



**SEEDS AND
FOOD SOVEREIGNTY**

Eastern Himalayan
Experiences

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St. Edmund's College, Shillong
invites you to
A special lecture on:
**SEEDS AND FOOD
SOVEREIGNTY:
EASTERN HIMALAYAN
EXPERIENCES**

Organized by
the Sociology Department
in collaboration with
the Seminar/Guest Lecture Committee
(Centenary)

Date-1st of April, 2023

Time-11:00 am

Venue-College auditorium



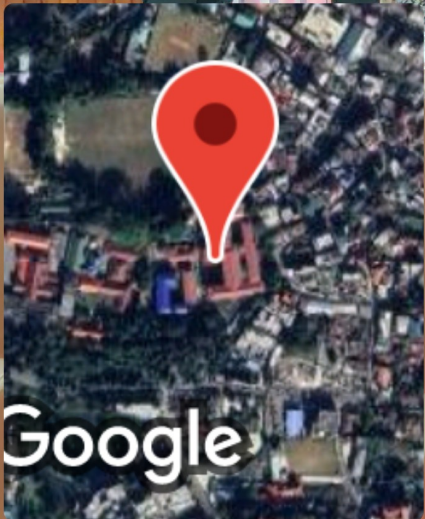
Prof. Sanjay Barbora is affiliated to the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus. Besides teaching papers in MA, supervising MA thesis, guiding and supervising PhD research, he is also a Research Affiliate in the The Initiative for Peacebuilding, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne. Organizing international experts' discussion, international seminar Environmental Peacebuilding, Organizing dialogue, Writing commentaries on peacebuilding and nuclear disarmament. He was also a Visiting Fellow in Residence in the Australia India Institute, University of Melbourne.

Joel Rodrigues is currently a Research Coordinator, Practicing Food Sovereignty project North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati. He has worked as a research assistant for Dolly Kikon, assisting on project on cultures of fermentation in Northeast India. Worked as an Academic Sub-editor North Eastern Social Research Centre. Served as Northeast Nodal Officer Human Rights Law Network, Guwahati.





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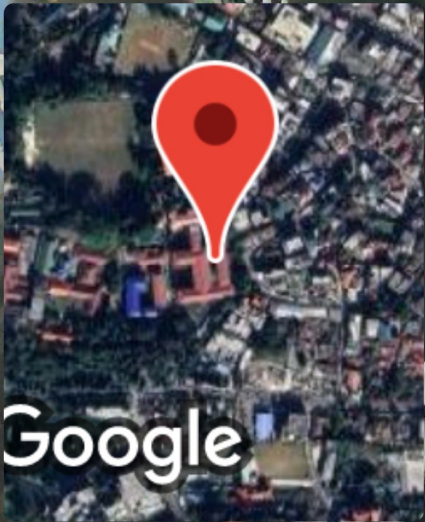
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"Seeds and Food Sovereignty: Eastern Himalayan Experiences"
delivered by Prof. Sanjay Borbora (Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati)
and Joel Rodrigues (Research Coordinator, North Eastern Social Research Centre,
Guwahati) on the 1st of April, 2023.

This program was conducted by the Sociology Department in collaboration with the
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**A REPORT OF THE PROGRAMME THE BOOK RELEASE AND A SPECIAL
LECTURE ON**

“SEEDS AND FOOD SOVEREIGNTY: EASTERN HIMALAYAN EXPERIENCES”

Date: 1st April 2023

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: College Auditorium

The Sociology Department in collaboration with the Seminar/ Guest Lecture Committee (Centenary) organized the special lecture on “Seeds and Food Sovereignty: Eastern Himalayan Experiences” on 1st April 2023. Prof. Sanjay Barbora of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus, and Mr. Joel Rodrigues, a Research Coordinator, Practicing Food Sovereignty project North Eastern Social Research Centre, Guwahati were the two Resource Persons for the programme. The programme was attended by the Sociology students from all semesters and also students and teachers from the different departments of St. Edmund’s College. The Department extended invitation to Sociology students and teachers from other colleges of Shillong. The programme was graced by the presence of the Principal, Dr. Sylvanus Lamare, the Vice Principal Academics, Dr. Capt. Pallavi Malhan, the Dean, Dr. B.W. Nongbri, and the Secretary of the Governing Body, Bro. Simon Coelho.

The Department presented the resource persons with baskets filled with local seeds and food as a token of appreciation.

The session started with the release of the Book by Prof. Sanjay Barbora and Mr. Joel Rodrigues, the co-authors of the book entitled “Seeds and Food Sovereignty: Eastern Himalayan Experiences”. This was done in the presence of the Principal, the Vice Principal Academics, the Dean of the college, the Secretary of the Governing Body and the Head of the Sociology Department. The authors mentioned that most chapters of this book take inspiration from many people who greatly contributed to this field. A copy of the book was presented to each member of the Management.

The deliberation by the resource persons was very informative and interesting as both shared their experiences they encountered in the field. Prof. Sanjay Barbora stressed on the kind of changes in the consumption of food, and how the younger generation have less knowledge on the source of food, their transportation, preparation and nutritional value. Many youth have no idea where the food comes from and this reflects the lost of touch and knowledge about the local farmers, their work and their problems. He further spoke on the community initiatives in Nagaland and Assam to ease up the problems confronting the farmers. Farmers have managed to cope with mammals and pests attacks that contributed to crop lost. This affected the farmers’ families directly and the larger society in some ways. Mr. Joel Rodrigues focussed on the preservation of seeds. He mentioned that Shillong and Guwahati

were the two important places where the British brought various types of seeds. He added that women play a very important role in seeds preservation. For example the Chizami women recorded 36 varieties of rice and corn and 77 varieties of millet.

The participants were eager to learn and understand more on the issues regarding seeds and food sovereignty, the culture of preservation and future threats in relation to food security. Many questions were raised by the participants that led to a very lively discussion by the resource persons. Thus, the programme concluded in a very positive note.