

NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

Tribals as Custodians of Tradition: Exploring the Naga Indigenous Knowledge System

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HOW TO REACH

Dimapur stands as the sole city in Nagaland with both rail and air connectivity. It serves as the region's main railway station on the North-East Frontier Railway, offering direct links to Guwahati. From Guwahati, travelers can access all major destinations across India. Dimapur has direct train services to cities such as New Delhi, Kolkata, Bangalore, and Chennai. Additionally, there are daily flights from Dimapur to Kolkata, making it a key transportation hub for the state. Dimapur is accessible by road from Kohima, Imphal, and Guwahati. From either the Dimapur railway station or airport, you can take National Highway 29, pass Sovima gate and Sovima Thursday bazaar, and arrive at ICFAI University Nagaland. October is considered an ideal month to visit Dimapur, as the weather tends to be quite warm and humid, with temperatures typically ranging between 19°C and 30°C (67°F to 86°F).

ABOUT ICFAI UNIVERSITY, NAGALAND

The ICFAI University, Nagaland, was established as a private institution by the ICFAI Society, a nationwide organization dedicated to providing quality higher education across India through its extensive network of universities, premier business schools, and other educational institutions. Located in Sovima village, Chumoükedima, the university's permanent campus was officially recognized by the Government of Nagaland through the Department of Higher Education Notification No. HE/9-2/2004 (Vol-I) on June 19, 2008, under the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University (Nagaland) Act, 2006, as amended. This recognition was further validated by the University Grants Commission (UGC) in their letter No. F-8/15/2009 (CPP-1) dated November 14, 2009. Having operated for over fifteen years, ICFAI University has consistently provided high-quality education. The university has successfully fulfilled its foundational mission and objectives, establishing itself as a prominent institution in the higher education landscape of Nagaland. With its substantial growth potential, ICFAI University is well-positioned to continue making a significant impact in the region's educational sector.



ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Nagas and Northeast India's traditional knowledge system are interconnected with the Indian Knowledge System (IKS), reflecting rich cultural, ecological, and intellectual heritage. The customs, beliefs, and knowledge that have guided the tribes of Northeast India for many years are all part of the rich cultural heritage.

With an emphasis on its many facets, such as traditional ecological practices, the use of medicinal plants, agricultural methods, and cultural narratives, this seminar aims to explore into the northeast in general and Naga indigenous knowledge, in particular, that interconnects with the IKS. The main goal is to draw attention to how crucial these knowledge systems are for supporting sustainable lifestyles and maintaining ecological balance in the face of environmental concerns and fast modernization.

The preservation of oral traditions and folklore as essential elements of cultural identity, the importance of traditional practices in climate adaptation, and the integration of indigenous knowledge in biodiversity protection will be major debate points. The seminar's exploration of these topics seeks to highlight the value of indigenous Naga knowledge in current discussions about sustainability and community resilience.

In order to promote a deeper understanding of Naga customs and worldviews, dynamic panel discussions, will enable guests to engage with Naga communities. The event will also provide an opportunity for discussing issues that Naga tribes face, including land rights, cultural dilution, and the effects of climate change on traditional lifestyles.

Our objective is to promote the acceptance and value of Naga indigenous knowledge system through this effort, as well as their incorporation into development and policy-making plans. The seminar hopes to ignite a fresh respect for indigenous wisdom and its critical role in shaping sustainable futures for all by recording and sharing these valuable ideas.

The indigenous knowledge system of the tribes of the northeast is a valuable asset that holds the potential to inform sustainable practices and enrich our understanding of biodiversity and cultural heritage. By exploring the sub-themes outlined in this concept note, the seminar aims to create a platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration, and advocacy. It is essential to ensure that the voices of tribal communities are heard and respected, fostering a deeper appreciation for their contributions to global sustainability and cultural diversity. Through collective efforts, we can work towards preserving and promoting the valuable indigenous knowledge system for future generations.

Sub-themes: Papers can be presented under the following sub-themes:

- Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK)
- Medicinal Knowledge and Healing Practices
- Oral Traditions and Cultural Heritage
- Community Practices and Social Structures among Nagas
- Challenges and Opportunities in Preservation

PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION

Please use this form to confirm your participation in the upcoming seminar:

link: <https://forms.gle/X8QGNACuEEMGf63A6>

REGISTRATION FEES

✓ Students/Scholars	Rs. 1000/-
✓ Faculty	Rs. 1500/-
✓ Participants	Rs. 650/-

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The abstract may be sent as an email attachment to nationalseminar2025@iunagaland.edu.in.
Selected papers will be moved for publication in book form.

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 - a. MS word format
 - b. Font- Times New Roman
 - c. Font Size- 12
 - d. Spacing- 0 pt
 - e. Line Spacing- 1.5 lines
2. All manuscript must be 5000 words approx and should include 4-6 keywords, an abstract of about 250 words and carry contributor's affiliation(s) and e-mail address.
3. Accepts manuscripts written in British English (UK) only.
4. Photographic illustrations included in the manuscript should be provided in JPEG or TIFF format with minimum resolution of 300 dpi and 1500 pixels.
5. References and Notes should be arranged as Footnote in APA Style (7th edition)/ MLA (8th edition).

IMPORTANT DATES

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29 AUGUST, 2025	4-5 SEPTEMBER, 2025	12 SEPTEMBER, 2025	15 SEPTEMBER, 2025	6-7 OCTOBER, 2025
Last date for abstract submission	Intimation of acceptance	Full paper submission	Last date of registration	Date of Seminar