



# ATMA RAM SANATAN DHARMA COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)

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## **ARA: The North East Welfare Society**

In the academic year 2025–2026, under the guidance of the Nodal Officer, Dr. N. Premjit Singh, ARA, the North East Welfare Society of ARSD College, organised a diverse range of events aimed at enriching the knowledge and fostering the personal development of its students, with a special focus on those hailing from the North Eastern States. These initiatives were thoughtfully designed not only to empower students academically and socially but also to celebrate and promote the rich and vibrant culture and heritage of North East India.

The year opened with the Orientation cum Talk program on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 by inviting Dr. Dr. Avitoli G Zhimo, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Joint Director, Centre for Tribal Studies, DU as resource person.

On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026, a movie screening and discussion of Assamese film “Joymoti” the first talkie from Northeast India, on the occasion of Silpi Diwas commemorating the death anniversary of Rupkonwar Jyotiprasad Agarwala was held to spread awareness about North East movies and media.

An intercollegiate volleyball tournament for both boys and girls was organised from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026 to consolidate the unity and camaraderie of North East Societies across Delhi University through sports. 28 colleges of Delhi University participated, making it a huge success. A lecture and discussion on the topic “From Guwahati to Damascus: Travelling the waves of imperceptible and perceptible conflicts through storytelling” on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026 in collaboration with IQAC, ARSD College and Niyogi Books India. The lecture was delivered by Shehnab Sahin, an award-winning humanitarian and author, and the session offered a meaningful exploration of conflict, human experience, and the power of storytelling in connecting places, emotions, and realities across borders.

As the culmination of the series of events, the society organised its annual "Rainbow Fest" on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, celebrating the cultural diversity of North East India through music, dance, art, and literature. The event aims to foster respect for different cultures, promote friendship among students from varied backgrounds, enhance understanding of diverse perspectives, and create an inclusive environment where all students

feel valued and connected in the college and the city. Dr. Chongtham Pureihanba Singh, Assistant Director, Physics AV & Cyber Forensic Division, Forensic Science Laboratory, Home Department, GNCT Delhi was the Chief Guest; Principal ARSD College Prof. Gyantosh Kumar Jha, Vice Principal and IQAC Convener Prof Vinita Tuli, and Nodal Officer North East Welfare Society Dr. Naorem Premjit were the dignitaries present.

Notable performances included fusion dance, singing, band show, and a showcase of the cultural attires of different ethnic groups of North East India were presented. Also, several competitions in various categories, including quizzes, debates, creative writing, group dances, and group songs, were held. The fest was graced by a large number of students from various colleges of Delhi University. The event concluded on a highly successful and memorable note.