



Language and Linguistics Centre Nalbari College

ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

(2018 to 2023, including Post SSR period)



Language and Linguistics Centre, Nalbari College

A Brief Overview

The 'Language and Linguistics Centre' (LLC) of Nalbari College (set up in 2017) is coordinated by a rotating multidisciplinary body comprising of teachers and students from different departments, having its thrust areas on research and discourse in issues concerning language and its functions. The LLC holds discussions on topics relating to language that go beyond the general attitude towards language and address issues like the role of language as the repository of knowledge, or the use of language in subjects like Mathematics, Physics, Biology or Geography, etc. , or in dance, music, painting, etc.

The centre has its own library and it has been conducting academic talks, workshops and seminars regularly and also published a book entitled *Prajna Kalpa* (2024).

Concept Note

Languages carry and convey meanings, emotions and thoughts. These are phonetic sign systems having their vocabulary and rules of grammar. Evolving over centuries and millennia, these languages have become storehouse of knowledge. It is unfortunate that every year or so a language is dying out in some corner of the world. It is high time we realised that death of a language is a great loss for humanity. But our general attitude is rather shallow, and limited. The broader and deeper levels of language escape us when we are obsessed with 'mother tongue' and 'instruction tongue', and think in terms of only Assamese, English, Sanskrit, etc., as if language exists and functions only in these departments, to be used and nurtured by the teachers and students there.

We forget that dance is a language of movements, rhythms; painting is a language of lines, shapes and colours, music is a language of notes, and that there is no subject that is independent of language. What is the common basis of language? What is the function of language, say, in geography, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, or Biology?

The proposed Language and Linguistics Centre envisages to pursue these issues through gradually building up a collection of books and journals, holding academic lectures, conducting workshops and publishing at regular intervals, and would be coordinated by a rotating multidisciplinary body, patronized by the college authority.

Activities:

- Eminent thinker and writer Mayur Bora delivered a talk on ‘Linguistic Nationalism and the Rise of Modern Assamese Identity’ on **10th November, 2018** organised by LLC, followed by an interactive session. Almost 200 people attended the programme, comprising of the students, teachers and distinguished personalities of Nalbari.

