

**** A Day of Learning, Reflection and Collective Achievement at West Silchar College ****

ICSSR-Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar | Day 1 | 10-08-2026

Theme: “NEP 2020: A ROAD TO VIKSIT BHARAT@2047”

The first day of the ICSSR-Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar (Blended Mode) at West Silchar College, Barjatrapur, Cachar, Assam, held on 10 August 2026, unfolded as a deeply enriching academic experience, bringing together distinguished academicians, university authorities, principals, teachers, research scholars, students and paper presenters on a common platform to reflect upon the transformative vision of NEP 2020 and its roadmap towards Viksit Bharat@2047.

*** An Inaugural Session Filled with Insight and Inspiration***

The programme began with a warm Welcome Address by Dr. Sayed Ahmed Barbhuiya, Convener of the Seminar, who welcomed the distinguished guests and participants and set the tone for meaningful academic engagement.

The Inaugural Speech was beautifully delivered by Dr. Taj Uddin Khan, Principal, West Silchar College and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Seminar. Speaking on the significance of NEP 2020, he highlighted the important role of educational institutions and teachers in preparing and training the young generation for the larger vision of Viksit Bharat@2047. He emphasised that preparing our young students to become capable, responsible and skilled citizens is not simply an institutional responsibility—it is our collective duty.

One of the most striking moments of the inaugural session was the insightful presentation by the Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, an expert on NEP 2020. In a remarkably lucid and accessible manner, he addressed the fundamental questions of “What is NEP?”, “Why NEP?” and “How NEP?”, connecting the policy with the aspirations of a developed India by 2047.

His simple yet profound exposition made the complex dimensions of NEP 2020 understandable and meaningful to everyone present. The presentation drew the attention and appreciation of the audience and added a distinctive intellectual dimension to the inaugural session.

The Keynote Speech by Prof. Alok Sen, HoD, Department of Economics, Assam University, Silchar, further enriched the academic atmosphere and added considerable intellectual depth to the session.

Celebrating Academic Creativity

The College Magazine “West Wind” was inaugurated by Prof. Niranjan Roy, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, Gurucharan University, while the Bengali Departmental Magazine “Srijani” was inaugurated by Prof. Alok Sen, HoD, Department of Economics, Assam University, Silchar.

The occasion was graced by distinguished academicians and university dignitaries, including Dr. Apratim Nag, Principal, Cachar College, Dr. Biswajit Bhattacharjee, Principal, S. R. College, and other university representatives and academicians.

The distinguished guests were warmly honoured and greeted by the NSS volunteers of the College. The guests expressed their appreciation and satisfaction with the organisation of the programme, the academic initiative and the warm hospitality extended by West Silchar College.

A Vibrant Technical Session

The technical session was chaired by Dr. Ritwik Mazumder, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Assam University, and Dr. Habibullah Mazumder, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Assam University, Silchar.

The paper presenters offered beautiful, insightful and thought-provoking deliberations, generating meaningful academic interaction around NEP 2020, education, society, development and the aspirations of Viksit Bharat@2047.

The session provided an opportunity for researchers and scholars to share their ideas while enabling the audience to listen reflect and engage with diverse perspectives. The enthusiasm of the participants made the academic exchange particularly lively and enjoyable.

Students as Active Participants

A special feature of the seminar was the enthusiastic participation of the students of West Silchar College.

Students of the College participated in the seminar both as paper presenters and as participants without papers, making the programme a genuinely inclusive academic platform. Their presence, curiosity and active engagement added freshness and youthful energy to the proceedings.

Tomorrow, 11 August 2026, will be the Online Presentation Day, providing an opportunity for participating scholars and students to present their papers and share their academic perspectives through the online mode.

*** The Strength behind the Seminar***

Behind every successful academic event lies sustained teamwork, commitment and quiet dedication.

The Convener, Dr. Sayed Ahmed Barbhuiya, deserves special appreciation for his tireless and continuous efforts over a considerable period towards planning, organising and coordinating the seminar.

