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Name of the Department/Society: North east cell, Hansraj college

Name of the Event : *Speaker Session on Deconstructing narratives of the tribes in North-East India.*

Speaker- Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo

Date of the Event: 20th January 2023

Convenor of the Department/Society: Ms Ruchi

“Until the lions have their own historians, the history of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.” – Chinua Achebe, interview with the Paris Review, 1994

On 20th January 2022, the North-East Cell of Hansraj College conducted an enlightening speaker session on the topic “Deconstructing narratives of the tribes in North-East India”. The speaker of the session was Dr. Avitoli G. Zhimo, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Delhi.

Communities which did not have any writers or historians of their own to pen down their stories or realities often had their experiences pass on orally. And these stories were often subjected to various trials and tribulations in the process and hence changed sometimes or tried to be portrayed as something exotic and unnatural. Tribes are the people who were not known to the outside world until someone else decided to bring the tribes’ way of inhabitation in light of their own interpretation and understanding. And often in the trial to bring about a vision that shows the life of the “unknown”, the historians, mostly colonizers, often ended up showcasing them as some exotic beings. Dr. Avitoli touched upon this very subject and elucidated on how there are still misconceptions and stereotypes existing in this century about the tribals. Also, Sustainable practices among different tribes in the North-east India is very much prevalent and those ways of living have been in existence since decades but many such activities and practices go unnoticed by the masses.

Moreover, existence of a heterogeneous range of people is not known to many which often leads to a question of identity. And this crisis of identity among the people concerned ends up projecting a sense of authentic primitiveness.

The session was really engaging and enlightening where the speaker and the audience delved into the aspects such as decades old inborn practices that are not known to many, questions of identity, portrayal of the tribals by the colonizers and its effects on them.



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DECONSTRUCTING NARRATIVES OF THE TRIBES IN NORTH-EAST INDIA

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Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology,
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20 January 2023
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Old Seminar Room

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