



ICSSR-NERC sponsored

MULTIDISCIPLINARY NATIONAL SEMINAR ON

Reconceptualising Indigeneity Indigenous Knowledge Systems for Sustainable Development



12th & 13th November
HYBRID MODE

(Assamese, Bengali, English, Hindi & Sanskrit Medium)

ORGANIZED BY
CENTRE FOR INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM,
IQAC, HANDIQUE GIRLS' COLLEGE
Guwahati, India, 781001

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Founded in 1939 by the visionary educator Late Mrs. Rajabala Das against the backdrop of India's nationalist movement, Handique Girls' College stands as one of the oldest and most respected institutions for women's higher education in North-East India. Mrs. Das's unwavering commitment to women's empowerment found strong support in the philanthropy of Late Radha Kanta Handique, whose generosity played a pivotal role in establishing this premier centre for women's education during pre-independence India. As an affiliated college of Gauhati University, the institution follows university-designed curricula. However, in response to evolving academic and professional demands, the college offers a range of value-added initiatives such as career-oriented programmes, certificate courses, student mentoring schemes, and co-curricular engagements. These initiatives are designed to enrich the students' learning experience and equip them to meet the challenges of the modern world as active contributors in a global knowledge society.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

Usually indigenous knowledge refers to the traditional knowledge system of a particular locality. The indigenous, local and ethnic groups of people constitute the knowledge communities. The objective of holding a seminar, therefore, lies in creating a conducive academic praxis so that the indigenous knowledge capital can be accessed for research and development and can be promoted for the benefit of the nation and interest be generated amongst the present and forthcoming generation so that a genuine paradigm shift from neocolonialism to postcolonialism becomes possible in the time to come. As knowledge is power knowing one's own knowledge is the primary prerogative of empowering one's self and one's nation. Therefore, the seminar seeks to go to the grassroot level to connect the present generation to their indigenous knowledge systems. The response to global challenges, such as climate change, calls for integrating wisdom from various cultures and traditions. In this context, Indian knowledge systems offer valuable insights on sustainability, community living, and ethical practices deeply rooted in the Indian ethos.

SUB-THEMES

- Ecological beliefs and practices in Indian Traditions
- In-Situ Conservation: Indigenous Systems and their relevance
- Indigenous Eco-ethics Traditional Livelihood Systems
- Sustainable Indigenous beliefs and Practices
- Tracing the Identities through the Oral Traditions
- Dialects in the Indian Territory: Reflection of Life and Social Systems
- The unsung Epics, Legends and Myths of India
- Collective Memory: Imprints of Indigenous Knowledge
- Wisdom of Political Economy in Indian Knowledge Systems
- Governance and Management System in Indigenous Societies of India
- Traditional Performing Arts
- Leadership and Community Participation Practices in Indian Society
- Integration of Indigenous Knowledge in Education at different levels
- Pedagogical and Andragogical Approaches in Indian Knowledge Systems
- Psychological Frameworks in Indian Knowledge Systems
- Integration of the Indian Methods in Modern Pedagogy
- Skill Based Learning in Traditional societies
- Indigenous Trade and Commerce: The link between history and modernity
- Agro-Rural Cultural Tourism: Prospects and possibilities
- Ethnospiritualism & Mysticism in Indian Societies
- Ethnobotanical practices and beliefs among the indigenous communities
- Traditional Mathematical Sciences of India
- Indigenous system of Weather and Climate Monitoring
- Indigenous Metallurgical Studies
- Documentation and Preservation of Indian Heritage: Practices and Possibilities
- Any other Related Topic

IMPORTANT DATES

Last Date of Registration & Abstract
Submission:

27th October, 2026

Date of Seminar: 12 & 13 November, 2026

REGISTRATION DETAILS

- Fill up the Google Form and upload the WORD file of your abstract.
<https://forms.gle/aeFLWdw1YyhTTmt86>
- Click on the Registration Fee Link, fill up the required details, select IKS from the dropdown list, complete the payment and keep the screenshot.
- Upload the screenshot of fee payment and submit.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

1. The abstract layout format – Title, Author name & details with mail id & phone no., Abstract Content, Keywords.
2. Word limit for Abstract: within 300 words.
3. English: Times New Roman, 12 point, 1.15 line spacing; MS Word DOC format.
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Participants	Oral Presentation (Offline)	Poster Presentation (Offline)	Online
Faculty/Academicians	₹1500/-	₹1200/-	₹1000/-
Research Scholars/Independent Researchers	₹1000/-	₹800/-	₹800/-
UG/PG Students	₹600/-	₹400/-	₹600/-
Without Paper Participation	₹250/-		₹100/-

On Spot Registration:

Faculty & Research Scholars: ₹2000/-
Students: ₹1000/-

AWARDS

- Best Oral Paper Presentation Award for Research Scholars/Students
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PG: ₹1500/-
Research Scholar: ₹2000/-
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