

# Leaving No One Behind

Convention on Discrimination, Exclusion and Rights  
of the Marginal and Excluded People

## Cultural Evening



Bangladesh is a country of an overwhelming Bangalee majority. But there is a significant number of indigenous, marginalized and excluded communities living in the country who have different languages and cultures. According to the new list of Small Ethnic Groups Cultural Organization Act 2010, there are 50 small ethnic communities in Bangladesh. However, in its recent research, Society for Environment and Human Development (SEHD) has found around 50 ethnic communities in the plains outside of the Chittagong Hill Tracts and tea gardens. Twenty-three of 80 communities living in the tea gardens are on government records as small ethnic groups. In addition to indigenous peoples and tea communities, other key marginal and excluded communities include Harijan, Rishi, Kaiputra (pig rearing community), Bede, Jaladas, sex workers and Biharis.

The diversity added by the languages, education, technology, cultural heritage, history and food habits of these communities is very important in the Bangalee majority country. The culture of small ethnic communities have enriched Bangla language, literature and culture in many ways. In order to highlight the cultural heritage of these marginalized and excluded communities, lectures and cultural evenings have been arranged.

**Venue: LGED Bhaban, Agargaon, Dhaka-1207**

**Date: 20-21 June 2019**

**Lecture (everyday): 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Cultural function (everyday): 06:00 pm to 08:00 pm**

Dr. Tahmina Ahmed, Dr. Harishangkar Jaladas, Dr. Masudul Haque, and Sarah Marandy will lecture on the identity, language and culture of the indigenous and marginalized communities.

Cultural groups from Garo, Santal, Adivasi Cha Janagosthi Cultural Team and Telegu Jubo Shangha will perform their traditional songs and dances on the first day and Monipuri, Hijra, Oraon, Paharia and Mahle cultural groups will perform on the second day.

**You are cordially invited to the cultural evenings.**

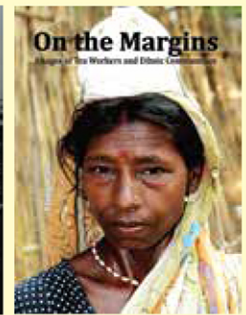
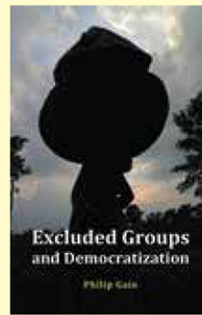
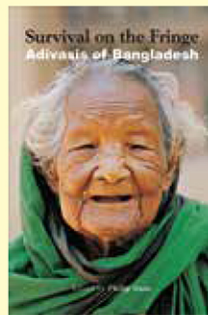
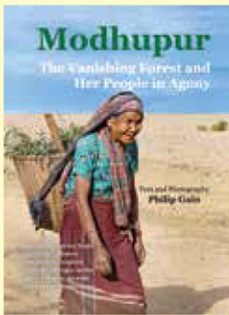


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There are lots to know about the identities, geographical locations, diverse languages and problems of the culturally diverse indigenous, marginalized and excluded communities of Bangladesh. Display of books, reports, documentary films and traditional artifacts will be available at the venue to learn and understand the languages, culture and lifestyle of the indigenous and marginalized communities.

**You are welcome to visit the cultural event with your family and friends.**

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