life, customary laws, matrilineal structures of the society offer us a new lens to revisit gendered space in the region. From time immemorial, the mythological women characters of Mahabharata like Chitrangada, Rukmini, Usha represent the region in the great Indian epic tradition. Hence, it is important to explore an indigenous perspective to rethink and reimagine gendered space of Northeast India in the light of local knowledge and practices.

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f. Gender relation and customary rules in Northeast India
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Dear Sir/ Madam

We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Political Science, B.Borooah College (Autonomous), Guwahati is organizing a two-day National Seminar on the theme "Gendered Space and Indigenous Knowledge System in Northeast India"in the college premises on 25th and 26th September, 2026. The seminar intends to provide a platform to the scholars, researchers, activists and academicians working in the domain of gender to interact and exchange views on intersectionalities of gendered space and indigenous knowledge system in the context of Northeast India. We, therefore, cordially invite you to actively participate and contribute a research paper to make the event a successful one.

With warm regards,

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B.Borooah College (Autonomous) was established in the year 1943 in the name of Bholanath Borooah, a doyen of Assamese business and a close associate of Lakshminath Bezbaruah. Founded during the Indian freedom movement under the leadership of Gopinath Bordoloi, the first Chief Minister of Assam, the college was established to provide higher education to students, especially those who worked during the day, by initially functioning as a night college. Presently, the institution offers undergraduate, postgraduate, and research programmes in Arts, Science, Information Technology, and Management. The college has been awarded the prestigious NAAC A^{++} grade, reflecting its commitment to excellence in teaching, research, infrastructure, and governance in 2023. In 2024, the college received autonomous status from the UGC, allowing greater academic freedom to design curriculum, conduct examinations, and introduce innovative courses that meet modern educational needs.

The Department of Political Science was established in the year 1943. Initially the department was a part of the Department of Civics. Later on Gauhati University split the Department of Civics into the Department of Economics and the Department of Political Science in the year 1961. The founder head of the department was Dr. Birendra Nath Dutta, a noted academician, folklorist and former president of the Asom Sahitya Sabha.

About the Seminar

Gendered Space has emerged as a critical domain of academic enquiry with the amplified waves of feminist discourses in contemporary time. In common parlance, it refers to gender roles and responsibilities in all spaces of human life. While looking at gendered space, the occidental feminist approach always occupies a predominant position. However, to understand the gender relationship in a non-western world requires an indigenous vantage point that may help in exploring age old ethos, values and everyday practices of a given society. The gender relations in the specific context of Northeast India at times depart from that of mainland India. Here, a tribal way of