



Call for Papers

9th Young Social Scientists' Conference, 2026 January 29 – 30, 2026

Organized by:

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development

(An Autonomous Institute Under ICSSR and Govt. of Assam)

The Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development (OKDISCD) has been organizing seminars, symposia, workshops, and conferences to provide a platform for research scholars since its inception. The Young Social Scientists' Conference (YSSC) is an annual event that encourages and facilitates young scholars working on diverse issues of Northeast India to present and discuss their research. The event is an effort by the Institute to promote critical thinking, interdisciplinary dialogue, and academic networking among early-career researchers addressing issues of significance to Northeast India.

The objective of the Conference is to provide a platform for young scholars to present original and preliminary research. It further aims to provide participants with constructive feedback, opportunities for intellectual exchange with senior academicians, subject experts, and peers. The Conference particularly encourages interdisciplinary research presentations that reflect the diversity and complexities of Northeast India.

Themes of the Conference

Northeast India is widely recognized for its geographical, cultural, and ethnic diversity, as well as its unique developmental challenges. Considering this, the YSSC 2026 invites submissions on the following themes:

1. Socio-political Dynamics of the Region
2. Economic Development and Livelihood
3. Labour Market Dynamics
4. Migration and Development
5. Environment and Ecological Challenges
6. Public Health and Well-being
7. Gender Issue

Submissions on other topics related to Northeast India are also welcome.

Submission Guidelines

Who can apply?

The conference is open for only scholars of social sciences primarily from Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Education, Anthropology, Gender & Women Studies, History, and Geography.

- ***Finally Registered (FR) PhD scholars in the advance stages of their research*** focusing on issues related to Northeast India.
- Only ***single authored*** papers shall be considered for the conference.

Application Process

- Submissions must be made online via the Institute's portal at <https://okd.in/>
- An ***extended abstract of 1000-1500*** words should be submitted for the conference.
- The abstract should clearly outline the ***research problem, objectives, methodology, and preliminary findings***

The selection process shall be competitive, and only shortlisted candidates will be communicated with. After the conference, only a few selected papers (7–10) will be published in our journal, "Social Change and Development," as a ***Special Issue***, subject to further revisions suggested by external reviewers.

Important Dates

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| • <i>Submission Opens:</i> | <i>September 25, 2025</i> |
| • <i>Deadline for Abstract Submission:</i> | <i>November 05, 2025</i> |
| • <i>Notification to Shortlisted Candidates:</i> | <i>November 10, 2025</i> |
| • <i>Last date of full paper submission:</i> | <i>December 25, 2025</i> |
| • <i>Last Date for Registration:</i> | <i>January 5, 2026</i> |
| • <i>Conference Dates:</i> | <i>January 29 - 30, 2026</i> |

Travel and Accommodation

- Only candidates who **submit their full paper by the designated deadline** shall be eligible for TA and accommodation during the event.
- Selected participants will be reimbursed **A/C Three Tier train fare/ Bus fare (for the shortest route)** only for the duration of the conference.
- Accommodation will be provided on **a twin-sharing basis** only for the duration of the Conference.
- Candidates from **academic institutes within Guwahati shall not be provided** accommodation and travel allowances.

Registration (Non-Refundable) Fee for Shortlisted Candidates:

Research Scholars: ₹ 500/-

Researchers in Service & with Fellowship: ₹ 1000/-

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TITLE OF YOUR EXTENDED ABSTRACT
(Times New Roman Bold 14pt centered)

Author
(Times New Roman 12pt Bold centered)

Institution
E-mail

Guidelines for extended abstract: (Minimum 1000 to Maximum 1500 words)

1. The extended abstract must contain the following sections: Background, Methodology, Findings, Conclusion/Argument, Keywords (at least 4-5) and References. Sections can be named differently, and subsections may be included.
2. The extended abstract must be submitted as a Microsoft Word document. All images (illustrations, charts, photos) must be placed in the text just after the first point of reference.
3. Tables must be created using the Microsoft Word table functions and included as part of the text immediately after the first point of reference. Do not place them at the end of your extended abstract.
4. **Use APA 7th Edition as citation style.**