

**Report of the two day eco-friendly National Seminar on
"Gender Issues in North-East India: Challenges and
Way Forward" held on 13th and 14th of March, 2020**

Puthimari College organized a National Seminar titled "Gender Issues in North-East India: Challenges and Way Forward" on 13th and 14th of March, 2020 which was totally eco friendly and sponsored by the National Commission for Women, New Delhi. We invited Dr. Hareswar Mahanta as the chairperson; Prof. Apurba Kr. Barua as the inaugurator; Satyabrat Kalita, MLA of Kamalpur as the Chief Guest of the inaugural session and Dr. Suresh Nath as the chairperson of the valedictory session. On 13th March, three technical sessions were held along with the inaugural session. A total of 143 paper presenters and participants attended the seminar on that day. On 14th March, two technical sessions along with the valedictory session were held. A total of 109 paper presenters and participants attended the seminar. A copy of the abstract book, schedule, photographs of the seminar in the form of a CD and attendance sheet have been attached herewith. Prof. Manorama Sharma was invited as the Keynote speaker and Prof. Alpana Borgohain, Prof. Polly Vauqueline, Dr. Suryasikha Pathak, Dr. Barnali Sarma, Dr. Walter Fernandes, Dr. Maheswar Kalita were invited as Resource Persons. The two days were full of discussions, deliberations, focusing lights on various issues relating to gender, sexuality, mental health, legal perspectives, public vs private space, livelihood issues, food security, literature, customary laws and gender etc.etc. The scholars coming from fourteen different universities and institutions have enriched us academically. As co-coordinators, it was kind of an experience of different level. We learnt a lot from the overall experience of organizing the seminar. We are happy that we could organize the seminar in an eco-friendly manner and without harming the environment. From the banner to the utensils; we were particular about using 100% biodegradable stuffs. We, on behalf of Puthimari college, thank National Commission for Women for helping and guiding us in organising such an fruitful event at our college. We are looking forward for future collaboration with National Commission for Women. We also thank all our colleagues; Principal Sir, the invited academicians, all the scholars. Hope, we will work together in future too. In solidarity with you all in the fight for

gender equality in all spheres. We are planning to publish the selected papers on the basis of observation and remarks received from the resource persons very soon. The college has agreed to finance the expense of the publication.

With regards

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