



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, 21 st January 2026	Inaugural session 9:00 AM-9:30 AM	Welcome remarks Prof. Priyankoo Sarmah, Head of Department, Humanities and Social Sciences
		Inaugural address Prof. Devendra Jaliha, Director, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
		About GRM Ms. Shibani Krishnatraya Student Convener, GRM 2026
		About the theme of the Conference 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 Sciences Are Non-Negotiable in an Age of Overabundant 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>
		Sayantana 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. Akoijam 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 Leichangthem <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)