

**National Seminar on  
Centralisation, Democracy and Dissent:  
The Role of the Media in Contestation and Reconciliation**

Organised by North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), Guwahati  
Venue: Inspiration, Joypur, Kharguli, Guwahati  
Date: 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2018

<b>Day 1: Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018</b>	
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
	<b>Inaugural Session</b>
	Chairperson: Prafulla Govinda Baruah, Editor, The Assam Tribune, Guwahati
10:00 – 10:05	A Word of Welcome:
10:05 – 10:10	Introduction to the Seminar:
10:10 – 10:40	Keynote Speaker: P. Sainath Theme: The present situation in India: The media and the search for alternatives
10:40 – 11:00	Chairperson Speaks
11:00 – 11:15	Tea Break
	<b>Technical Session I: Media and Religion</b>
	Chairperson: Pradip Phanjoubam
11:15 – 12:45	Themes and Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Print and Electronic Media presenting religion and religious conflicts</i> Siddharth Varadarajan,</li> <li>2. <i>The Media and the Minorities</i> Seema Mustafa</li> <li>3. <i>Can religion be a tool of social change in the present context?</i> Priyanka Borpujari</li> </ol>
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break
	<b>Technical Session II: Media and Gender</b>
	Chairperson: Linda Chhakchhouak
13:45 – 15:45	Themes and Speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Can the Media Help to End Gender Based Violence?</i> Pamela Philippose</li> <li>2. <i>Media in a squeeze: Whither liberal space?</i> Patricia Mukhim</li> <li>3. <i>Sexuality and pluralism in the present dispensation.</i> Vikramaditya Sahai</li> </ol>
15:15 – 15:30	Tea Break

	<b>Technical Session III: The Media and Nationalism</b>
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Chairperson: Prof. Gopal Guru, Editor, Economic and Political Weekly</p> <p>Themes and Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Defining Nationalism: Implications for the Northeast</i> Sanjay Barbora</li> <li>2. <i>Looking at or Re-writing History</i> Urvashi Butalia</li> <li>3. <i>Is an Alternative History for a Secular Nation Possible?</i> Joy Pachuau</li> </ol>
<b>Day 2: Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	
	<b>Technical Session IV: The Media and the Northeast</b>
09:15 – 10:45	<p>Chairperson: R. Rajagopal, Editor, The Telegraph, Guwahati</p> <p>Tongam Rina:</p> <p>Dristirupa Patgiri</p> <p>Jarjum Ete.</p>
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break
	<b>Technical Session V: Media and Alternatives</b>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Chairperson: Mrinal Talukdar</p> <p>Themes and Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tarun Bhartiya:</li> <li>2. Arunab Saikia:</li> <li>3. Aheli Moitra:</li> <li>4. Tanmoy Bhaduri</li> </ol>
	<b>Valedictory Session</b>
12:30 – 13:15	<p>Chairperson: Editor, Amar Ahom, Guwahati</p> <p>Valedictory Address: Prof. Gopal Guru, Editor Designate, Economic and Political Weekly</p> <p>Vote of Thanks:</p>
13:15 – 14:00	Lunch