

National Seminar

Nationalism and Nationalist Upsurge
Against the
Colonial Rule with
Special Reference to
the Unsung Heroes
of North East Bharat

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# INVITATION

*To,* Sri/Smt./Dr.

Sir/Madam

We are happy to notify you that on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024, the History Department of Rabindranath Tagore University in Hojai will host a National Seminar funded by the ICHR. It is an effort to provide a thorough picture of the people's resistance to the Colonial rule and also an attempt to retrace the unexplored liberation movement in the territory of North East Bharat.

We cordially request for your courteous presence on the days mentioned above so that you might impart your wisdom to all of us.

Thanking You,
With Regards
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## About THE UNIVERSITY

Rabindranath Tagore University (RTU) is a Public State University located at Hojai, Hojai district, Assam. The university is established through the Rabindranath Tagore University Act, XXXIV of 2017 which was passed by the State Legislature of Assam in 2017. The Act was approved by the then Governor of Assam on 16 October 2017. It was created by upgrading Hojai College, established on 11 July 1964, a general degree college situated in Hojai district, Assam. It is one of the prominent educational institution serving in this semi urban region of Assam for the upliftment of the student community with varied socio-economic and cultural backgrounds

# About the Department

The Department of History of Rabindranath Tagore University is supporting and co-operating with the institution from different perspectives including in the development of human resources. The enrolment of the students in the department is satisfactory. The department is very active and vibrant in its performance.

# About Hojai

Hojai is a historically significant place where we can find the traces of ancient history of Assam. It is mentioned in the Allahabad pillar inscription that Samudragupta extended his territory up to Dabak Rajya, the present Dabaka circle of Hojai The archaeological sites of the city are Rajbari, Na-bhanga, Na-Nath, Amtala, Dabaka, Akashiganga etc. Moreover, the city is surrounded by beautiful Dima-Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts with its mesmerising beauty of nature and people. Presently it is one the most attractive tourist destinations of Assam.

How to reach RTU

Rabindranath Tagore University is situated in Hojai District. It is about 56 km from Nagaon. It is well connected through Railway and roadway. Hojai Railway station is 2 km. from the university. Rabindranath Tagore University Location link <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/PSFuANgJff4NGCEJ7">https://maps.app.goo.gl/PSFuANgJff4NGCEJ7</a>

# About the Seminar Theme

Nationalism is a political and social ideology that emphasizes the collective identity, culture and interests of a nation and also supports a particular nation's demand to achieve and maintain that nation's sovereignty (self-governance) over its motherland. The idea of Indian nationalism first emerged with the sense of freedom that sprouted in the minds of people which finally got the shape of a movement. Indian nationalism is a demonstration of united passive and sometimes active resistance that was beyond cultural racial or religious roots. The entire phase of the nationalist upsurge in different regions of India has its own histo-

riography and oral history

In this context, the nationalist upsurge against the colonial rule in North East Bharat was a complex and multifaceted phenomenon driven by a combination of history, socio-economic and political factors. It played a pivotal role in shaping the regional identity and political landscape of the region. The tools of the Nationalist movement within the region have been popularized by different media viz. literature, writings and music, etc. Modern nationalist works, which include songs, plays, leaflets, and pamphlets, have importance to the ideological motivation and influenced public engagement. With time, some of the literary and cultural parts of the movement may fade away, leaving behind important pieces of history that must be revived, analyzed, and preserved. Moreover, the North-eastern independence fighters; contribution to the history of the war against the British has not been given the credit it deserves. In preparing the narrative of the Indian freedom movement it is often noticed that the North East Bharat is being ignored due to its lack of proper orientation in record keeping. Thus to project and promote the effort made by those lesser known freedom fighters of North East Bharat, the seminar is organized to comprehend the breadth of India's freedom movement.

#### **Sub Themes**

- 1. Nationalism in the framework of culture, language, and economy.
- 2. The emergence of nationalism, regionalism, and ethnic pride.
- 3. The role of colonial rule in shaping NE Bharat's regional and ethnic identity.
- 4. The participation of NE Bharat in the Indian freedom struggle.
- 5. The role played by NE Bharat's unsung heroes
- 6. Literary portrayal of NE Bharat's freedom movement and nationalism.
- 7. Assam's involvement in the freedom movement at various points.
- 8. Cultural Nationalism: Songs and ballads of the Assamese language representing the independence movement.
- 9. Participation of Women and Students' of North East Bharat in Freedom Struggle.
- 10. Trade Union and allied Movements
- 11. INA and North East Bharat.
- **12.** Tea Tribes in the Freedom Movement with special reference to Assam.
- 13. Patterns of Various Anti-British Uprisings among the Hill tribes in North East Bharat.
- 14. Any other topic related to the main theme.

## Publication of the Research Paper

Selected peer-reviewed papers will be published in an edited volume with ISBN. Authors would have to bear the cost of the book at the time of receiving his/her copy as post-conference proceedings of the Seminar.

## **Important Dates**

Last Date of the Submission of Abstract- 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2024
Last date of Submission of Full Paper- 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024
Seminar Date: 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

• Seminar will be conducted in blended mode.

(Participants from outside Assam can participate in virtual mode.)

Registration fee		Registration fee	
with paper		without paper	
Faculty:	Rs. 1000	Faculty:	Rs. 800
Research Scholar:	Rs. 700	Research Scholar:	Rs. 500
Student.	Rs 500	Student.	Rs 300

#### **Submission Guidelines**

Original Research papers are invited from esteemed academicians, researchers, administrators, experts of different organizations and students.

The paper should be prepared in MLA/APA format in Assamese/English/Hindi/Bengali. The length of the paper should not exceed 5000 words excluding preliminary pages, annexures and reference list. The abstract of the paper should not exceed 250 words with a maximum of six keywords which should excluding preliminary information on the title of the proposed paper name(s) of the author (s), institutional affiliation, and email and postal addresses. The font of the paper should be Times New Roman, 12 points with line spacing of 1.5.

The authors are required to send abstract as well as full paper as soft copy to the following E-mail addres: <a href="https://hseminarRTU@gmail.com">hseminarRTU@gmail.com</a>. Hard copy to be sent to Dr. Pallabita Das, HOD, Dept. of History, Rabindranath

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It is mandatory to register into <a href="https://-forms.gle/o6QdEFe66WHRJW9i6">https://-forms.gle/o6QdEFe66WHRJW9i6</a> to participate in the seminar. Authors can also submit abstract in MS word file format as attachment during registration.

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