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**Understanding the Relationship between
Traditional Bodies and the Constitution:
The case of Meghalaya**

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FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BUILDING (Second
Floor)**

TIME: 2:15 p.m.

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ABSTRACT

One of the common features among many hill tribal communities in North- East India is the existence of Traditional Institutions (T. I s) in the form of traditional chiefs and their councils. Of course, certain such T. Is, have lapsed due to some reasons. However, even today many of them are still functioning in spite of the introduction, working and functioning of Constitutional Institutions (C. Is) like the Autonomous District Councils (ADCs) under the Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Under this circumstance, we would like to discuss, examine and analyse the relationship between these two Institutions. The case of Meghalaya is unique in many senses since both these Institutions are working and functioning among the same inhabitants of the State and under its jurisdiction. Thus, many questions may be asked and addressed to find out what is happening? Is there any cordial relationship? If not, why? Which among the two Institutions have more authority and why? What was the reaction of the traditional chiefs and their councils when they had to face the C. Is initially? These and many other such questions will be discussed and examined with a broad framework on Tradition- Modernity Dichotomy.