



6th International Conference of the Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North East India 05 - 07 February, 2026

Tripura University (A Central University), Suryamaninagar, West Tripura, Tripura, India

Schedule

Notes:

- Each plenary talk will be of 40 minutes duration followed by 10 minutes of discussion
- Each paper presentation will be of 20 minutes duration followed by 5 minutes of discussion
- Venue: a) **MBB Auditorium, TU Campus** for plenary talks and paper presentations, and b) **Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan, TU Campus** for paper presentations, (TU = Tripura University (A Central University))

5th February 2026 (Day 1)

8.30 to 10.00 am:	Registration
10.00 to 11.00 am:	Inaugural Session (MBB Auditorium)
	Formation of the dais, Welcoming of guests, Recital of the University kulgeet, and Lightening of the lamp
Welcome Address	: Dr. S. Indrakumar Singh , Coordinator, ICTiBLANEI-6 & Head (i/c), Dept. of Linguistics and Tribal Languages, TU
Speech by Guest of Honour	: Dr. Monali Longmailai , Secretary, Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North East India
Book Release	: Linguistic Heritage of North-East India: An Exploration of Lesser Known Languages
Speech by Book Editor	: Dr. Monali Longmailai , Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics, Assam University, Silchar, Assam
TiBLANEI Website Launch	: Dr. Monali Longmailai , Secretary, Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North East India
Speech by Guest of Honour	: Prof. Dr. Linda Konnerth , Institute for Linguistics, University of Bern, Switzerland
Speech by Guest of Honour	: Prof. Ch. Yashawanta Singh , Former Professor, Manipur University, Manipur
Speech by Guest of Honour	: Prof. Vinod Kumar Mishra , Dean, Faculty of Literature, TU
Speech by Patron	: Prof. Samir Kumar Sil , Registrar (i/c), TU
Inaugural Address by Chief Patron	: Prof. Shyamal Das , Vice Chancellor (i/c), TU
Vote of Thanks	: Dr. Niranjan Upoor , Joint Coordinator, ICTiBLANEI-6 & Assistant Professor, Department of Linguistics & Tribal Languages, TU
	National Anthem

11.00 to 11.20 am:	High Tea (MBB Auditorium)
11.20 to 12.10 am:	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary 1, Chair: Dr. Monali Longmailai (MBB Auditorium)</p>
	<p>Dr. Linda Konnerth Asst. Professor & Managing Director, Institute for Linguistics, University of Bern, Switzerland</p>
12.10 to 1.00 pm:	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary 2, Chair: Dr. Dhiren Singha (MBB Auditorium)</p>
	<p>What A Linguist Could Do In The Northeast Now?</p> <p>Dr. Ch. Yashawanta Singh Former Professor of Linguistics, Manipur University</p>
1.00 to 2.00 pm:	Lunch Break
2.10 to 3.50 pm:	Parallel Sessions
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 1, Chair: Dr. Dhiren Singha (MBB Auditorium)</i></p>	
<p>1. <i>Ethnolinguistic Description of the Chhiling Rai: A Tibeto-Burman Minority</i> - Ichchha Purna Rai</p> <p>2. <i>Glottal stop as a segmental phoneme in Kuki-Chin: The case of Chorei</i> - Dibyajyoti Jana</p> <p>3. <i>The structure of Phi features in Lepcha language</i> - Migma Ongdup Lepcha</p> <p>4. <i>A Comparative Study of the Bodo Transcription and its Translation in Anderson's "A Collection of Kachari Folktales and Rhymes" (1895)</i> - Pompi Basumatary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Session 2, Chair: Dr. Ch. Yashawanta Singh (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)</i></p>
<p>5. <i>Negation in Kaipeng</i> - Lorina D Tariang & D. Mary Kim Haokip</p> <p>6. <i>Syllabic Structure in Shokvao: A Dialect of Tangkhul</i> - Kasar Horlung</p> <p>7. <i>An Overview of Patsho Khiamniungan Phonology</i> - Keshe Meyo & Dr. Barika Khyriem</p> <p>8. <i>A Comparative Study of the Pronominal System in Tangkhulic Languages</i> - Shinyuiring Keishing</p>	
3.50 to 4.10 pm:	Tea Break (MBB Auditorium)

