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## Notice for the PhD Viva Voce Examination

Ms Veithriene Pao, Registration Number: 1880702, PhD Scholar at the Department of Social Work, School of Psychological Sciences, Education and Social Work, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) will defend her PhD thesis at the public viva-voce examination on Monday, 09 March 2026 at 10.00 am in Room No. 628, 6th Floor, R&D Block, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru - 560029, Karnataka, India.

- Title of the Thesis** : **Impact of Globalization on the Culture of the Poumai Naga Tribe in Senapati, Manipur: An Ethnographic Study**
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The members of the Research Advisory Committee of the Scholar, the faculty members of the Department and the School, interested experts and research scholars of all the branches of research are cordially invited to attend this open viva-voce examination.

**Place:** Bengaluru  
**Date:** 24 February 2026

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## ABSTRACT

Globalization is a rapidly growing and influential phenomenon that seeks to unify the world into a single market economy through industrialization and modernization, driven by advancements in science and technology. However, many researchers argue that globalization has not benefitted all communities equally, often making some more vulnerable, particularly indigenous and tribal groups. This thesis explores the cultural changes experienced by the Poumai Naga tribe in the Senapati District of Manipur due to globalization, examining how they negotiate their identity and employ various modes of resistance against cultural homogenization. To comprehensively understand these changes, this study adopts an ethnographic approach, using Clifford Geertz's 'Thick Description' concept, immersing in the community's lived experiences to analyze their cultural changes. Social Work implications further mitigated the adverse effects of globalization by supporting cultural preservation and advocating for indigenous rights.

**Keywords:** *Globalization, Poumai Naga, Culture, identity-Negotiation, Resistance, Ethnography.*

### **Publications:**

1. **Veithriene Pao.** (2021). "Challenges Faced by Poumai Naga Migrants in Era of Globalization": Law Essential Journal. ISBN 978-1639570782
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