



International Level Seminar on

**Revisiting and Remembering Partition: Issues related to Eastern and North-Eastern
India**

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The seminar began with keynote speeches by the distinguished speakers, each sharing their expertise and research findings on the Partition of India in 1947 not only affected the geo-physical entities but also permanently changed the psychological and cultural matrix of both India and Pakistan. Partition based on religion became imminent in two important provinces of Punjab and Bengal. The speakers had thoroughly discussed that after Partition, the nation state has, time and again, initiated and introduced many rules and regulations to define the legal implications of the event, and the identity and legality of the Partition-affected populace, especially in the states that touches by the Bengal borderland. There are, however, many more dimensions left in the regional approach towards addressing the impact of Partition in those geographical areas. There is no denial of the fact that the 'Partition experience' in north-east India is just missing from conventional history books, though the region is suffering mostly out of complexities that derived from Partition.

The seminar engaged in critically locating Partition and the politics of displacement and decolonization in eastern and north-eastern India. The seminar was successful in providing an insight to the interdisciplinary approach towards the studies of Partition around this region.

The speakers threw light on:

Partition and women: experience of trauma and idea of their refugee-hood

Impact of Partition on the diverse communities of north-eastern India

Partition and its impact on language, literature, and films

Narratives of Partition: Eastern India

Partition: Borders and Boundaries

Partition and Human Dimensions.

Throughout the seminar, interactive question and answer sessions were held, allowing participants to seek clarification, share their thoughts, and engage in meaningful conversations with the speakers. These sessions facilitated a deeper understanding of the topic.

