

**REPORT  
ON**



**Departmental Seminar on  
“Role of Women in Traditional Religious  
Institutions: A Perspective”**



**Organised by**

**Department of English**

**Rangapara College**

**In collaboration with IQAC**

<b>Department of English</b>	
<b>PERIOD: 2021-2022</b>	<b>DATE OF THE EVENT: 28-02-22</b>
<b>Title of the Event</b>	<b>Role of Women in Traditional Religious Institutions: A Perspective</b>
<b>Type of Event</b>	<b>Departmental Seminar</b>
<b>Venue of the event</b>	<b>Digital Seminar Hall, Rangapara College</b>
<b>Co-ordinator of the event</b>	<b>Mr Deependra Sarma, HOD, Department of English</b>
<b>No. of teachers present</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>No. of students participated</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Permission obtained for the event</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**(Dr. Ranjan Kalita)  
Principal  
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## 1. OBJECTIVES:

The major objectives of the course are as follows:

- To shape and elevate feminist theology
- To hold leadership positions in faith communities
- To fight against sexual harassment in religious communities
- To serve in public offices from underrepresented religions
- To attain some formal recognition in religious institutions and have used it to bolster peace building work.
- How does religion affect gender roles

#### 4. Target Group: Students and Faculty members.


**5. Significance of the Event:** The study of women and religion examines women in the context of different religious faiths. This includes considering female gender roles in religious history as well as how women participate in religion. Particular consideration is given to how religion has been used as a patriarchal tool to elevate the status and power of men over women as well as how religion portrays gender within religious doctrines. Men have been dominant as recipients, interpreters and transmitters of divine messages, while women have largely remained passive receivers of teachings and ardent practitioners of religious rituals.

**6. Description of the Programme:** The seminar began sharply at 11.00 A.M with the moderator Dr. Pamela Sarmah introducing and felicitating the esteemed guests, Dr. Ranjan Kalita, (Principal of Rangapara College), Dr. Ranendra Mohan Deka (Vice-Principal of Rangapara College), Mr. Deependra Sarma, (HOD, Dept. Of English) and president of the event, Dr. Neelakshi Goswami, (Resource person and Associate professor, English, LOKD College) and other faculty members and students. The brief introduction was followed by the auspicious lighting of the lamp by the guests. This was followed by the welcome speech by the Vice-Principal, Dr. Ranendra Mohan Deka. After welcoming the participants, Dr Deka also stressed on the status of women in religious institutions. His speech was followed by the Inaugural speech by Dr. Ranjan Kalita (Principal, Rangapara College). He spoke on how religion affects gender roles and vice versa. The inaugural speech was tagged along by the presidential address by Mr. Deependra Sarma (HOD, English, Rangapara College). He spoke on how women of faith have played an integral role in the fight for gender equality in myriad ways.

Dr. Neelakshi Goswami (Resource person and Associate professor, English, LOKD College) deliberated on the topic by giving various examples from her research on various religious institutions across North-east. She spoke on how religion depresses women's rights. Some religious institutions may prioritize male leadership but indirectly provide women with types of ethical identities and spiritual positions that create spaces for women to practice their own agency and forms of power. Her thought provoking deliberation was followed by the presentation of the students on various topics related to the topics like "Challenging the notion of Patriarchy: A Study of Mary Wollstonecraft's 'A Vindication of the Rights of Women', "The Plight of Women in Rassundari Devi's Autobiography 'Amar Jiban'", "Women's Empowerment" and "The Critical Study of 'The Colour Purple'". The programme concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Mr Niku Chetia (Assistant Professor, English) where he heartily thanked all the faculty, staffs and



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students present on the occasion and showered motivation for the successful inauguration of the programme.

## 2. Invitation Letter



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Date: 28/2/2022

To,

Dr. Neelakshi Goswami  
Associate Professor,  
Dept of English,  
LOKD College

Sub: Invitation letter to be a resource person on  
seminar

Dear Madam,

I write to you with a warm heart and wishes. It is an immense pleasure to invite you as a resource person for a departmental seminar organised by the Dept. of English, Rangapara College on 28th of Feb, 2022.

