU, Shillong was also present. Apart from that President and Organizing Secretary of the seminar were also present.

Off the dais were the members of MAKAIAS, Dr. Kiran Sankar Chakraborty, Regional Director, IGNOU, Agartala and Prof. Smriti Kr. Sarkar, Ex-V.C., Burdhaman University and various faculty members of different institutions and research scholars were also present. A good number of audiences assembled in the venue- Panchayat Raj Training Institute. The Inaugural part was concluded with the National Anthem.

After inaugural session the session started with Key note speaker's speech which was interactive too. The third session consisted of a panel discussion on the seminar topic “Transitional aspects of Indigenous people of North East India: Contemporary Issues on Sustainability”. The panelists include Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Tripura, Shri Mevar Kumar Jamatia, Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Welfare, Govt. of Tripura, Dr. Atul Debbarma, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Govt. of Tripura, Prof. C.A Mawlong, Dean, School of Social Sciences, NEHU, Shillong, Dr. Surajit Sen, Associate Prof. and H.O.D, Deptt. Of English, NSM, Udaipur. As a moderator we had Dr. Babudhan Tripura, Assistant Prof. and H.O.D, Dept. Of Political Science, NSM, Udaipur. It was very vibrant and an interactive session and lasted till evening. With this the first day's programme concluded.

On 12th Jan, the seminar started at 10 A.M in NSM, Udaipur itself with a speech of 30 minutes by Prof. Smriti Kr. Sarkar, Ex-V.C., Burdhaman University as well as the member of MAKAIAS. After that the technical sessions started. There were 4 technical sessions. The first session contained 7 papers, the second session contained 8 papers, the third session contained 8 papers and the last one contained 5 papers. All the sessions were very interactive. After that there was valedictory session chaired by Principal, NSM, Udaipur and others were resource persons, Organizing secretary, etc. One of the participants delivered his speech nicely about this whole seminar. The certificates were distributed among the participants. The seminar had been concluded at the dark evening hour.

Organizing Secretary of the National Seminar
Netaji Subhash Mahavidyalaya, Udaipur
Gomati, Tripura

Brief Report on Panel Discussion

On the first day, the technical session got underway with Panel Discussion at PRTI Auditorium. The panellists who graced the session were Sri Jishnu Dev Verma, Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Tripura and Sri Mevar Kumar Jamatia, Cabinet Minister, Government of Tripura along with Dr. Atul Debbarma, MLA, Tripura Legislative Assembly. The academicians in the panel were Prof. C.A. Mawlong, Dean, School of Social Science, NEHU, Dr. Surajit Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of English, NSM. The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Babudhan Tripura, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, NSM.

The panel discussion started with the speech of the Honourable Deputy Chief Minister. In his speech he focused on the importance of sustainability and various issues of transition, ranging from eco-friendliness to livelihood. He drew a picture of future Tripura where apart from technological advancement, compassion would be the key to upcoming ventures. Sri Mevar Kumar Jamatia stressed on the need of proper quality education in order to ensure smooth transition of the indigenous people of North-East India. He rued the fact that there was unequal distribution of the teacher and the taught in the state. He reiterated that only government sector could not bring about all the desired changes. Sri Atul Debbarma, Member of Legislative Assembly, deliberated on the need of modernization. He held that socio-economic factors were vital in retaining development of the tribal people. Almost in similar vein, Professor C.A. Mawlong expressed her opinion that a concerted effort was the need of the hour. She put light on hydro-electric projects running in the North-East and their multi-faceted dimensions.

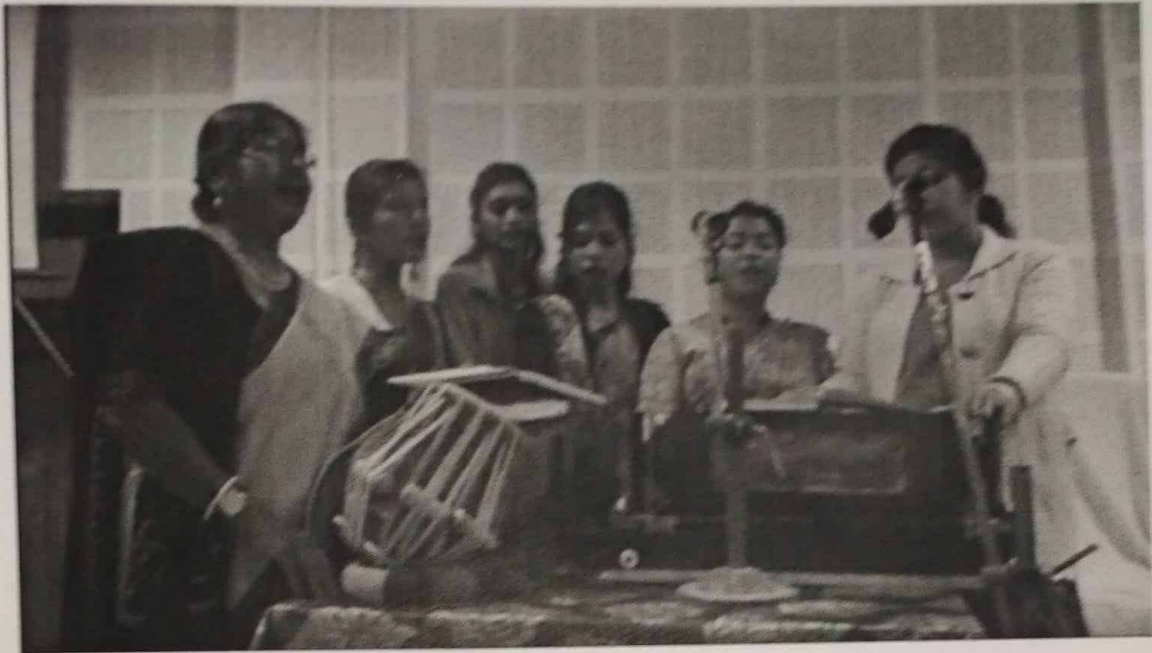
Besides, the imminent obstacles and apprehensions of the indigenous people living in this part of India received maximum impetus in her illuminating speech. Dr. Surajit Sen, Assistant Professor, Department of English, NSM was the last speaker of this discussion. He spoke about the apathy of the Tribals of Tripura and urged the Non-Tribals to come forward and share their problems in order to better their socio-economic state. The panel moderator Dr. Babudhan Tripura rounded up the session thanking all.

