
Editorial**Theme: Bridging Tradition and Modernity through Knowledge**

The inaugural issue of the Journal of Science, Society and Language (JSSL) emerges at a time when humanity stands at the crossroads of tradition and modernity. In the relentless march of scientific and technological advancement, societies across the world — particularly Indigenous and tribal communities — face the challenge of sustaining their cultural identity while embracing the forces of modern development. This issue of JSSL is, therefore, dedicated to the theme “Bridging Tradition and Modernity through Knowledge.”

Knowledge has always been the most powerful bridge between the past and the future. In the traditional societies of Tripura and the wider Northeast, knowledge was transmitted orally — through stories, rituals, songs, and crafts. These forms of wisdom were not merely cultural expressions but lived sciences — guiding agriculture, health, ecology, and social harmony. Today, as modern education and digital transformation redefine our ways of thinking and living, it becomes imperative to reimagine how these traditional systems of knowledge can coexist and collaborate with contemporary scientific understanding.

The articles featured in this inaugural issue reflect this very dialogue. They explore the transformation of tribal spaces under the pressure of urbanization, the dynamics of migration and livelihood in Tripura, and the continuing relevance of traditional food practices and death rituals in sustaining cultural coherence. Equally important is the call for integrating traditional ecological knowledge with formal education to promote sustainable development. Together, these works underscore the idea that true progress lies not in the replacement of the old with the new, but in their harmonious integration.

As an academic platform, JSSL envisions itself as a meeting ground — where scientists, linguists, anthropologists, educators, and social thinkers can engage in interdisciplinary conversations that celebrate both reason and rootedness. It is our belief that the strength of a society lies not merely in the advancement of its technology but in the depth of its cultural consciousness. The bridge between tradition and modernity is, therefore, not a mere metaphor — it is the path toward a more balanced, inclusive, and sustainable future.

On behalf of the Editorial Board, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all the authors, reviewers, and the Tipra Academicians’ Forum for their contributions and faith in this initiative. May JSSL continue to nurture scholarship that uplifts communities, empowers voices, and bridges worlds through knowledge.

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