4.10 to 5.50 pm:	Parallel Sessions

<i>Session 3, Chair: Dr. Krishna Boro (MBB Auditorium)</i>	<i>Session 4, Chair: Dr. Niharika Dutta (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)</i>
<p>9. <i>Affixation and free forms of negation in Dimasa</i> - Kharigapsa Dibyajyoti Barman</p> <p>10. <i>Non-finite Verbs in Garo</i> - Caroline R. Marak</p> <p>11. <i>An Analysis of the Consonantal System of Zhoqhadzü, their Distribution and Secondary Articulatory Features</i> -Thejasenu Zhotso & Om Prakash</p> <p>12. <i>Institutional Support for Sütsa</i> - Ilit Zhimo & Prof. Shailendra Kumar Singh</p>	<p>13. <i>An Ethnolinguistic Study of Bodo Folk Dances</i> - Madhusmita Kherkatary</p> <p>14. <i>Stylistic Analysis of Manipuri Gender-Related Proverbs</i> - Bibishori Laishram & Dr. Longjam Anand Singh</p> <p>15. <i>Negation in Harigaya Koch</i> - Bismita Mahanta</p> <p>16. <i>Indo- Aryan Loanwords in Manipuri related with culture: A case study</i> - Vidyalaxmi Chingshubam & Dr. Longjam Anand Singh</p>

6th February 2026 (Day 2)

9.30 to 11.10 am:	Parallel Sessions
Session 5, Chair: Dr. T. Temsunungsang (MBB Auditorium)	Session 6, Chair: Dr. Sh. Francis Monsang (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)
17. <i>Vanishing Taboos: Documenting Belief Systems and Shrinking Language Domains in the Liangmai Community</i> - ID. Raguibou 18. <i>Negation in Tripura: A preliminary study</i> - Timothy Tripura & Khawlsongkim Suantak 19. <i>The Forgotten Dialect of Sangpuyimti</i> - Tianaro T Lemtur 20. <i>A preliminary analysis of Ranglong grammatical features from the glossed texts</i> - Pauthang Haokip and Jessi Tara	21. <i>Ethnolinguistics Study of Dimasa Marriage System with Special reference to Hasao</i> - Bishal Barman 22. <i>Lexical Categorisation in Hrangkhoh with reference to Biate and Ranglong</i> - Elizabeth Hrangkhoh & Monali Longmailai 23. <i>Technology Meets Tradition: Flex as a Tool for Preserving Manipuri through Lexicography</i> - Heisnam Kenny Devi 24. <i>Echoes of a Dying Tongue: A Field Report on the Moribund Status of Chakpa Phayeng</i> - Puspa Thounaojam & Aadil Amin Kak
11.15 to 11.35 pm:	Tea Break (MBB Auditorium)
11.35 to 12.25 pm:	Plenary 3, Chair: Dr. Ch. Yashawanta Singh (MBB Auditorium) <i>The Linguistic Situation of Tibeto-Burman Languages in Nepal with a Focus on Some Kirati Languages</i> Dr. Ichchha Purna Rai Lecturer, Department of English Education, Dhankuta Multiple Campus, Tribhuvan University, Nepal
12.25 to 1.15 pm:	Plenary 4, Chair: Dr. T. Temsunungsang (MBB Auditorium) <i>The Neglect of Tone in North East Indian Linguistics: Challenges and Prospects</i> Dr. Vijay D'Souza Director, North Eastern Institute of Language and Culture, Guwahati
1.15 to 2.05 pm:	Lunch Break