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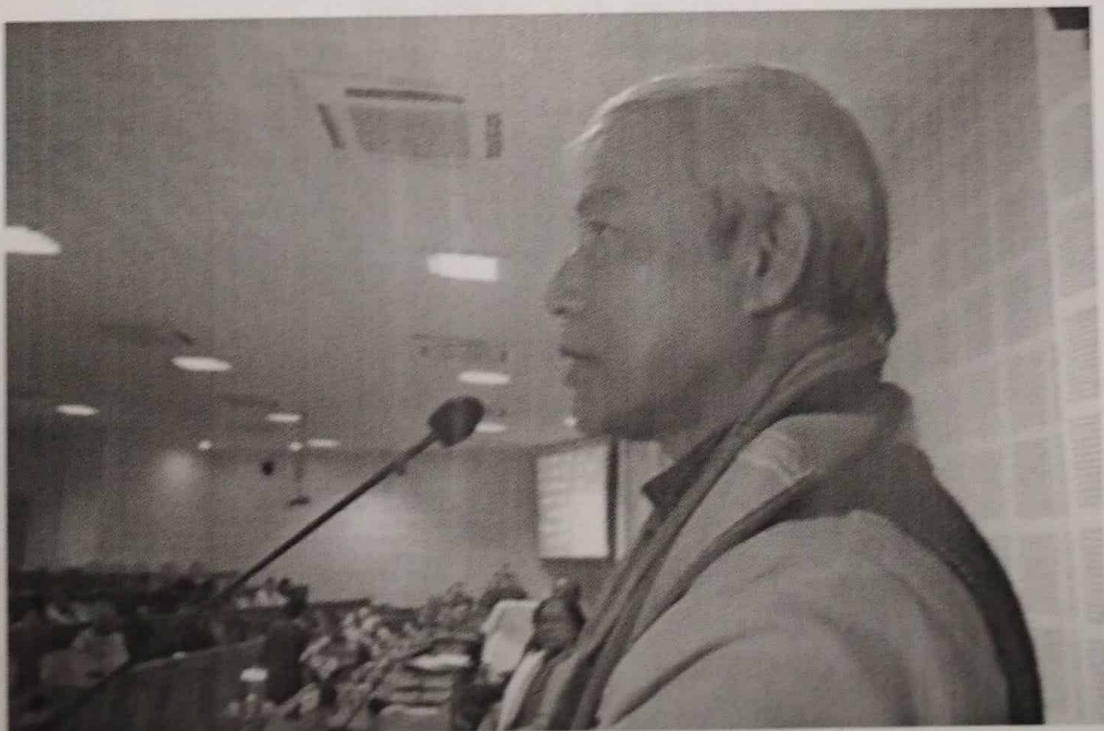
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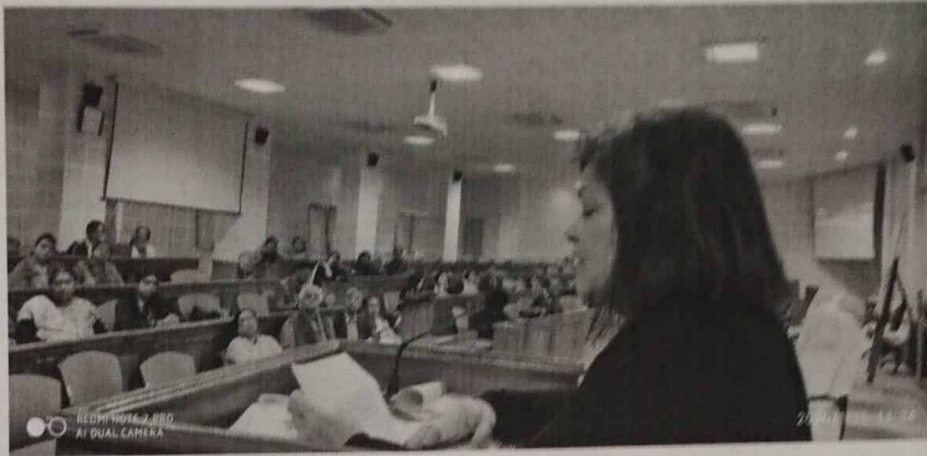
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**Address