

Seminar on Contribution of Gorkhas for development in North East/India



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"Nation needs to identify Gorkhas as Indian" - this was the opinion by Manash Choudhury, Minister of Technical and Higher Education, Govt. of Meghalaya while releasing a book titled 'The Gurkhas' at the seminar on 'Contribution of Gorkhas for development in North East/India' at Marwari Vishram Bhawan organized by Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangh (Meghalaya State) in Shillong. Mr. Choudhury outlined that the main stream Indian policy makers should accept and recognize Gorkhas as first class Indian citizen and give due respect to the infinite contributions made instead of treating them step brotherly. Prof Munish

Tamang of Delhi University, Joel Rai Deputy Editor India Today, Swaraj Thapa, Bureau Chief The Financial Express all core committee members of Central Programming Cell BGP expressed views on behalf of Bharatiya Gorkha Parisangha. They put forward authentic data of Gorkhas and outlined the contributions of Gorkhas in various fields in the nation building process. The speakers spoke on possibilities of Gorkha's contribution in Vision 2020 India and the magnitude of their abilities. They recalled the sacrifices for the cause of the nation by Gorkhas since 200 plus years now. Unanimously the speakers lamented on the conspiracy of the administrators and bureaucrats who made a blue print to isolate the existence of Gorkhas.

Papers were represented by Prof Imdad Hussain of North Eastern Hill University (NEHU) who is an acclaimed anthropologist of the region and Dr. Purushotam Bhandari, an academician and research fellow of repute. Dr Bhandari in his paper mentioned about the indigenosity of Gorkhas in the Brahmaputra valley - Limbu a constituent tribe of Gorkhas lived in bank of Barak and Brahmaputra valley who proves that Gorkhas are the real Son of Soil. He made a consensus appeal that more research work has to be done on it and presented before the people so that it can be debated.

Among the distinguished attendants were T B Subba former Vice Chancellor North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), President and Secretary and executive members of 22 state committees of BGP. The seminar was presided over by Dr. Enos Das Pradhan President of Central Programming Cell BGP and hosted by Meghalaya State Committee BGP.

Arjun awardee boxer Jaslal Pradhan was felicitated in the event.

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