

## **Northeast Students Counselling and Welfare Cell -2019**

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Democracies are founded upon a respect for difference, dissent and diversity. In the spirit of this belief, the Northeast Students Counselling and Welfare Cell organized its annual festival, Kaleidoscope – Celebrating Diversity: Upholding Traditions on 5 March, 2019. Renowned political psychologist, Dr. A. Bimol Akoijam from the Centre for Studies in Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. He spoke on the theme of the body and identity of individuals, collectives and nations. The occasion also served as a platform for students to showcase their individual talents as well as the rich cultural practices of the Northeastern peoples in a spectacular exhibit of the diversity of meanings and choices of life. The society also organized a colloquium on the National Register of Citizens in collaboration with the Department of Political Science on the 20th September 2018. Professor Monirul Hussain of the Department of Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia and Bonojit Hussain of Consortium of Asian Democracy Index (CADI) led the discussions on the politics of belonging and citizenship.