by Inaugurator Sri Rampada Jamatia, Hon'ble Member of
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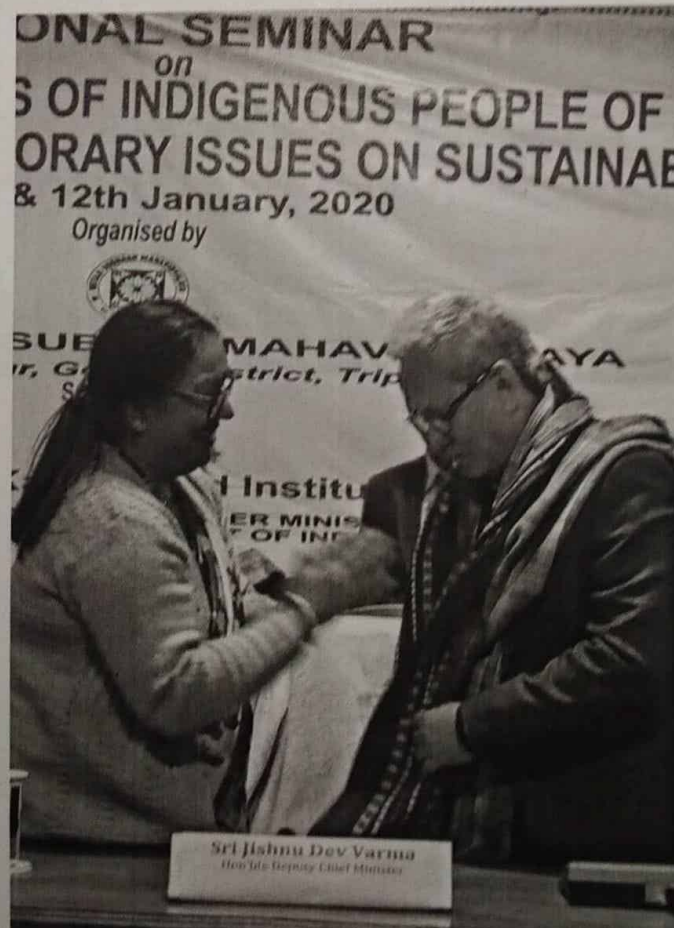


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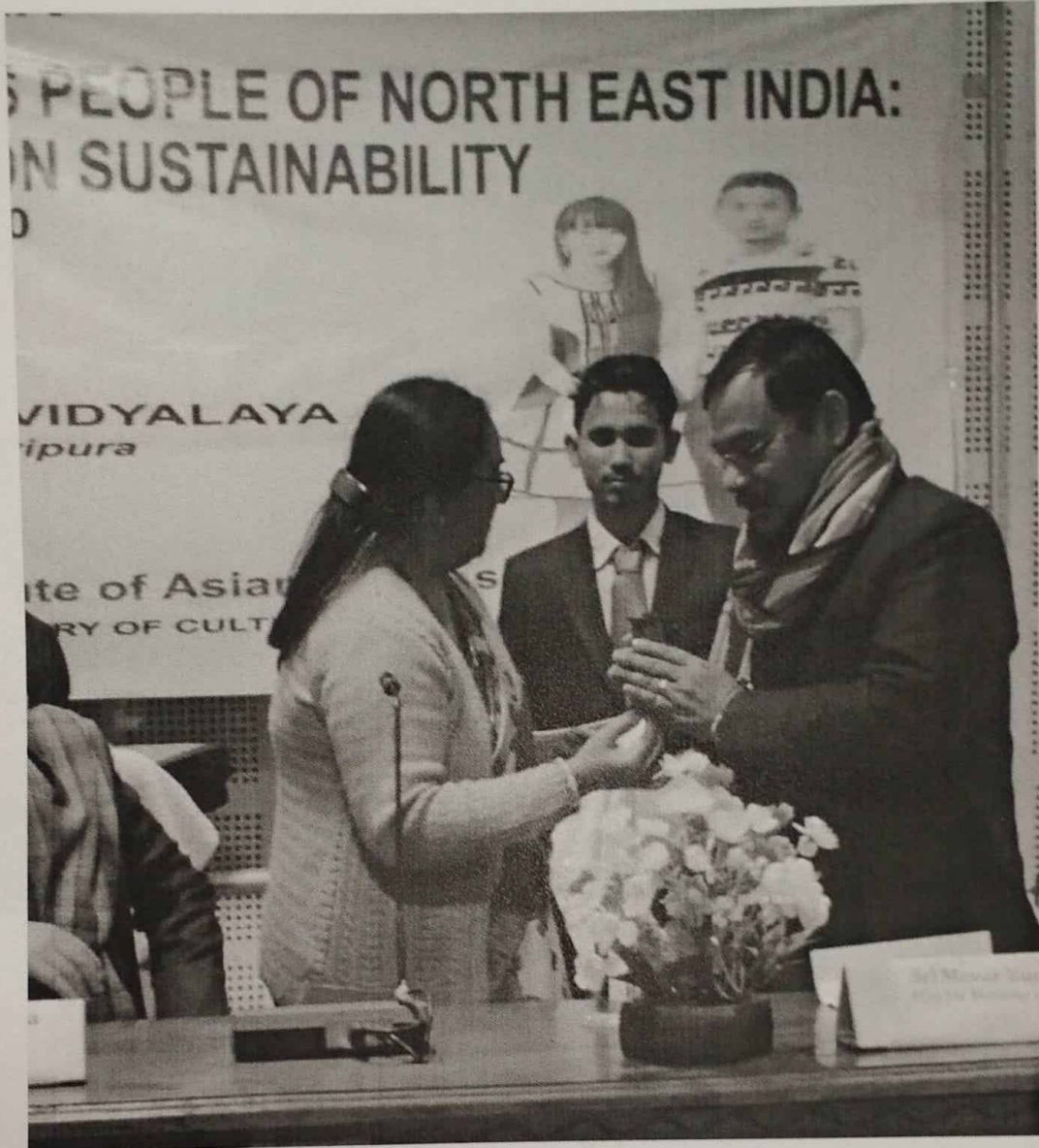