2.05 to 3.45 pm:	Parallel Sessions	
<i>Session 7, Chair: Dr. Monali Longmailai (MBB Auditorium)</i>		<i>Session 8, Chair: Dr. Pompe Basumatary (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)</i>
25. <i>Contact Induced Changes in Mizo: A Case Study of Jampui Mizo - F. Vanlalenkawli & Khawlonklim Suantak</i>		29. <i>A Preliminary report on Alisopur-Sangtam - Yangtsapi Sangtam & T. Temsunungsang</i>
26. <i>Linguistic Attrition and Language Choices among the Young Uipo Speakers - Teshangran Tontang</i>		30. <i>Morphosyntax of Tense, Aspect and Mood in Kokborok – Priya Debbarma, S. Indrakumar Singh, H. Surmangol Sharma & Biman Debbarma</i>
27. <i>Resisting Linguistic Hegemony: A Sociolinguistic Analysis of the Tibeto-Burman Language Speakers of Assam's Barak Valley - Joshita Kashyap</i>		31. <i>Tense, aspect and mood in Mangar- Rinkimoni Rabha, Niranjan Uppoor, Bobita Sarangthem & Biman Debbarma</i>
28. <i>Acquisition of the Semantics of English Verb Aspects by Meiteilon Speakers- Anusha T & Bidyarani Sapam</i>		32. <i>Dialectal Documentation in Kokborok: Jamatia and the Standard Variety - Biti Jamatia & S. Indrakumar Singh</i>
3.45 to 4.00 pm:	Tea Break (MBB Auditorium)	
4.00 to 5.40 pm:	Parallel Sessions	
<i>Session 9, Chair: Dr. Vijay D'Souza (MBB Auditorium)</i>		<i>Session 10, Chair: Dr. Ichchha Purna Rai (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)</i>
33. <i>A Comparative Analysis of Lexical Anaphors in Monsang, Moyon, and Anal- Sh. Francis Monsang</i>		37. <i>Negative Expression in Manipuri: A Functional Typological Approach - Kh. Dhiren Singha and Oinam Priya</i>
34. <i>Preserving Voices: The Importance of Studying Meeteilon Dialects - N. Pritamkumar Singh & Th. Romen</i>		38. <i>Language Contact and the Decline of Chakpa Phayeng: A Shift Towards Meeteilon - Babyna Thounaojam</i>
35. <i>Decoding meanings of Kirāti toponyms of central hilly region of eastern Nepal - Nirajan Rai</i>		39. <i>Phonological Variation of Reang and Bodo: A Comparative Study - Rotnojoy Reang & Daimalu Brahma</i>
36. <i>Mother Tongue Education: An evaluation of Ao Primary textbooks - T. Temsunungsang & Jayati Chatterjee</i>		40. <i>Preliminary Reports on Fanai Language Documentation - Dr Laithangpuii, Dr Laltleipuii, Dr Lalnunthangi Chhangte & Alfred Lalmuanzuala</i>
5.40 to 7.00 pm: Cultural Evening (MBB Auditorium)		

7th February 2026 (Day 3)

9.30 to 11.10 am: Parallel Sessions

*Session 11, Chair: **Dr. Monali Longmailai** (MBB Auditorium)*

*Session 12, Chair: **Dr. Khawlsongkim Suantak** (Conference Hall, Pariksha Bhawan)*

41. *A study on the adverbial particles in Phong* - **Niharika Dutta**

45. *Reduplication in Bodo: A Morphosyntactic Study* - **Daimalu Brahma**

42. *Phonemes in Ranglong: A Typological Study* - **Jessi Tara & Kh. Dhiren Singha**

46. *Issues of Language Contact and Shift in Mising language* - **Meghali Misra & Prof Shailendra Kumar Singh**

43. *Tense-Aspect-Mood in Sherdukpen*- **Hirak Jyoti Lahari Boro & Krishna Boro**

47. *A comparative Study of Ethnolinguistic Vitality in Ao and Sangtam* - **Lendina T. Pong & Om Prakash**

44. *Phonological Environments and Sound Changes - Evidence from Bodo of Udalguri District, Assam* - **Bhumika Mushahary & Sansuma Brahma**

48. *Case System in Bishnupuriya* - **Rajkumari Monimala Sinha**

11.15 to 11.35 pm: Tea Break (MBB Auditorium)

11.35 to 12.25 pm:

Plenary 5, Chair: **Dr. Vijay D'Souza** (MBB Auditorium)

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Ergative/Nominative Alternations in Tibeto- Burman Intransitive Constructions

Dr. Tikaram Poudel

Associate Professor & Head, Department of Language Education, School of Education, Kathmandu University

12.25 to 1.15 pm:	Plenary 6, Chair: Dr. Dhiren Singha (MBB Auditorium)	
	Dr. Priyankoo Sarmah Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati	
1.15 to 2.15 pm:	Lunch Break	
2.00 to 3.15 pm:	Session 13, Chair: Dr. T. Temsunungsang (MBB Auditorium)	
	49. <i>The Origins and Conditioning of “Optional” Ergative Marking in Ranglong</i> - Hunter Brown 50. <i>Clitics in Bodo- Krishna Boro</i> 51. <i>Branching the lesser-known languages of the Tripura sub-group: Anok, Naitong and Khali</i> - Monali Longmailai & Salka Tripura	
3.20 to 4.20 pm:	Valedictory Session (MBB Auditorium)	
	Welcome Address	: Dr. Biman Debbarma , Joint Coordinator, ICTiBLANEI-6 & Linguistic Officer, TU
	Report of the ICTiBLANEI-6 Conference	: Dr. Niranjana Upoor , Joint Coordinator, ICTiBLANEI-6 & Assistant Professor, Dept. of Linguistics & Tribal Languages, TU
	Certificate distribution	
	Feedback by participants	
	Announcement of the next conference venue : Dr. Monali Longmailai , Secretary, Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North East India	
	Speech by the Chairperson	: Dr. T. Temsunungsang , Vice-President, Tibeto-Burman Linguistics Association of North East India
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