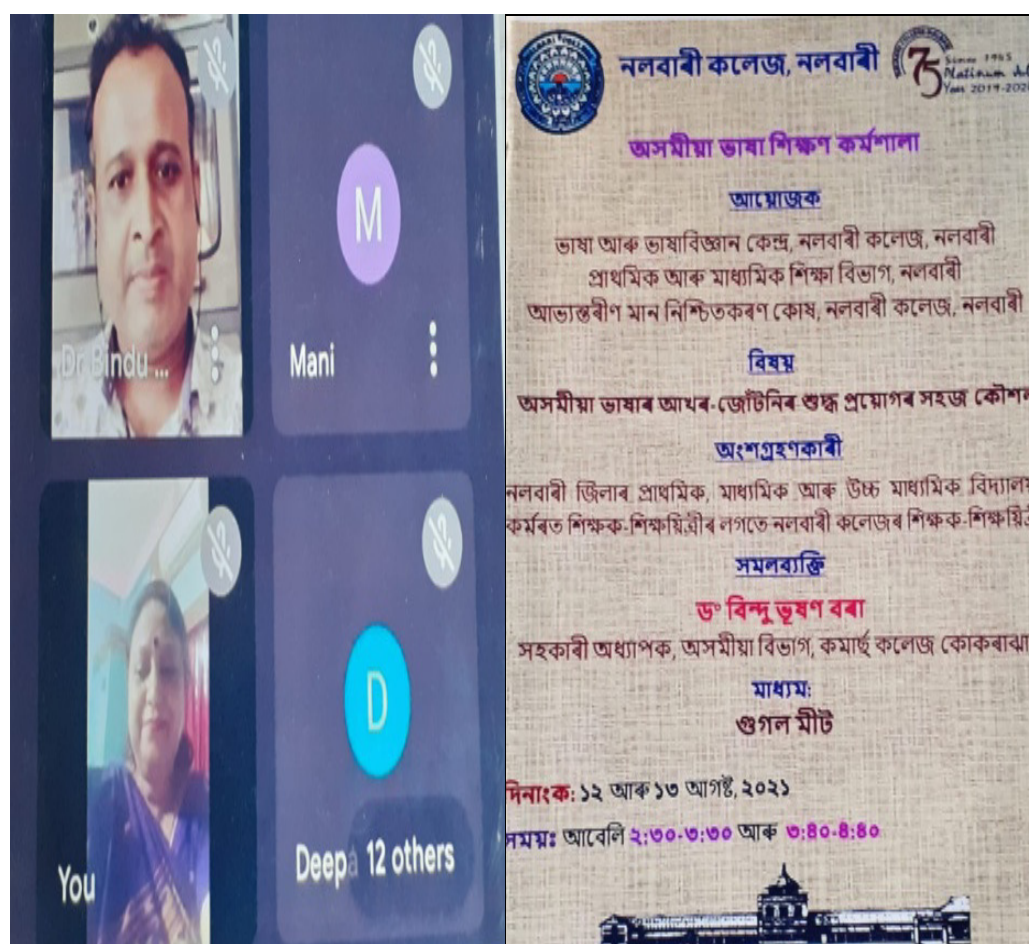


- Professor Anup Kumar Talukdar of the Department of Chemistry, Gauhati University, conducted a programme on ‘The Importance of Language in Teaching Science and Technology’ on **28th February, 2020**. This was followed by an interactive session with the audience. Around 150 people attended the programme comprising of the students, teachers and invited guests.



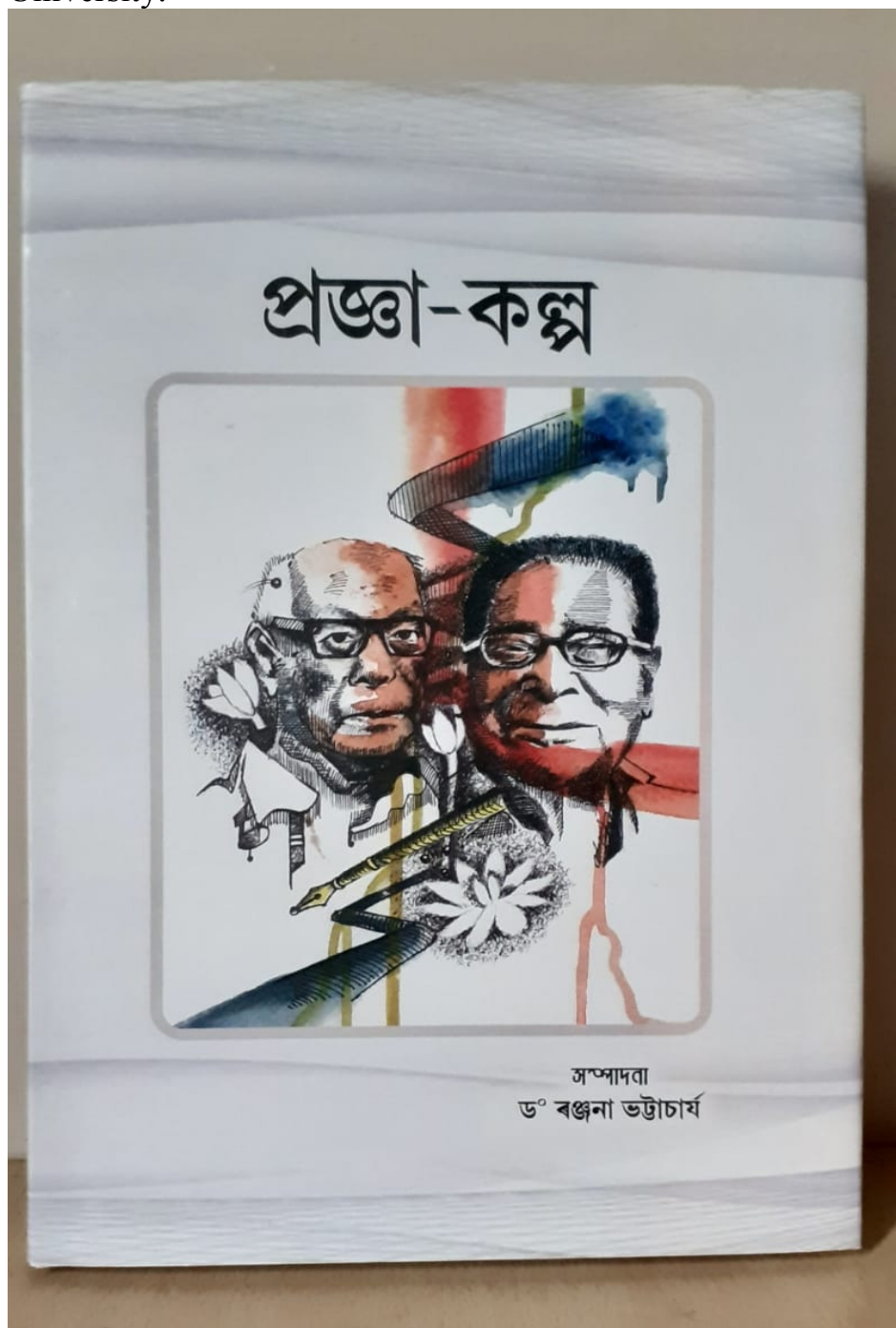
- The 'Language and Linguistics Centre', in collaboration with the Department of Prathamik and Madhyamik Education, Nalbari District, and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Nalbari College, organised an online workshop on 'Assamese Phonemic and Spelling System' for secondary school and college teachers on **12th and 13th August, 2021**. The resource person of the workshop was Dr. Bindubhushan