PANEL DISCUSSION

**Felicitation to the Dignitaries
By
Principal, Netaji Subhas Mahavidyalaya
To
Sri Jishnu Dev Varma
Hon'ble Deputy CM, Government of Tripura**



**Sri Mewar Kumar Jamatia,
Hon'ble Minister of Tribal Welfare
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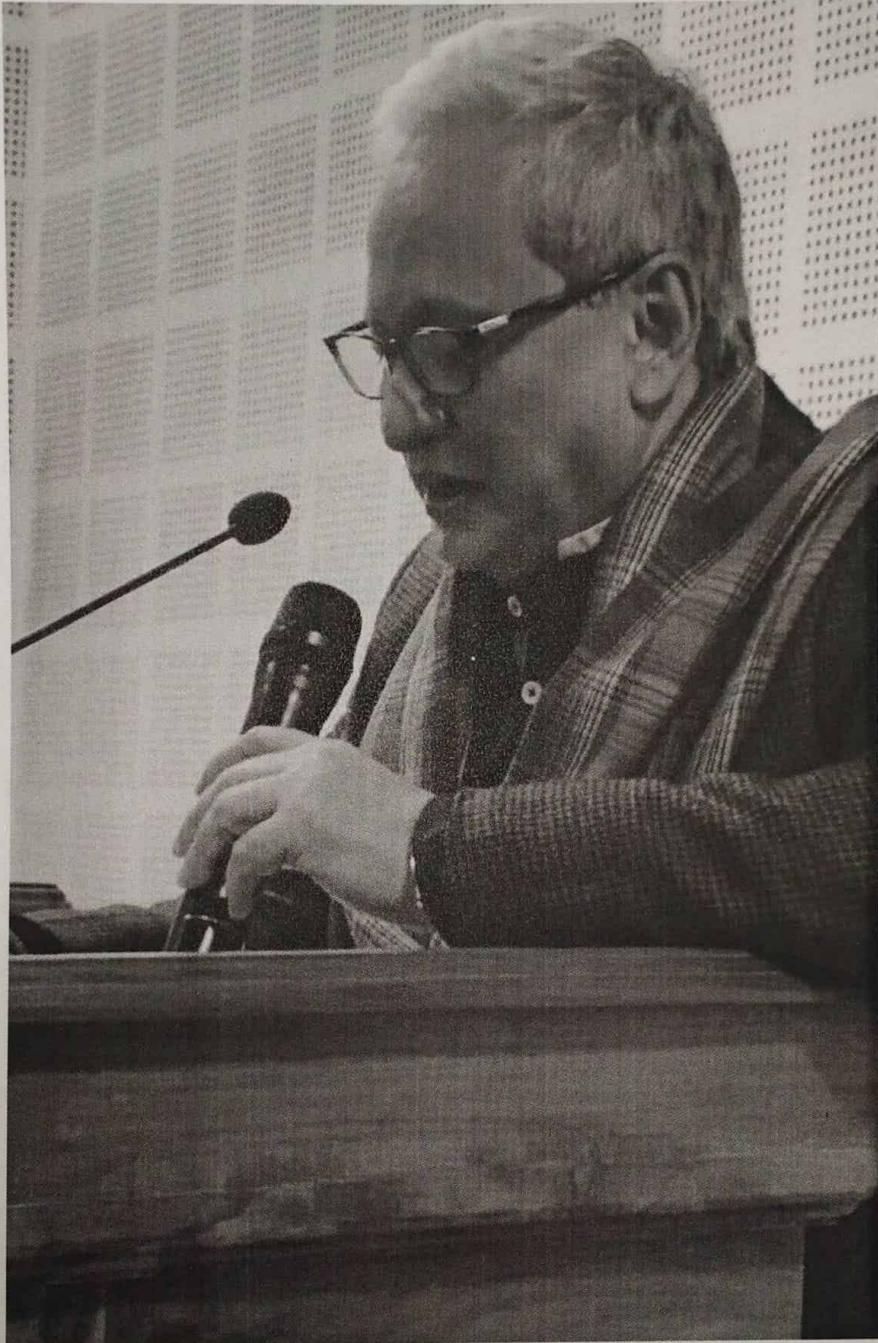


Dr. Atul Debbarma
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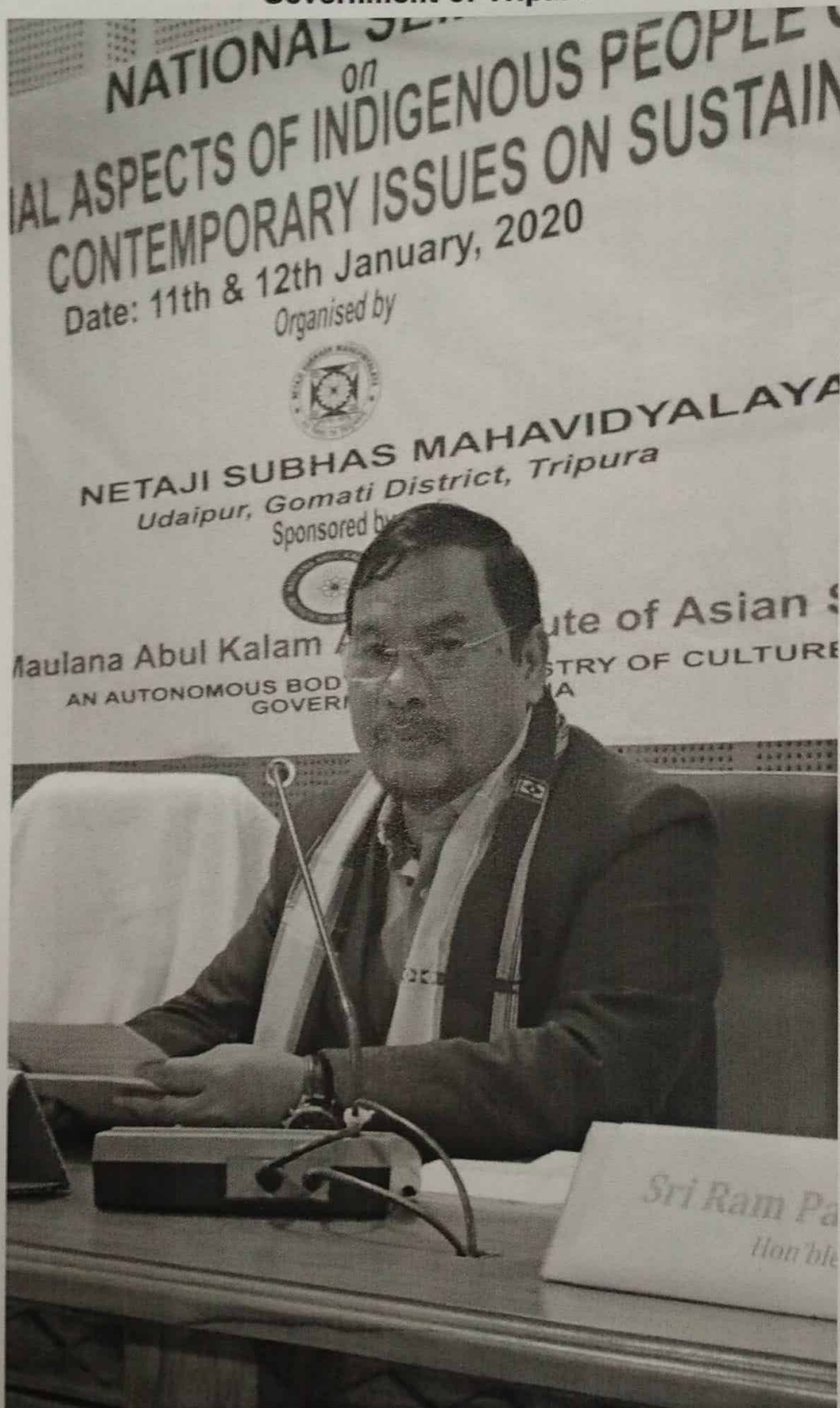
