



Call for Papers

10th Young Social Scientists' Conference, 2027 January 28 – 29, 2027

Organized by:

Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development

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Government of India and Government of Assam)*

The Young Social Scientists' Conference (YSSC) is an annual event that encourages and facilitates young scholars working on diverse issues relevance to Northeast India and a platform to present and disseminate their research. The event is an effort of the Institute to promote critical thinking, interdisciplinary dialogue, intellectual exchange with senior academicians, subject experts, and academic networking among researchers. 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 2027 invites submissions on the following themes aligned to Institute's research domains:

1. Regional Development
2. Governance
3. Ethnicity, Peace and Conflict
4. Livelihood and Environment
5. Gender Issues
6. Health and Education

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

Submission Guidelines

Who can apply?

The conference is open for scholars of Social Sciences primarily from the disciplines of Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Education, Anthropology, Gender & Women Studies, History, and Geography.

- *PhD scholars working on/in 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 800-1000 words should be submitted for the conference.*
- *The abstract should clearly outline the research problem, objectives, methodology, and preliminary findings*
- *Any submission with AI generated content shall be summarily rejected and no correspondence in this regard shall be entertained.*

The selection process shall be competitive. **Only 25 applicants** shall be communicated. After the conference, a few selected papers (5-6) shall be published in the Institute's journal, "**Social Change and Development**," as a *Special Issue*, subject to editorial policies of the same.

Important Dates

- *Submission Opens:* *October 1, 2026*
- *Deadline for Abstract Submission:* *November 1, 2026*
- *Notification to Shortlisted Candidates:* *November 9, 2026*
- *Last date of full paper submission:* *December 25, 2026*
- *Last Date for Registration:* *January 5, 2027*
- *Conference Dates:* *January 28 - 29, 2027*

Travel and Accommodation

- Candidates who submit their full paper within the stipulated time shall be eligible for Travel Allowances (TA) and accommodation during the event.
- Selected participants shall be reimbursed AC 3-Tier train fare or bus fare (for the shortest route). Travel itinerary must be submitted.
- Accommodation shall 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 or travel allowances.

Registration (Non-Refundable) Fee for Shortlisted Candidates: ₹ 1000/-

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For any query can be sent to coordinator of YSSC at - socialscientistmeet@gmail.com

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

Author
(Times New Roman 12pt Bold centered)

Institution:
E-mail Id:

Guidelines for extended abstract: (Minimum 800 to Maximum 1000 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.**