

### The subtheme of the Seminar:

1. Understanding Bengal-Assam relation: Historical, Religious, Cultural etc. perspectives
2. Bishnu Prasad Rabha: Life, Works, Contribution to Harmony and Integration.
3. Bengali and Assamese Literature / Folk literature: Comparative Understanding
4. Social Issues: Bishnu Prasad Rabha – Kazi Nazrul Islam – Bhupen Hazarika
5. Any other issues that address the Bengal-Assam Relationship.

### Abstract and Paper:

- ▶ Papers are to be presented in Bengali, Assamese and English.
- ▶ Papers and Abstracts to be sent to Dr. Arabinda Rajkhowa, North Lakhimpur College, Assam through Email : [arabindarajkhowa2011@gmail.com](mailto:arabindarajkhowa2011@gmail.com)  
Contact No. 7002968932 (Mob) / 94351 89174 (WhatsApp)
- ▶ In case of Paper or Abstract written in Bengali or Assamese, take print out of the paper, scan it and send as photo or send as pdf file.
- ▶ Last date of submission of Abstract is **30<sup>th</sup> January 2020**.
- ▶ Last date of submission of Full Length Paper is **5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2020**.
- ▶ Participants willing to take part in *Bengal-Assam Cultural Exchange Programme* must inform the organizers in advance along with the event they wish to perform.

### TA and Accommodation, Food:

- ▶ TA and Accommodation will not be provided to any participants.
- ▶ Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks, Tea /Coffee, water will be provided in Venue.

**Registration Fee:** ▶ No Registration Fee

**Certificate:** ▶ Certificate of Participation / Paper Presentation / Chairing Session will be given.

This National Seminar on '*BISHNU PRASAD RABHA AND INDIAN CULTURE : WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BENGAL ASSAM RELATION*' is designed to highlight and strengthen Bengal-Assam Cultural Relationship in particular and to appreciate the Indian Culture in general. BISHNU PRASAD RABHA (1909-1969) was a student of St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata. He spent his academic life in undivided Bengal. The noted NORTH LAKHIMPUR COLLEGE, Assam and the historic St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College jointly organize this National Seminar on the said topic.

Not only Bishnu Prasad Rabha, there are many other talents of Assam who have close relation with Bengal, such as BHUPEN HAZARIKA. Many Bengalis too have made Assam their next abode during British period. The *Kamakhya Peeth* has attracted many Bengalees to Assam for Pilgrimage.

Our history indicates that the *Charyapada*, *Srikrishnakritan*, *Nath Sahitya* and *Vaishanava Literature* including SRIMANTA SANKARADEVA imply Bengal-Assam religio-cultural tie. The Bengali-Odia-Assamese are the sister languages, hence, we have close kinship. Technically this National Seminar hope to highlight Inter-disciplinary and Inter-State relation.

This National Seminar aspires for exploring the socio-cultural relation between Bengal-Assam on one hand, and the contribution of BISHNU PRASAD RABHA to Indian Culture on the other hand. Contrary to all the adverse realities, this seminar strongly supports the vision of amity and unity. We believe in building an alternative instance of friendly relationship which will stand like a light house against all darkness. We expect research papers to fulfill this mission and vision. By doing this we shall not only serve the academic sphere but also serve the need of our mighty nation too.

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National Seminar on:

## BISHNU PRASAD RABHA AND INDIAN CULTURE

With Special Reference to Bengal-Assam Relation

Date : 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020



Organised (Jointly) by:

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| <b>Dept. of Bengali</b>     | <b>Dept. of Assamese</b>    |
| <b>St. Paul's Cathedral</b> | <b>North Lakhimpur</b>      |
| <b>Mission College</b>      | <b>College [Autonomous]</b> |
| <b>Estd.: 1865</b>          | <b>Estd.: 1952</b>          |
| 33/1, Raja Rammohan Roy     | Khelmati, Dist. Lakhimpur   |
| Sarani, Kolkata, -700009,   | Assam, PIN 787031           |

**Venue :**  
St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College  
Kolkata

To

Sir/Madam,  
It gives us immense pleasure to invite you to the National Seminar on 'BISHNU PRASAD RABHA AND INDIAN CULTURE : WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO BENGAL ASSAM RELATION' to be organized by St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College and North Lakhimpur College [Autonomous] on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata. The details on the sub-themes and other relevant information are provided in the remaining sections of this invitation letter.

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**About North Lakhimpur College, Assam**

The first autonomous College of Assam, established in 1952, North Lakhimpur College has successfully carved its niche in the area of higher education in Assam. Committed to raising standard of higher education, the college intends to equip the learners with sound theoretical knowledge, adequate practical exposure and develop in them the capacity to think. College was awarded 'B++' grade by NAAC. At present the College offers graduate level courses in Arts and Science in twenty subjects and offers post graduate level course in seven subjects. A sound academic environment is the institution's goal which aptly complements its motto- 'Let noble thoughts come from all direction'.

**About St. Paul's Cathedral Mission College, Kolkata**

St. Pauls Cathedral Mission College was founded by the British Missionaries in 1865. During 20<sup>th</sup> Century the college was a hub wherein the dream of *Freedom of India* was nurtured. Rabindranath Tagore, Bibhutibhusan Bandyopadhyay, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Mahatma Gandhi had visited this college in different points of time. Poets like Bishnu De, Nirendranath Chakraborty (of Bengal), Bishnu Prasad Rabha (of Assam) were students of this college. St. Paul's College, after Independence, has become a space for harmony and integration. Researches on Vaishnavism are being done in 'Sri Jagannath Research Centre' since January, 2009, where Research on Sri Jagannath of Assam has been going on at present. Field work based research paper on 'Sri Jagannath of Gowhati and Shillong' was published in 2009 itself. 'Sri Jagannath Research Centre' has been working on North-East India till now. On the occasion of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the college, APJ Abdul Kalam, the Honorable President of India visited this Heritage College.

**Programme Schedule**

|            |               |                                  |
|------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 17-02-2020 | 8.30 - 10.00  | Registration & Breakfast         |
|            | 10.00 - 11.30 | Inauguration Programme           |
|            | 11.30 - 2.00  | Technical Session                |
| 18-02-2020 | 2.00 - 2-45   | Lunch                            |
|            | 2.45 - 4.30   | Technical Session                |
|            | 8.30 - 10.00  | Registration & Breakfast         |
|            | 10.00 - 11.30 | Technical Session                |
|            | 11.30 - 1.00  | Technical Session                |
| 18-02-2020 | 1.00 - 1.45   | Lunch                            |
|            | 1.45 - 4.30   | Valedictory & Cultural Programme |

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

1. Name of the participant (in block letters) :

2. Designation :

3. Institutional Address :

4. email id :

5. Contact No :

6. Accomodation Required : Yes / No (tick)

Date :

Place :

Signature of Participant