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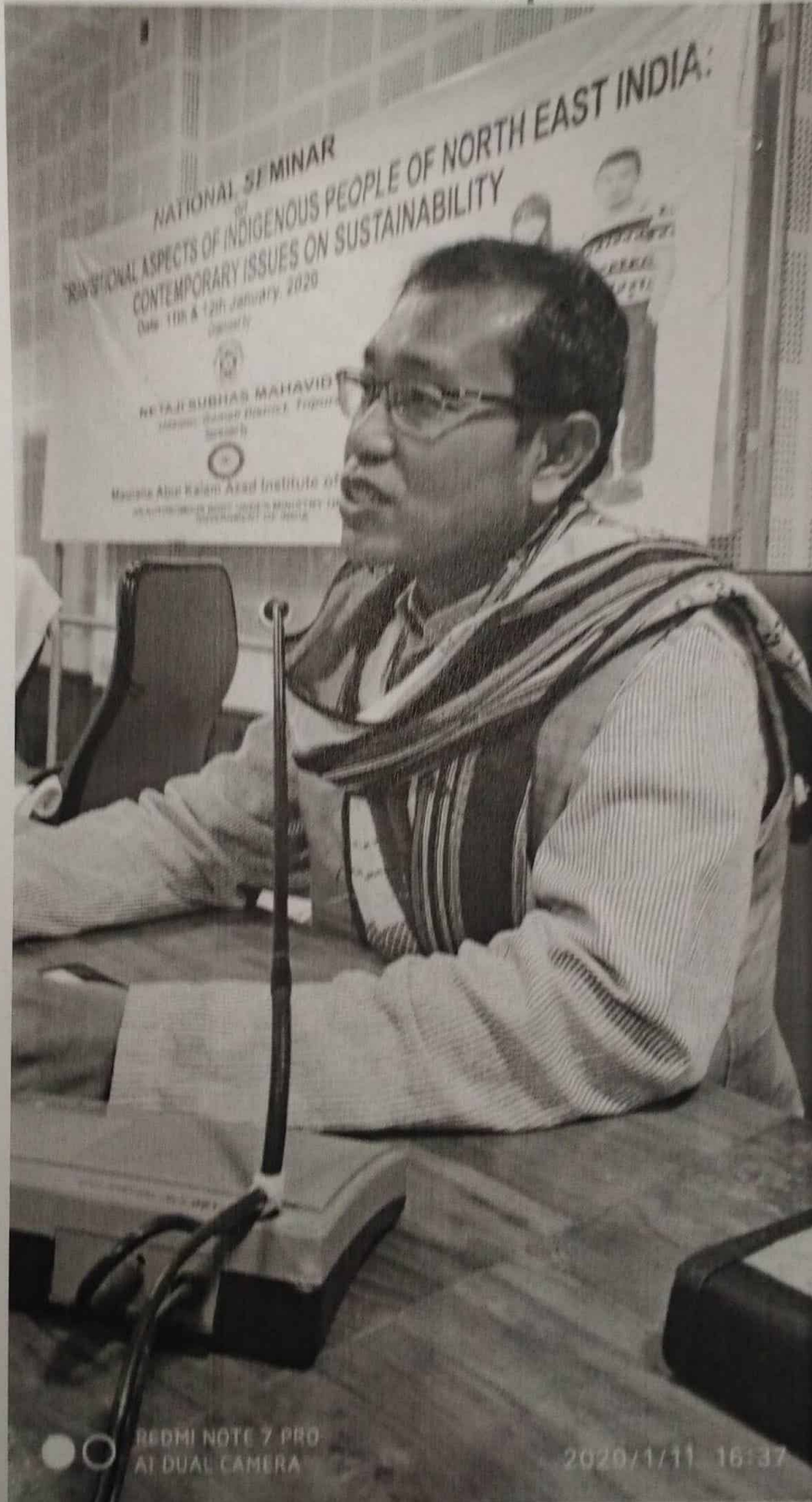
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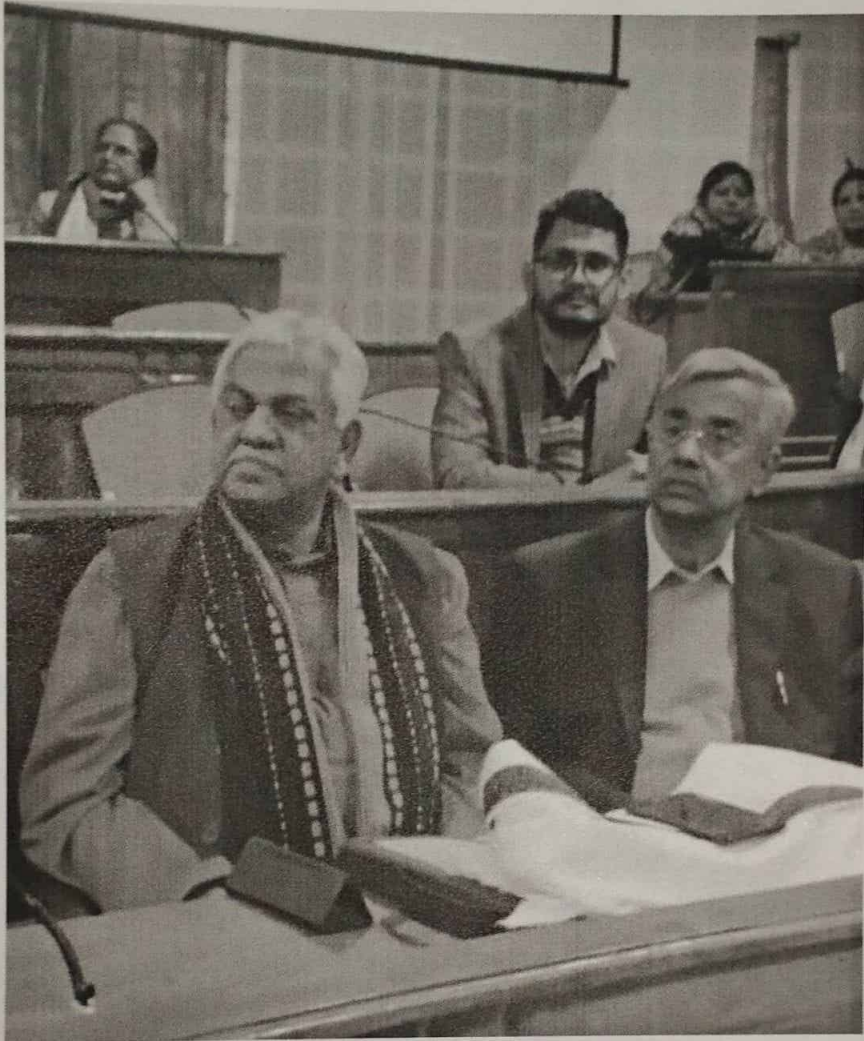
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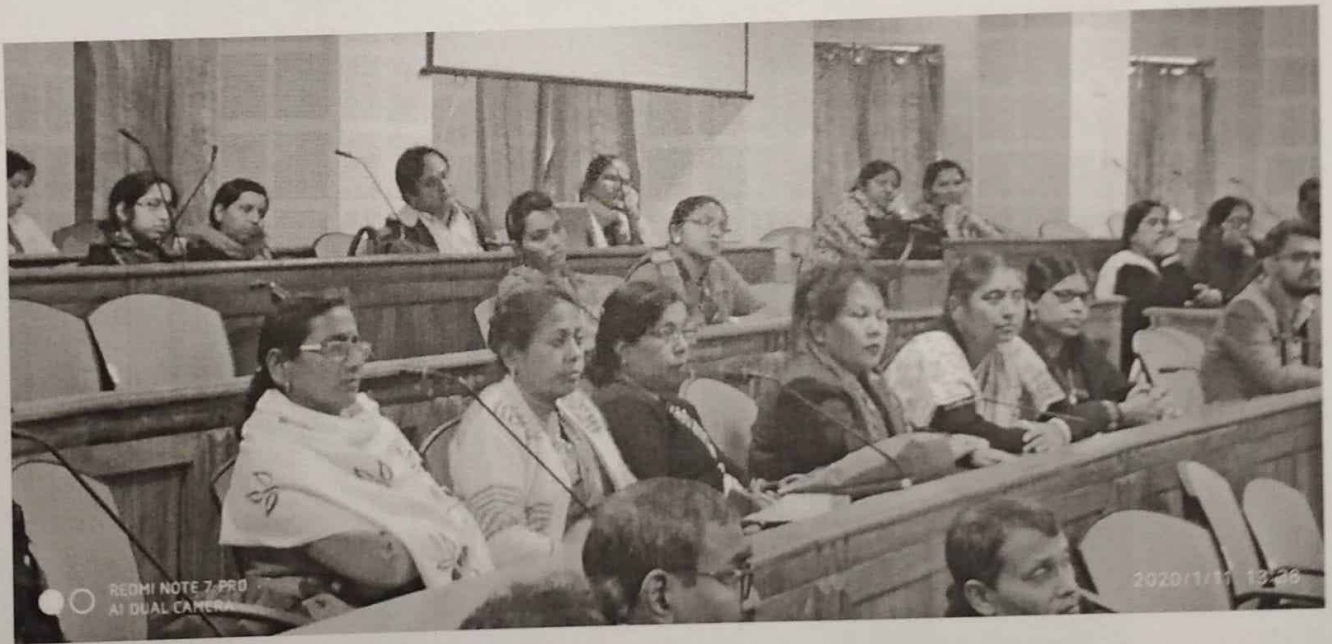
