

ICSSR-NERC Sponsored National Seminar at Jorhat College (Amal.)

on 22-23 December, 2025

- English and political Agenda in Pre and Post-independent Assam.
- Influence of western/ English philosophers in Assam.
- English and Assamese Mass-media.
- Impact of English in Assamese Society.
- Missionaries and tea planters' accounts with reference to English in Assam.
- Colonial agenda and English Literature.
- Impact of English in vernacular languages of Assam.
- Language and Identity Formation.
- Contribution of Literature to Assamese Nationalism.
- Literary Narratives on Economic and Socio-Cultural conditions of Assam
- English and cultural dynamics.
- Influence of English on ethnic languages of Assam.
- Economic perspective to English studies in Assam.
- Any other relevant topic.

Guidelines for paper submission:

- The maximum word limit for the abstract is 300 words with 6 key words;
- The maximum word limit for full paper is 3000 words. The title page should clearly indicate the name designation and affiliation of the author(s).
- Paper can be written in either English or Assamese or Hindi.

Important Dates:

- Last Date of Abstract Submission: 15/12/2025
- Last Date of online Registration & Full Paper Submission: 18/12/2025
- Link for Registration:
<https://forms.gle/LF6MxSPH1NKjzKq6>
- The soft copy of abstract and full paper must be sent to the following: jorhatcollegeenglishdept@gmail.com
- On the spot registration facility also available.

Registration details:

- Student participant with paper/ without paper: Rs 300/ (online & offline)
- Participant (faculty member/ research scholar) without paper: Rs 500/
- Research scholar with paper: Rs 700 (online & offline)
- Faculty member with paper: Rs. 1000/ (online & offline)

Mode of Payment:

Registration fee may be paid through online transfer at the following account:

- Name of the Bank: INDIAN BANK
- Name of Branch: JORHAT
- AC Name: SECRETARY JORHAT COLLEGE
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How to reach Jorhat:

Jorhat is well connected by road, rail and air;
Jorhat College (Amal.) stands on
M G Road, Jorhat close to
Na-Ali Railway Over bridge, Jorhat.

ICSSR-NERC SPONSORED TWO-DAY NATIONAL SEMINAR

On
**Dynamics of English Literature and
Language in The Socio-Cultural and
Political Sphere of Assam**
(Hybrid Mode)

On
22nd & 23rd December, 2025



Organized by

**DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
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JORHAT COLLEGE (AMALGAMATED),
JORHAT, ASSAM 785001**

INVITATION

Dear Sir/Madam,

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that the Department of English, Jorhat College (Amalgamated) is going to hold a national seminar on 22nd and 23rd December, 2025 with the funding of the Indian Council for Social Science Research–North East Regional Centre.

The theme of the seminar is DYNAMICS OF ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE IN THE SOCIO-CULTURAL AND POLITICAL SPHERE OF ASSAM.

Distinguished academicians not only from different colleges and Universities of Assam but also from outside the state have consented to attend the seminar. The scope of presentation of research papers in the seminar will be extended to research scholars, teachers and students.

You are cordially invited to attend the Seminar and make it a grand success through your active participation.

With regards

Dr. Soumitra Puzari
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Seminar Organizing Committee

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About the College

Jorhat College (Amalgamated) is one of the foremost seats of higher education in Jorhat with an enduring legacy for it has as its founders some of the luminous minds of Jorhat from the bygone era from the field of academics, law, trade & commerce and civil society. A fascinating fact regarding the birth of Jorhat College (Amal.) is that it was born out of the amalgamation of two institutions founded separately in 1962: Jorhat College and New Jorhat College. The institution proudly celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 2012 and Diamond Jubilee in 2022. Established with the aim to democratize education by bringing the light of knowledge to students from the rural and fringe areas, Jorhat College (Amal.), over the past six decades, has grown into one of the finest centres of higher education in Jorhat offering UG courses in Humanities along with an array of vocational courses for skilling/upskilling of students to make them self-reliant. The college is also a study cum examination centre for Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University, Guwahati and Centre for Distance and Online Education, Dibrugarh University offering working and in-service learners opportunities for higher education. The college has an active IQAC that looks after all academic issues in the college. The college has a well-stocked reader-friendly library that offers access to books, journals, periodicals, newspapers and e-resources. Having elegantly crossed the milestones of the Golden Jubilee and Diamond Jubilee, the college now aims for an all-round development in tune with the spirit of NEP 2020 and in terms of infrastructure, human resource development and research output.

The website of the college: www.jorhatcollege.in

Concept-Note:

The proposed two-day seminar titled “Dynamics of English literature and Language in the socio cultural and political sphere of Assam” would provide a forum for scholars, linguists, social scientists, media personalities, bureaucrats and politicians from the region to engage in scholarly deliberations on the role of English language and literature in the (un)making of Assamese literature, culture and society. Although not obviously felt, it is a reality that the roots of English language and literature run deep into the Assamese mind and society. English as a language enjoys tremendous prestige in Assam – both within the academia and outside.

The journey of English in Assam has been special; the arrival of the British colonizers and European Christian Missionaries marked the introduction of English language.

As the language of the new rulers, some of the Assamese people did try to learn English with all sincerity which can be understood from the quick proliferation of English language. That there was obvious politics behind the introduction of English in Assam (as in the rest of India) becomes evident through post-colonial studies. Despite the odds, it is to be accepted that activities of the European/ British missionaries, administrators and Tea-Planters did lead to the promotion of the English language and literature in Assam. The interactions between local and the foreign had a far reaching consequence for Assam that covered various dimensions including the linguistic, social, political, cultural, economic, religious and so on. In other words, there is hardly any area left which has remained unaffected by English.

The elitism associated with English is a reality, one with a very good command over the English language is at once given a privileged status in the Assamese society. This peculiar mindset needs to be studied carefully with academic rigour. Further, historical facts like the fragmentation in the greater Assamese Society during 19th Century (under the impact of English), the advent of Bengali language patronized by the British as a part of colonial diplomacy and the language movement which had a great significance in the socio political and cultural aspects of Assam history need also to be studied in perspective vis-à-vis the position of English in Assam. It is expected that during the course of the seminar, there would be interesting academic insights into the dynamics of English literature and Language in the socio cultural, political and linguistic spheres of Assam.

The seminar organizing committee invites research papers on sub-themes mentioned below:

- English Language and Assamese Nationalism.
- English in Assam: A historical perspective.
- English as medium of instruction in Assam.
- English literature in colonial Assam.
- English and Imperialism.
- Impact of English literature on Assamese literature.
- English/Assamese and translation studies.
- Assamese in global perspective.

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