With warm regards,

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**7. List of participants:**

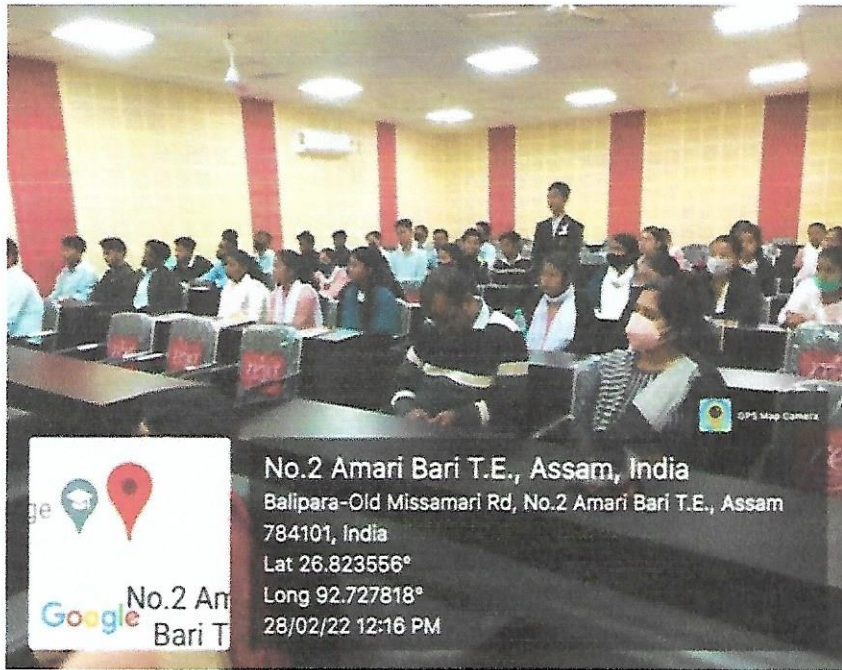
Departmental Seminar on Role of Women in Traditional Religious Institutions A Perspective	
Date: 28/2/22	Venue: Digital Seminar Hall
<u>Agenda</u>	
1) Lighting of the lamp.	3) Rahul Kaya - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Dept)
2) Election of the President.	7) Deep Talley - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Dept)
3) Invitation and Rehabilitation of guests	9) Sural Bodra - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Dept)
4) Welcome address by the Vice Principal	11) Nimesa Saha - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Department)
5) Inaugural Address by the Principal	12) Jishnu Das - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Dept.)
6) Presentation by the Resource person.	13) Babita Sarin - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester (English Department)
7) Presidential speech by HOD, English	14) Sanjib Das - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Department)
8) Presentation by the students	15) Joy Dutta - BA 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester [English Department]
9) Vote of Thanks.	16) Sitami Kakihony - H.S 2nd year
	17) Monika Talmony - H.S 2nd year
	18) Anura Mishra - H.S 2nd year
	19) Sonia Das - H.S 1st year
	20) Rima Khakhar - H.S 1st year
	21) Kishan Chatterjee - B.A 5 <sup>th</sup> semster [English Department]
	22) Aniket Das - B.A 5 <sup>th</sup> semster [English Department]
	23) Akash Das - B.A 5 <sup>th</sup> semster [English Department]
	24) Akshay Ranjan Das - B.A 5 <sup>th</sup> semster [English Department]
	25) Sanku Sharma - B.A 5 <sup>th</sup> semster [English Department]
	26) Lakshmi Devi - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Dept)
	27) Jyoti Toppo - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> " "
	28) Priyanka Das - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> " [English Dept]
	29) Jyoti Kogari - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> " (English Dept)
	30) Pooja Laiti - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> " (English Dept)
	31) Tanika Kachava - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> " (English Department)
	32) Priyanka Mondal - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> sem... (English Dept.)
	33) Anika Paul - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> sem (English Dept.)
	34) Anika Das - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> Sem (English Dept.)
	35) Pooja Chetty - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Department)
	36) Madan Das - B.A 1 <sup>st</sup> semester (English Department)
<u>Attendance</u>	
1. <del>Mr. Arun</del> Principal, Rangapar College	
2. Kamalika Das Vice Principal	
3. Meghna Das	
4. Nishikanta Jaisankar BOKB College 28/2/22	
5. Mrs. Lita	
6. Ananta Das	
7. Ananta Das 28/2/22	
8. Meghna Sarkar 28/2/22	
9. Ananta Das 28/2/22	

**7. Snippets of the inauguration:**



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Spoken English

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