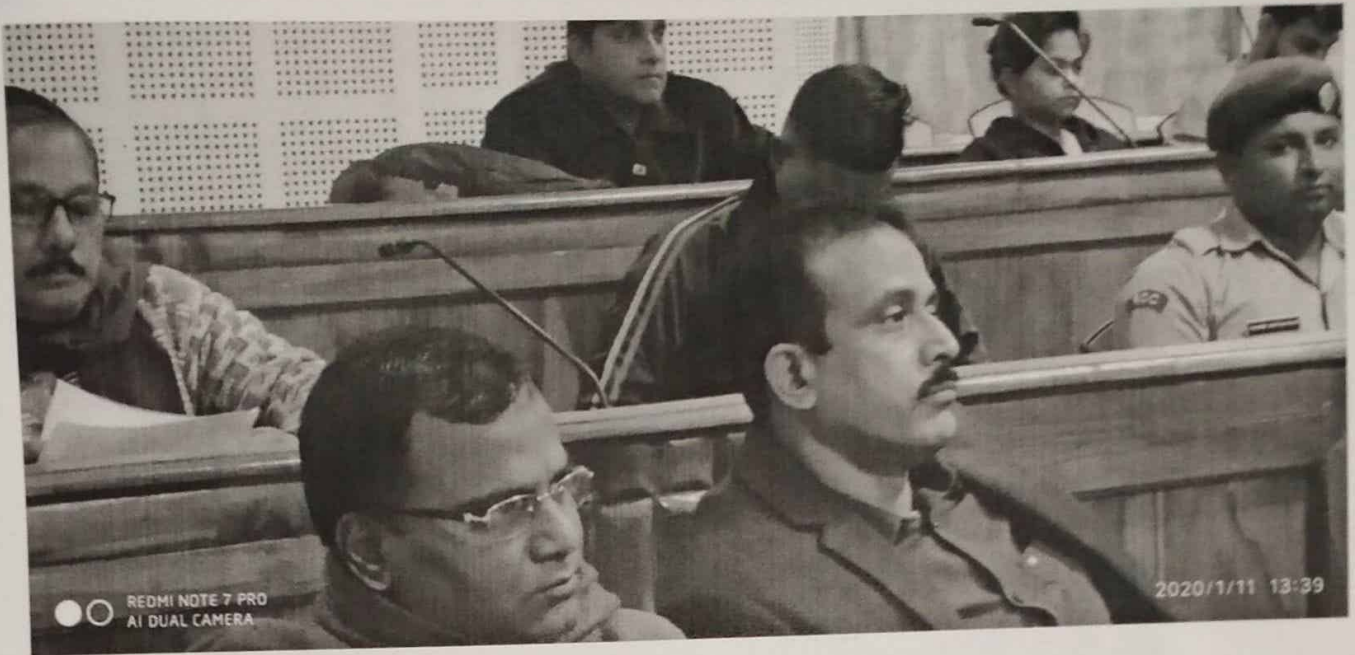
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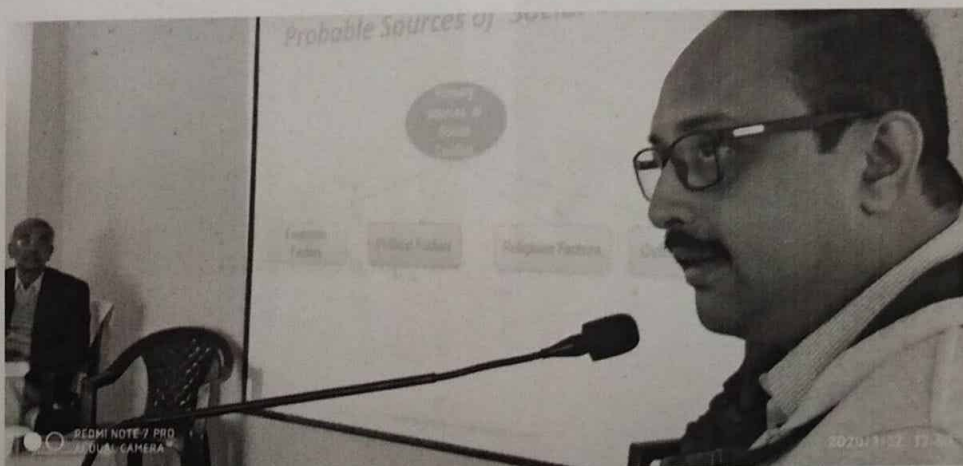
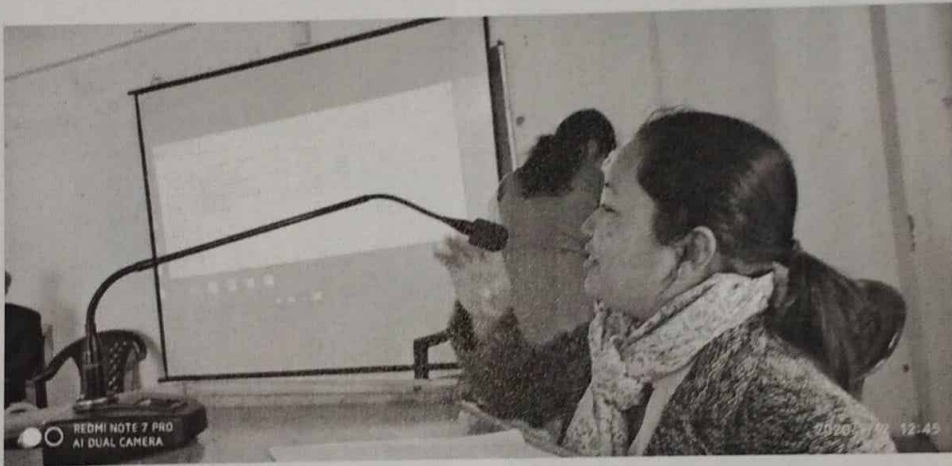
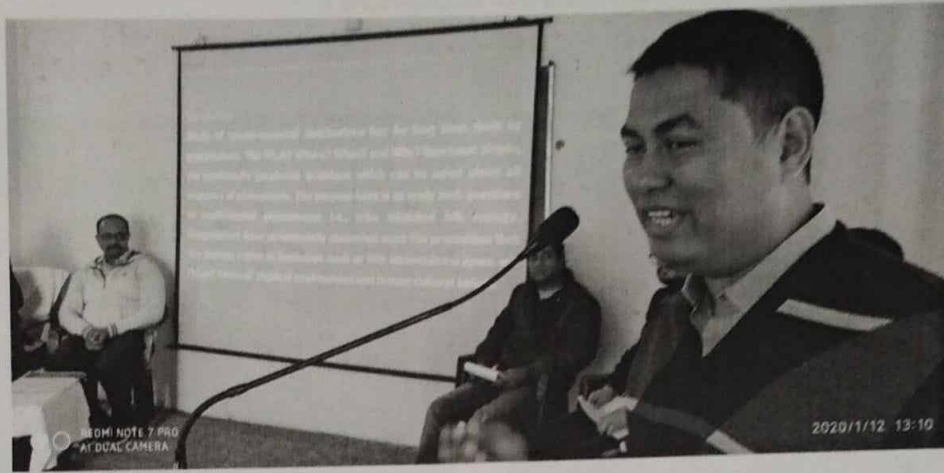
