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# 3RD INTERNATIONAL YOUNG FOLKLORIST

## Conference

VERNACULARITY AND  
FOLK PRACTICES:  
MAPPING LIVING  
TRADITIONS AND INDIAN  
KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM



HYBRID

**MARCH | 06, 07 & 08 | 2026**

ONLINE: GOOGLE MEET PLATFORM  
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**Prof. Barbara Hillers**

## **SPECIAL KEYNOTE**

**Vernacular Voices in Digital  
Space: Ireland to India**

DATE March 7 at 8 pm IST

HYBRID CFCS, UOH/ CFSR/Google Meet





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**Keynote Speaker:**



**Ms. Irina Stahl**

Senior Researcher, Religion and Society,  
Institute of Sociology, Romanian Academy

**Special Keynote Address**

Date: Sunday, 8th March, 2026

Time: 05:00 pm - 06:00 pm





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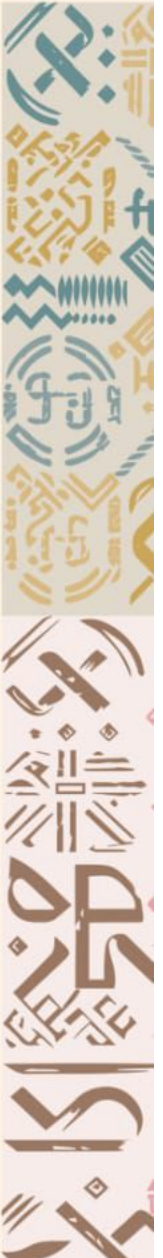
**Dr. E.K. Govinda Varma Raja**

Former Head of the Department, School of Folklore Studies,  
University of Calicut

**Special Keynote Address**

Date: Saturday, 7th March 2026

Time: 06:30 pm - 07:30 pm





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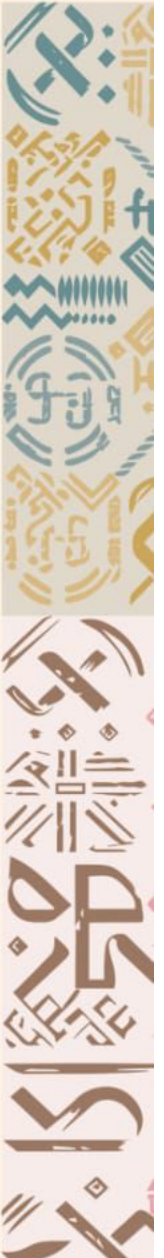
**Dr. V.K. Karthika**

Assistant Professor of English,  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Tiruchirappalli

**Special Keynote Address**

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**Dr. Margaret Lyngdoh**

## **SPECIAL KEYNOTE**

**Living Folklore of  
Marginalised Communities**

DATE March 7, 3:30–4:30 PM (IST)

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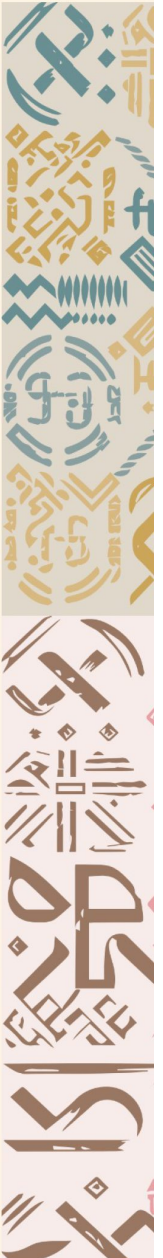
**Dr. Saba Sindhri**

Assistant Professor of Social Sciences at  
SZABIST University & Research Associate at  
the Centre of Himalayan and South Asian Studies (CESAH), Paris

**Special Keynote Address**

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**Inaugural Speaker:**



**Prof. Nandini Sahu**

VC, Hindi University, West Bengal & Professor of English,  
Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi

**Inaugural Address**

**Date:** Friday, 6th March, 2026

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**Keynote Speaker:**



**Prof. T.S. Satyanath**

Retd. Professor, Dept. of MIL & Literary Studies,  
University of Delhi

**Special Keynote Address**

Date: Friday, 6th March, 2026

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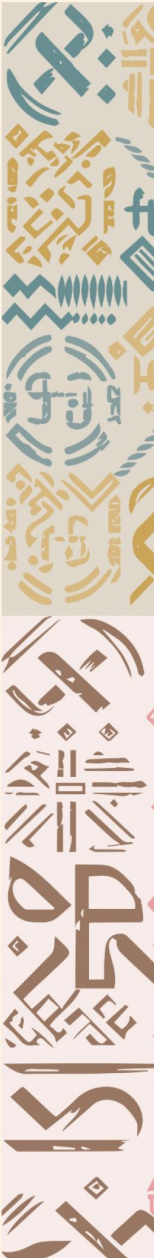


**Prof. Sujay Kumar Mondal**  
Dept. of Folklore,  
University of Kalyani

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**Keynote Speaker:**



**Dr. Sumallya Mukhopadhyay**

Assistant Professor

Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, National  
Institute of Technology Silchar

**Date:** Saturday, 7th March, 2026

**Time:** 12:30 pm - 01:30 pm

**Venue:** Online via Google Meet





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**Dr. Dhurjjati Sarma**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of Modern Indian Languages and Literary Studies,  
Gauhati University

**Special Keynote Address**

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel Title

Digital Folklore: Continuity,  
Change and Circulation

Date & Time

7th March, 2026  
02:30 pm-03:30 pm IST

Contact

folklorestudiesnetwork@gmail.com

### Our speaker



**DR. KUBER NAG**

*Assistant Professor in English, SRM  
University, Tamil Nadu*



**DR. C.K. VEMANA**

*Associate Professor & Head, Media  
Studies & Practice, Manipal  
Institute of Communication*



**DR. PRAYASI DUTTA**

*Assistant Professor, Department of  
Folklore, Pandu College, Assam*



**MR. ABHIRUP SARKAR**

*Graduate Researcher, University of  
Tartu, Estonia*

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel Title

Folk Performance Traditions  
and Embodied Healing  
Practices

Date & Time

8<sup>th</sup> March, 2026

02:30 pm - 03:30 pm IST

Contact

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## Our speaker



**DR. ROSE MERIN**

Assistant Professor, Bharat Mata  
College (Autonomous)



**DR. SREEBITHA P.V.**

Associate Professor, Department of  
Studies in English, Kannur  
University



**DR. SNEHA SASIKUMAR**

Kuchipudi Practitioner &  
Academic Advisor



**DR. ASWATHY RAJAN**

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Panel Title

Remembering Otherwise: Orality,  
Cultural Memory and Knowledge  
Production in South Asian Contexts

Date & Time

8th March, 2026  
11:00 am-12:00 pm IST

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## Our speaker



**DR. SYED HASAN SARDAR**

*Regional Industrial Specialist,  
Middle-East, IIR & Former Teach  
Fellow, University of Tübingen*



**DR. TABREZ AHMAD**

*Ph.D., India Arab Cultural Centre,  
Jamia Milia Islamia & Creative  
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**MS. KUSUM CHOUHAN**

*Research Scholar, Department of  
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**Valedictory Speaker:**



**Prof. Y.A. Sudhakar Reddy**

Former Head, Centre for Folk Culture Studies (CFCS),  
University of Hyderabad

**Valedictory Address**

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