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on

CONTEMPORARY TRENDS OF RESEARCH IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

(19-20 March, 2025)

Organised by

Department of Sociology and Department of Assamese
Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya, Golaghat

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INVITATION

In the pursuit of creating space for critical thinking through debate and discussion, the Department of Sociology and Department of Assamese at Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya is organising a National Conference for Young Researchers (NCYR) on the theme '**Contemporary Trends of Research in Humanities and Social Sciences**' on 19-20 March, 2025. Engagement with emerging theoretical and methodological debates and their contextual and historical understanding endeavour to bring young researchers from different disciplines to locate their works by transcending the individual disciplines. The conference invites papers from young researchers pursuing their post-graduation/doctoral research or who have completed their doctoral research in the past two years.

Important Dates:

- Abstract Submission : **March 1, 2025**
- Confirmation of Acceptance : **March 3, 2025**
- Last date of Registration : **March 10, 2025**
- Last date for Full Paper Submission : **March 15, 2025**
- Conference date : **March 19-20, 2025**

Registration Fees:

- For Faculty Members pursuing doctoral research:
Rs. 700/- (Rupees Seven Hundred) only
- For Research Scholars:
Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) only
- For Post Graduate Students:
Rs. 300/- (Rupees Three Hundred) only

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Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya:

Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya (BSSRV) was established by the Government of Assam at Golaghat, Assam under the Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya Act 2020. The mission and vision of the university are to develop global citizens through innovative pedagogy. The mandate of the university is to fulfil the aspirations of the diverse population of the region through various doctoral and post-graduate programs. This research-centric university aims to promulgate the policies enshrined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 by designing courses which are interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary in character.

Department of Sociology:

Established in 2023, the Department of Sociology at Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya aims to engage in high-quality teaching and research with a strong emphasis on emerging theoretical and methodological debates in sociology. The Department aims to deliver conceptually sophisticated, empirically grounded, and socially, economically, and politically relevant scholarship. The Department admits students to M.A. and PhD programs with a strong focus on achieving the objectives stated in the National Education Policy (NEP), 2020. In pursuit of a better world, the Department of Sociology envisages developing critical thinking among the ignited minds of the region to understand and interrogate society and culture in local and global contexts. The Department engages with rigorous training in disciplinary theories and methodology to be linked to systems of knowledge and events transcending international borders, not limited to the social and cultural diversity and dynamics of Northeast India.

Department of Assamese:

The department of Assamese in Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya has been established in 2023. The discipline is devoted to disseminate knowledge on literature, language and culture. It aims to explore varied aspects of Assamese literature, language and culture giving special emphasis on regional arenas. A multidisciplinary perspective has been adopted to study literature, language and culture in the light of NEP 2020 and the syllabus will be followed accordingly. The department investigates new areas of studies like Assamology, Indology, Comparative Literature, Translation Studies, Indian Literature, Sociology of Literature etc. where teaching-learning has been conferred drawing approaches from Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies. It has identified Digital Ethnography, Intercultural Communication, Heritage Studies, Cultural Icons, Indigenous Knowledge System, Comparative Cultural Studies etc. as the thrust areas of study/research. The department presently offers PG programme to promote higher education as well as to accelerate research-based knowledge among the students.

Concept Note:

Forces and processes of globalisation and neo-liberal realities in recent decades have induced a marked shift in contemporary social science research the world over. Scholars and researchers are essentially amenable to and shaped by the changes occurring in the mundane life of society. Consequently, the emerging societal value paradigm and individual life preferences have easily crept into the conceptual universe of contemporary scholars and triggered multidisciplinary interventions. Indeed, the classical understanding of science and philosophical foundations resulting from the Enlightenment movement changed significantly in the contemporary period. More particularly, the dramatic changes occurring in the economy, polity and society in recent times necessitate scholarly engagement with the neo-liberal forces and processes. Meanwhile, a globalised world gave new connotations to the idea of nation-state alongside a substantial augmentation in human mobility. In such a context, society is characterised by new patterns of inequality and social relations. Simultaneously, emerging ecological and developmental challenges appear to be important areas shaping contemporary social science research across the globe.

The social science research in India is not immune to global developments. Notwithstanding the significant influence of the socio-political and economic changes introduced by the colonial administration, the attempt for indigenisation of social science research was visible for a long time. On the other hand, the alleged dearth of egalitarianism within the domain of social science research in post-colonial India is an important epistemic accusation. In such a context, the nature of Indian social science research in the post-colonial period needs to be located in the historical and social context of the nation. There is also a necessity to understand the state policy towards social science research, especially since the 1980s when the neo-liberal elements appeared to have a conspicuous influence on the trajectory of the Indian state. The revolutionary changes introduced with the liberalisation and privatisation significantly shaped the nature of social science research in India. As consequence of such developments, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 needs to be contextualised to understand the contemporary trend of social science research in India.

This conference aims to understand the contemporary trend of research in humanities and social science with a specific focus on the Indian context. It seeks to engage with the emerging theoretical and methodological debates emanating from the contextual changes and changing policy interventions from the state. The conference will engage young researchers from different humanities and social sciences disciplines who are pursuing their post-graduation/doctoral research or have completed their doctoral research in the past two years.

Theme of the Conference:

CONTEMPORARY TRENDS OF RESEARCH IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Sub-themes:

- Historical and contextual understanding of social science research in India.
- Emerging theoretical and methodological debates in social science research.
- Emerging socio-economic and political forces and processes: globalisation, neoliberalism and privatisations.
- Contemporary trends in literary and cultural research.
- Social Science Research and Egalitarian orientation in India
- Research in Humanities and Social Sciences in Northeast India
- Any other areas

Guidelines for Paper Submission:

- Original research paper and abstract accompanied by 3-4 keywords must be sent to the Coordinators of the seminar before the stipulated dates.
- The length of the abstract and full paper should be within 250 and 6000 words, respectively.
- The abstract and full paper must be typed in MS Word, Times New Roman font style with font size 12 and 1.5 line spacing.
- Referencing style must be in APA, 7th edition.
- Seminar paper can be submitted at ycbssrvsoc@gmail.com
- No TA/ DA will be provided to the participants.

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