The Co-Convener, Mrs. Chondrima Sen, demonstrated remarkable dedication and commitment through continuous coordination and active involvement in various aspects of the programme.

The programme was anchored gracefully by Mr. Mokbul Hussain Laskar and Mrs. Chondrima Sen, whose effective coordination helped maintain the smooth flow and dignity of the proceedings.

The Vote of Thanks was offered by Mr. Baharul Islam Barbhuiya, IQAC Coordinator, expressing sincere gratitude to all the dignitaries, speakers, participants, paper presenters, faculty members, staff and NSS volunteers.

Above all, the guidance, support, encouragement and able dynamism of Dr. Taj Uddin Khan, Principal, West Silchar College and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Seminar, proved to be an instrumental force behind its successful organisation. His leadership, constant encouragement and active support provided the institutional strength needed to translate the academic vision of the programme into a successful reality.

*** Collective Contribution***

The success of the seminar was also made possible by the wholehearted cooperation of faculty members across departments:

Department of Economics

- * Mr. Brajamangal Singh
- * Mrs. Parbin Sultana

Department of Arabic

- * Dr. Muzibur Rahman Barbhuiya, HoD
- * Mr. Abdul Hamid
- * Dr. Shabbir Ahmed

Department of Political Science

- * Mr. Abdul Munim, HoD
- * Mrs. Shila Rani Singh

Department of Bengali

- * Mrs. Mriduli Nath
- * Dr. Monotosh Das
- * Dr. Runa Paul

Department of Sociology

- * Dr. Sadeque Ahmed Laskar, HoD
- * Mr. Biplob Biswas

Department of Mathematics

- * Mrs. Momotaz Begum Barbhuiya, HoD

Their cooperation, involvement and academic as well as organisational support contributed significantly to the success of the programme.

The contribution of the non-teaching staff was equally valuable:

- * Mr. Ashraf Ali Laskar, Senior Assistant
- * Mr. Bahar Uddin Baraskar, Senior Assistant
- * Mrs. Hamida Yeasmin Laskar, Assistant Librarian
- * Mrs. Rukshana Begam Baraskar, Library Assistant
- * Mr. Faizul Haque Barbhuiya, Junior Assistant
- * Mrs. Sahanara Begam Choudhary, Junior Assistant
- * Mr. Saharul Islam Laskar, Junior Assistant
- * Mr. Ruhul Amin Baraskar, Grade-IV
- * Ms. Taslima Khatun, Grade-IV
- * Mrs. Rukeya Begam Baraskar, Grade-IV

Their sincere efforts, often working quietly behind the scenes, helped ensure that the programme proceeded smoothly and successfully.

A Special Word of Appreciation for Our Alumnus

A special note of appreciation goes to Mr. Ikbāl Hussain Baraskar, alumnus of West Silchar College, whose generous assistance and technical support added greatly to the smooth conduct of the technical session.

It was particularly heartening to see a former student of the College returning to extend his support to his alma mater. His willingness to contribute, technical assistance and cooperative spirit beautifully reflect the enduring bond between the College and its alumni.

West Silchar College gratefully acknowledges his valuable contribution and appreciates his commitment to supporting his alma mater.

*** Towards Viksit Bharat@2047***

The first day of the seminar became more than a formal academic programme. It emerged as a shared space for learning, reflection, dialogue and collective aspiration.

The central message that resonated throughout the day was clear: the journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047 must be built upon quality education, skilled and confident youth, innovation, research, inclusivity, values and meaningful implementation of NEP 2020.

As the College looks forward to the Online Presentation Day tomorrow, it carries with it the same spirit of learning, collaboration and academic exchange.

West Silchar College extends its heartfelt gratitude to every distinguished guest, academician, principal, teacher, scholar, student, paper presenter, NSS volunteer, staff member, alumnus and participant who became a part of this memorable academic endeavour.

Together, we learn. Together, we contribute. Together, we move towards Viksit Bharat@2047.