

International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples

Theme:

“Indigenous Peoples and AI- Defending Rights and Shaping Future”

Saturday, 9th August 2025, 11:00 AM , Seminar Hall, SEMCO

Organised by;

Department of Anthropology

South East Manipur College, Komlathabi

Dignitaries

L. Solomon Dangshawa	– Vice Principal	Vice Chairperson
Dr. Shanoi Moses Tarao	– Head, Department of Anthropology	Convenor
Dr. Miranda Bembem Matuwa	- Co-ordinator, IQAC	Special Guest
Dr. Sorokhaibam Haridas Singh	– Head, Department of Political Science	Special Guest

Moderator:

Ningson Primrose Tangkhul, Asst. Professor

Programme Schedule

\$ Invocation	<i>Langlom Naomi Moyon</i>	Asst. Professor
\$ Welcome and Introductory Remarks	<i>L. Solomon Dangshawa</i>	Vice Principal
\$ Exegesis on the theme	<i>Dr. Shanoi Moses Tarao</i>	
\$ Speech	<i>Dr. Miranda Bembem Matuwa</i> <i>Dr. Sorokhaibam Haridas Singh</i>	Co-ordinator ,IQAC HOD PSc
\$ Cultural performance	<i>Anthropology Students</i>	
\$ Vote of thanks	<i>Dr. Golenbabu Singh</i>	Asst. Professor
\$ Closing & Ref. Prayer	<i>Cr. William</i>	Asst. Professor, Eng

Followed by photo session and departure

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Detailed Report on the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples 2025
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Venue: Seminar Hall, South East Manipur College, Komlathabi

Prepared by: Ms. Bd. Shangrina, Recording Secretary

The Department of Anthropology, South East Manipur College (SEMCO), Komlathabi, organized a thought-provoking and culturally enriching programme to observe the **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** on **Saturday, 9th August 2025**. The event was held at the college Seminar Hall at 11:00 AM, under the global theme: **"Indigenous Peoples and AI – Defending Rights and Shaping Future."**

The event aimed to shed light on the intersections between Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Indigenous rights, promoting awareness, advocacy, and dialogue on ensuring Indigenous voices remain central to shaping a technologically inclusive future.

Dignitaries Present:

L. Solomon Dangshawa – Vice Principal, SEMCO (*Vice Chairperson*)

Dr. Shanoi Moses Tarao – Head, Department of Anthropology (*Convenor*)

Dr. Miranda Bembem Matuwa – Co-ordinator, IQAC (*Special Guest*)

Dr. Sorokhaibam Haridas Singh – Head, Department of Political Science (*Special Guest*)

Attendance of the programme: Staff 35, Students 165, Total 200 participants

The event was gracefully moderated by **Ms. Ningson Primrose Tangkhul**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology.

The programme commenced with an invocation by **Ms. Langlom Naomi Moyon**, Assistant Professor, setting a reflective and reverent tone for the day. **Mr. L. Solomon Dangshawa**, Vice Principal of SEMCO, delivered the welcome address and introductory remarks. He highlighted the importance of the day and the growing impact of AI technologies on Indigenous communities, emphasizing the role of education in bridging traditional knowledge with emerging technologies.

The convenor of the programme, **Dr. Shanoi Moses Tarao**, provided a scholarly exegesis on the theme. His presentations delved into the potential of AI to both benefit and threaten Indigenous communities. He stressed the importance of inclusive policy-making, cultural preservation, and equitable representation of Indigenous data and narratives in AI systems. He further explores the official theme for - both opportunities and risks associated with AI for Indigenous peoples. How AI can preserve endangered languages. It would be rights violation without participation and emphasizing AI to develop and governed ethically.

Two special guests shared their insights:

Dr. Miranda Bembem Matuwa, IQAC Co-ordinator, spoke on the institutional responsibility in safeguarding Indigenous knowledge in the face of digital disruption. She emphasized collaborative research and ethical AI development.

Dr. Sorokhaibam Haridas Singh, Head of the Department of Political Science, provided a political perspective on Indigenous rights, examining international frameworks and national policies that can support Indigenous autonomy in the age of AI.

Students from the Department of Anthropology presented a vibrant cultural performance showcasing traditional music and dance forms of the region. The performance served as a living reminder of the rich heritage and identity of Indigenous communities. The students also presented a vibrant cultural showcase featuring traditional attires and material cultures of 15 different indigenous communities of Manipur,

highlighting their unique identities, craftsmanship, and heritage, fostering appreciation for cultural diversity and Indigenous knowledge systems.

Dr. Golenbabu Singh, Assistant Professor, offered the vote of thanks. He expressed gratitude to the dignitaries, participants, organizing team, and students for making the programme a success. He also reaffirmed the department's commitment to Indigenous issues and digital literacy.

The programme concluded with a closing and reflective prayer led by **Cr. William**, Assistant Professor, Department of English. His prayer underscored unity, wisdom, and the need for ethical use of technology.

The formal programme was followed by a group **photo session**, capturing the memories of a meaningful event. Participants then departed with renewed awareness and commitment to Indigenous rights in the digital age.

The Department of Anthropology displayed cultural material – various traditional dresses, ornaments, and implements related to fishing, hunting, and agriculture to mark the occasion. The exhibition was widely covered by print and electronic media for release, showcasing Manipur's rich Indigenous heritage and traditions.

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Chairperson/ Principal

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(Dr. Shanoi Moses Tarao)
Convenor/ HOD Anthropology