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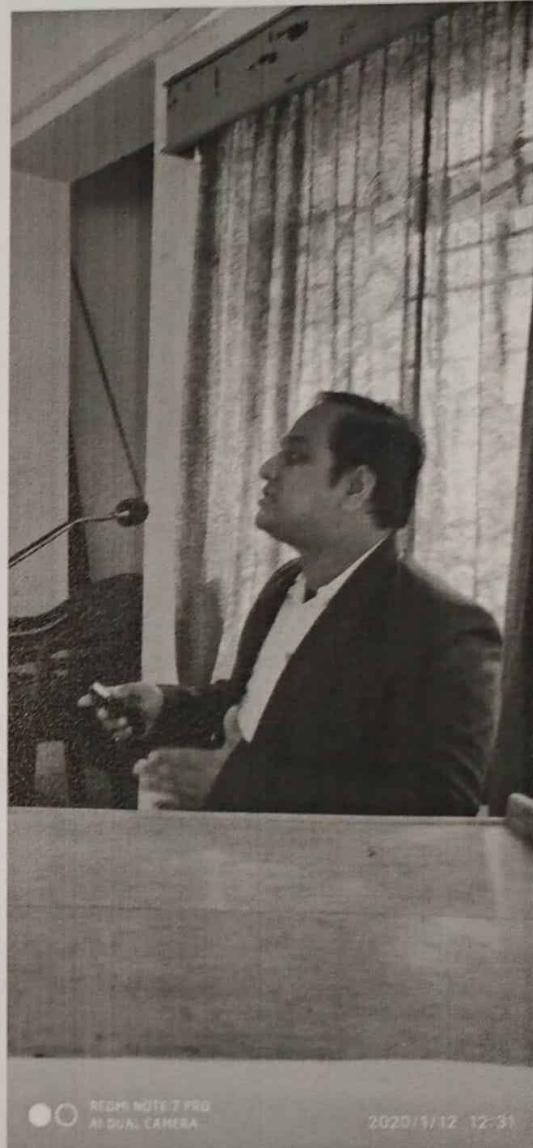
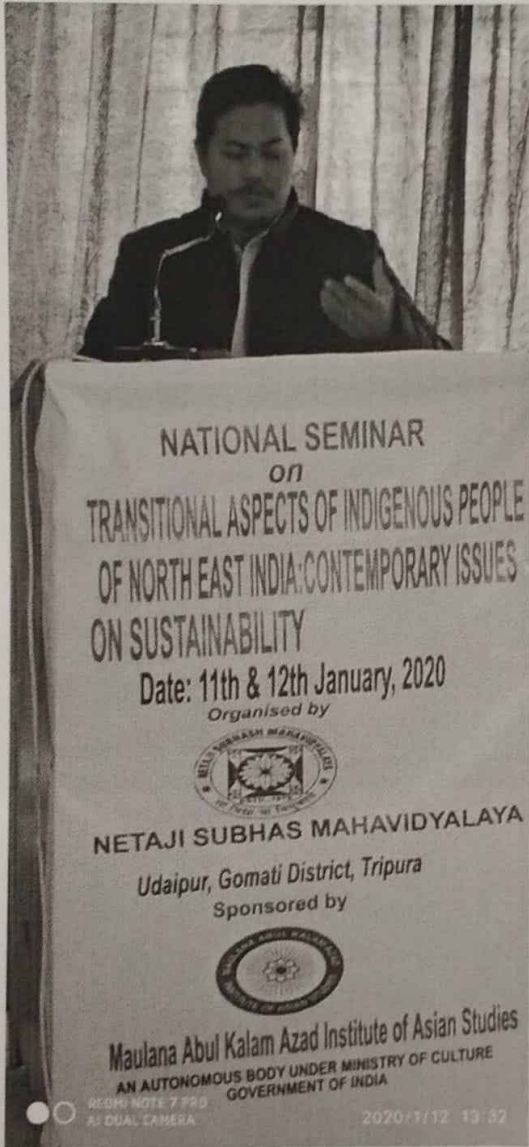
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**Valedictory Session
(Feedback)**

