



GRADUATE RESEARCH MEET 2026

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
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PERSPECTIVES IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES: TRENDS, METHODS, AND CHALLENGES

Day 1, 21st January 2026	Inaugural session 9:00 AM-9:30 AM	<i>Welcome remarks</i> Prof. Priyankoo Sarmah, Head of Department, Humanities and Social Sciences
		<i>Inaugural address</i> Prof. Devendra Jalihal, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
		<i>About GRM</i> Ms. Shibani Krishnatraya Student Convener, GRM 2026
		<i>About the theme of the</i> <i>Conference</i> Dr. Abhishek Kashyap and Dr. Rituparna Patgiri Faculty Conveners, GRM 2026
Break	High Tea (9:30AM-9:45AM)	
	Keynote Address followed by Q&A 9:50 AM-11:00 AM	Prof. Arjun Jayadev <i>Why Humanities and Social</i> <i>Sciences Are Non-Negotiable in</i> <i>an Age of Overabundant</i> <i>Intelligence</i>
Break	Tea (11:00 AM-11: 30 AM)	

Day One: January 21, 2026

Day 1 Session A (Parallel Sessions)

11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Session A1	Session A2	Session A3	Session A4
Philosophy Chair: Dr. Abhishek Kashyap	English Chair: Prof. Rakhee Kalita Moral	Sociology Chair: Dr. Visakh MS	Economics Chair: Dr. Bodhisattva Sengupta
Shreya Mishra <i>Adopting a Zetetic Framework</i>	Sikha Sengupta <i>Transnational Narrative Traditions and the Maternal Epistemology: Reading the Poetic Oeuvres of Adrienne Rich and Mamoni Raisom Goswami.</i>	Jahnvi Dwivedi <i>Documenting Dominance: Reflections from a Brahmin Caste Publication Kanyakubj Manch</i>	Saddam Hussain <i>Nexus between Climate Change and Yield Variability in Hill Regions of North-East India: Evidence from Quadratic Production Function</i>
Anushka Tyagi <i>Reclaiming Detachment: Anāsakti, Care Ethics and the Emotional Foundations of Well-being</i>	Shivam Hinge <i>"To Die or Not to Die"- Unveiling Death as a Catalyst and Catharsis in Shakespearean Tragedy, Hamlet.</i>	Jaseemul Farhan K P <i>Studying Muslim Caste in 'Unpleasant Times': Challenges and Contestations of a Muslim Research Scholar</i>	Pinky Konwar <i>Crop Diversification as a Climate Adaptation Strategy: Implications for Farming Livelihoods in Assam</i>
Ankus Mistri <i>Between Rules and Reality: Revisiting the Formalism- Realism Debate in Formal Modeling of Law</i>	Puspita Panda <i>Power, Gender, and Resistance in Sanskrit Satire</i>	Vishvajith Madhavamurthy & Shreyas G Kotian <i>Local Practice, Global Stage: Tuluva Identity-Making in the Wake of Kantara</i>	Usha Rani Sonowal <i>District-level agricultural risk analysis of a north-east Indian state (Assam), using entropy-based-TOPSIS and latest IPCC risk framework</i>
Muzaffar Abass Wazir <i>The Extended Cognition Thesis: Resurfing the Waves and resolving the differences</i>	Janet Lalawmpuii C <i>Examining Networks of Care in Charlotte Yonge's "The Pillars of the House"</i>	Shiuli Sinha & Rajkamal Chaube <i>Culture, Heritage, and Economic Survival: An Ethnographic Study of Dhokra Artisans of Bastar, Chhattisgarh</i>	
	Samara Rehman <i>Turner's Seas: Maritime Heritage, Imperial Identity, and the Politics of Memory</i>		
Break	Lunch (1:00 PM-2:00 PM)		

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Day 1 Session B (Parallel Sessions)