Bora, Assistant Professor of Modern Indian Languages, Kokrajhar Commerce College. The welcome address of the workshop was delivered by Dr. Kamal Nayan Patowary, Principal, Nalbari College, and inaugurated by Simanta Kumar Deka, District Officer, Prathamik Shiksha Department, and Inspector of Schools (in charge), Nalbari District, on 12th August. Bhabendra Nath Bhattacharyya, President, GB, Nalbari College, formally opened the session on 13th August. Around 100 participants attended the workshop and certificates were sent to the participants. The workshop was held on Google Meet platform.



The Language and Linguistics Centre published a book entitled *Prajna Kalpa*, which was launched on **March 01, 2024**.

A lecture programme was organised on the same day (March 01, 2024), on the topic 'Assamese Language and Linguistic Theory', delivered by Dr. Leena Dekha, Professor, Srimanta Sankardev University.



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The Language and Linguistics Centre, Nalbari College, organised a talk on the topic 'Jaati, Bhasha Aru Sanskriti' (Nation, Language and Culture), on **21st September, 2024**, at the college premises. The talk was delivered by Dr. Dilip Bora, Professor of the Department of Modern Indian Languages. In his lecture, Dr. Bora basically talked about the transitional phases that nations, cultures and Languages go through at different phases of history, with special mention of the current global scenario.

The talk was followed by an interactive session with the students. Altogether 88 students, 20 teachers attended the lecture. Dr. Kamal Nayan Patowary, Principal, Nalbari College, delivered the welcome address at the beginning of the programme, and Punyashri Bezbaruah proposed the vote of thanks at the end.



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 - iv. Dr. Goutam Choudhury
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 - i. Dr. Dhiraj Talukdar
 - ii. Dr. Bandana Das
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 - iv. Dr. Purabi Sarma
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