

Finnish-India joint Seminar
Perspectives on Indigenous and Tribal peoples from India and
the Arctic

May 27, 2022

Thule Meeting Room, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland (and online)

PROGRAM

10:00 Welcome address

Johanna Ikävalko

Director, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

10:10 Introducing Finnish-India Joint Seminar

Kamrul Hossain

Research Professor & Director, Northern Institute for Environmental and
Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

SESSION I (Chair: (Bami)Dele Raheem)

10:20 Ethnic Communities and Claims for Indigeniety in a Tiny Himalayan Kingdom

Kotra Rama Mohan

Associate Professor, Sikkim University, India

10:45 A Brief Introduction to Sámi Land Rights

Juha Joonas

Senior Researcher, NIEM / Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

11:05 Fragmenting and Weakening the Greater Solidarity and Identity of the Indigenous
Gorkha Janajatis of Himalayan West-Bengal

Samar Kumar Biswas

North Bengal University, Darjeeling, India

11:30 The Colonial Politics of Hope: Interrogating the Development of Indigenous-State
Relations

Marjo Lindroth

University Researcher, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland



11:55 Food and Nutrition Security in Indian Tribes: Issues and Challenges

Suman Chakrabarty

Mrinalini Datta Mahavidyapith, WBSU, India

12:20 Lunch break

SESSION II (Chair: Punam Noor)

14:00 Limbus of Eastern Himalayan region

Yashika Subba

Student, Sikkim University, India

14:25 Arctic food history with a focus on the Indigenous Sámi people

Ritva Kylli

Associate Professor, Oulu University, Finland

14:50 Politics and Contemporary Issues of Scheduled Tribes in Central India

Chakali Bramhayya

Assistant Professor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, India

15:15 The holy cow in Siberia: cultural importance of cattle at the pole of cold

Florian Stammer

Research Professor, Anthropology Research Group, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

15:35 Climate change and Indigenous Food System in the Arctic: Implications on Sustainability and Health

(Bami)Dele Rabeem

Senior visiting researcher, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

16:00 Customary Hunting Rights of the Izhma Komi People

Karolina Sikora

Researcher, Northern Institute for Environmental and Minority Law, Arctic Centre, University of Lapland

16:25 Session closes

19:00 Dinner (speakers)



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