02:00 PM-3:30 PM

Session B1	Session B2	Session B3	Session B4
Sociology Chair: Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhari	Linguistics Chair: Dr. Opangienla Kechu	English Chair: Dr. Debapriya Basu	Economics Chair: Dr. Amarjyoti Mahanta
Theodora Cecilia Gomes <i>'Token Fatigue': Queer narratives of workplace discrimination in India</i>	Susmita De <i>Echoes Of Birhor: An Acoustic Analysis Of Speech Signals In An Endangered Austroasiatic Language</i>	Rajit Chakraborty <i>Literary Memes: A Categorical Estimate and Analytical Framework</i>	Maitrayee Das <i>Waiting Cost, Contract Incompleteness and Mode of Organization across Time Zones</i>
Pragya tiwari <i>Women and the Urban Commons: The Stewardship of Shared Spaces in Varanasi</i>		Jigyasa Sharma <i>Genius, Exclusivity, and Institution: Michael Faraday's Rise as a Nineteenth-Century Science Hero</i>	Biswajit Behera <i>Impact of economic crime on economic growth: Evidence from India</i>
Suvangee Gupta <i>Fatherhood 2.0 : Exploring the Masculinities of 'stay-at-home' fathers in Urban India</i>		Uddipana Kalita <i>Digitising the Margins: Responsible AI and Digital Humanities for Cultural Archives in North-East India.</i>	Forum M Shah <i>Mental health and employment in India: A gendered analysis</i>
		Sayantan Pahari <i>Toward a Descriptive Literary and Cultural Studies: Confronting the Problem of Explanatory Underdetermination in a Post-artificial Academe</i>	
		Joyshree Biswas <i>Digital Panopticons and Necro Technics: Gendered Memory and Carceral Control in White Christmas</i>	

Day One: January 21, 2026

Day 1 Session C (Parallel Sessions)

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Session C1	Session C2	Session C3	Session C4
Political Science Chair: Dr. Mithilesh Jha	Psychology Chair: Prof. Dilwar Hussain	History Chair: Prof. Arupjyoti Saikia	Economics Chair: Dr. Bhaskar Jyoti Neog
Rachna Yadav <i>World Order Beyond Dualism: Towards Global International Relations</i>	Sargam Bhatnagar <i>Exploring the effectiveness of a web-based ACT intervention on well-being indicators among Indian college students</i>	Bidisha Sengupta <i>A Cultural History of Conquest: Fathiyā-i Ibriyā and the Mughal Expansion into Northeast India</i>	Anindita Namhata <i>Rain and Time Use in Bangladesh: Gendered Impacts and Vulnerabilities</i>
K Inakali Sumi <i>Customary Institutions, Gender Norms, and Climate Justice: Women's Agency in Local Climate Governance in Nagaland</i>	Mayuresh Namdeo <i>"Algorithmic Storytelling: How Media Platforms Shape Human Narratives and Psychological Selves"</i>	Ayushi Chauhan <i>Imperial Indian Capital: Constructing New Delhi Amid Unhealthiness, 1911-1932</i>	Mr. Anwar Hussain <i>Esg And Sustainable Finance In India:Trends And Challenges</i>
Mrigakshi sarma <i>Between Development and Dispossession: The Politics of Resource in Assam</i>	Priyanka Pathak <i>Neurocognitive and Emotional dysfunction in Chronic Substance Users: Investing Associate Risk Factors Through Empirical Evidence</i>	Jayeeta ghosh <i>Pir Katha Literature of Bengal in the Domain of Islamic Literature: Historiographical Trends and Present Challenges</i>	Silpi Das <i>Exploring Consumer Willingness to Utilize Solar Energy: An Empirical Study in Selected Districts of Assam</i>
Puja Dutta <i>Representation of Women's Issues in Print Media: A Study of Editorial Columns and Opinion Pieces Published in Selected Bengali Daily Newspapers</i>			
Break	Tea and Snacks (5:00 PM-6:00 PM)		
Cultural Evening	6:00 PM-7:30 PM		
Gala Dinner	From 8:00 PM		

Day Two: January 22, 2026

Day 2 Session A (Parallel Sessions)

