

Monthly lecture series

Report by North East Regional Centre

Under the monthly program series of Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts- North East Regional Centre, Guwahati, a lecture on, 'Changing Patterns of Tribes in Arunachal Pradesh', was organized by on 18th February 2019 at Vivekananda Kendra Institute of Culture, Guwahati.

Speaker Dr. D. K. Bora, former Director, Directorate of Research, Government of Arunachal Pradesh gave an illustrated talk on the above mentioned topic. Dr. Jonali Devi, from the Department of Anthropology, Cotton University chaired the talk.

Dr. D.K. Bora and Dr. Jonali Devi were felicitated by offering traditional Assamese *gamochary* by Dr. Richa Negi, Director, IGNC-NEERC Guwahati.

Dr. D.K. Bora shared some of his experiences during his 30 years tenure in Arunachal Pradesh as Director, Directorate of Research. He elaborated upon the changing patterns of tribal community of Arunachal Pradesh by highlighting some of the major changes inflicted as a result of westernization which have changed their food habits, beliefs, customs and traditional ceremonies. Stating further, he said that the impact of globalization has played an important role which has changed the cultural pattern among the tribes. Citing examples of some of the tribes like Nishi, Apatani, Wancho, Adi etc. he gave a descriptive example of the changes taking place in the present time due to education and exposure to the outside world of the present generation. He concluded the talk by stressing the need to document the cultural expressions which still are in their original forms.

While appreciating the talk Dr. Jonali Devi also stressed the need to document the living culture for posterity and future generation.



