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**In collaboration with the  
Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research**

**Present**

**Contested Space and Identity in the Indian Northeast**

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## **Programme**

Shri Prakash, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia: Inaugural remarks

Sanjoy Hazarika, Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research: Introduction

### **10:00 – 11:30: Session I: The Role of the State and Non-State Actors in the Northeast**

Moderator: Shri Prakash

1. Sanjib Baruah: "From Memories of the Past to a Vision for the Future: Resolving the Crisis of Citizenship in Northeast India"
2. Ravi Hemadri: "Civil Society Initiatives and the Indian State in the Borderlands"
3. Rita Manchanda: "Redefining boundaries of the discourse on the Northeast: A Gendered Perspective on Human Security"
4. Bhagat Oinam: "State, Non-State and Civil Society Space: The Politics of Appropriation and Delegitimisation"

### **11:30 – 13:15: Session II: Identity and Community in the Borderlands**

Moderator: Walter Fernandes

1. Partha Ghosh: "Assam Within or Without India's Northeast: A Perspective"
2. Sunita Akoijam: "The Psychological Impact of Violence on Society: Living in a Culture of Fear"
3. Sanghamitra Misra: "Between Borders: Writing Histories of Borderland Identities in Northeastern India"
4. Aküm Longchari: "The Caravan: State Identity and Self-Definition"

### **13:15 – 14:00: Lunch**

### **14:00 – 15:30: Session III: Avenues to Peace and the Prism of Perception**

Moderator: Aküm Longchari

1. Walter Fernandes: "Demystifying Development as a Recipe for Peace in the Northeast"
2. Namrata Goswami: "Understanding the Ground Realities: The Naga and the Dimasa Peace Processes"
3. Fasiha Qadri: "Peace and Conflict Narratives: A View from Kashmir"
4. Radha Kumar: "The Challenge of the Northeast from a Comparative Conflict Resolution Perspective"

### **Panel Discussion: The Northeast and the Bigger Picture**

Moderator: Bhagat Oinam

1. Sanjoy Hazarika
2. Sanjib Baruah
3. Ram Narayan Kumar