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Session A1	Session A2	Session A3	Session A4
Philosophy Chair: Dr. Akojam Thoibisana	Economics Chair: Prof. Anamika Barua	Sociology Chair: Dr. Rituparna Patgiri	English Chair: Dr. Kiran Keshavamurthy
Arundhati Dubey <i>A Methodological Exploration of Realism(s) in Philosophy and its Relevance for Feminist Theory</i>	Kaustav saha <i>Capital, Nature and Ecosocialism: A Critical Analysis and Commentary</i>	Surabhi Gupta & Pawan Singh <i>Reimagining Digital Inclusion for Students with Disabilities in Indian Higher Education</i>	Prastuti Deka <i>Reclaiming the City: Environmental Racism and Indigenous Resilience in There There</i>
Diksha Rai <i>Situated and Storied Selves: Reconfiguring Cross-Cultural Identity through Schutz and Ricœur</i>	Akankhya Bordoloi <i>Modelling Cooperation through Shared Prosperity: An Economic Perspective on the Assam-Nagaland Border Dispute</i>	Sunaina Harit <i>Perceptions of Academicians on Open Science and Intellectual Property in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Survey at the Central University of Jammu</i>	Riya Ajit <i>Spectral Narration, Narrative Prosthesis and Ethics in Postwar Narrative: A Reading of Shehan Karunatilaka's The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida (2022)</i>
Chihanphy Verina Ramsan <i>Aesthetic Creation as Existential Rebellion Through the Lens of Camus</i>	Shresthi Jaiswal <i>Cranial Dimensions and Environmental Adaptation: A Study Across Altitudinal Gradients in Uttarakhand, India</i>	Dristi Darpana Nath <i>Understanding Gender, Livelihood and Conservation in the Fringe Villages of Kaziranga National Park, Assam</i>	Puja Jha <i>Undoing the Self: Cognition, Language and Memory in the Urban Imaginary of Jeet Thayil's The Book of Chocolate Saints (2017)</i>
Panthoibi Leichangdhem <i>Reading Kafka's Fiction through Agamben's Biopolitical Paradigm</i>	Amrutha A A <i>Modelling Future Urban Land-Use Dynamics under Alternative Scenarios: A Case Study of Indore, India</i>	Pratyush Proteem Borah <i>Contesting Development: Informality, Exclusion and State-Society Negotiation in Assam-Arunachal Pradesh Border Region</i>	Shivangi Jalan <i>Double or Nothing: Reading Bollywood's Double Roles Queerly</i>
		Anurag Yadav <i>Surveillance in the Digital Age: Privacy, Power and Human Rights Challenges</i>	Mali Yash Amarshi <i>Rethinking Ecocriticism: Interrogating the Crisis of Meaning and the Persistence of the Nature–Culture Binary</i>
Break	Tea and Snacks (11:30 AM-12:00PM)		

Day Two: January 22, 2026

Day 2 Session B (Parallel Sessions)

12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Session B1	Session B2
History Chair: Dr. Vipul Dutta	Economics Chair: Prof. Joydeep Baruah
Devesh Pandey <i>Colonial Railways and the (Re)Production of Space in Lucknow through a Lefebvrian Lens (1867-1930)</i>	Mayank Dixit <i>Pedaling Toward Better Health: Evidence from a Bicycle Program in India</i>
Satyajit Pramanik <i>The Landscape in the Playground of (Post)modernity: Geo-Cinematic Politics and the Making of Subaltern Spatiality in the Oeuvre of Satyajit Ray</i>	Alisha Pathak <i>Cultural Narratives of Vaccination : How Parents Talk about Cervical Cancer Prevention in Rural Bihar</i>
Mariyam Siddiqui <i>Friendship, Power and Politics: Autobiographical Perspectives on Friendship in Baburnama and Tuzuk -i Jahangiri</i>	Mukul Das <i>Health shocks from NCDs and borrowing-induced poverty in the states of India.</i>
Vishal Singh <i>In a State of Suspicion: Criminal Tribes, Knowledge Production, and the Politics of Rehabilitation in Colonial and Postcolonial India</i>	Sunny Shankar Ladkat <i>A Lopsided Bargain: Women's Employment and the Persistent Gender Gap in Unpaid Work in India</i>
Bipasha Ray <i>Unlikely Liaisons: Indians & International Networks Inside Internment Camps in Germany & Italy (1939-1945)</i>	
Lunch	Lunch (1:30 PM-2:30 PM)
Poster Presentation	3:00 PM-3:30 PM
Endnote Address followed by Q&A 4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Prof. Maitrayee Chaudhuri <i>Social Sciences and Modernity: Understanding the Contemporary Social</i>
Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Ms. Shibani Krishnatraya GRM Student Convener
Break	High Tea (5:30 pm onwards)