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## CHANGING DYNAMICS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN SOUTH ASIA AND THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY TRANSFORMATIVE GOALS: CONTEXTS, CONCERNS AND PROSPECTS



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**Changing Dynamics of Higher Education in South Asia  
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To,

**INVITATION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that Kamargaon College, Golaghat, Assam in collaboration with Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya (BSSRV), Golaghat, Assam India & The Assam Kaziranga University (KU), Jorhat, Assam is organizing a two-day International Conference on **Changing Dynamics of Higher Education in South Asia and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transformative Goals: Contexts, Concerns and Prospects** on December 21 & 22, 2023 at the college premises. Therefore, we, the organizing committee, cordially invite you to participate actively in the conference and to contribute your original research papers. We hope that your participation and scholastic presentation would make the conference a success.

*With warm regards,*

**Dr. Bijuli Borchetia**  
Principal & Chairperson

**Dr. Gayatree Bora**  
**Anjan Saikia**  
Convenors

Conference Organizing Committee  
Kamargaon College

**About the College:**

Kamargaon College was established in 1972 and falls under the Tribal Sub-Plan of Golaghat District. It is situated at Kamargaon under the Bokakhat Sub-Division of Golaghat District, Assam, and is located at a distance of 400 meters from the National Highway 715 (Erstwhile NH 37). It is a distinct institute of higher education in the greater Kamargaon locality which covers almost 35 villages. Since the inception, the college has served immensely in re-shaping and transforming this socio-economically disadvantaged society through dissemination of quality education. The college is affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam, India, and is included in the list of the institutions under section 2(f) and 12(b) of the UGC Act. In 2019, NAAC accredited the college in the third cycle with the grade B+

**About Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya (BSSRV):**

Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya (BSSRV) has been established by the Government of Assam under the Birangana Sati Sadhani Rajyik Vishwavidyalaya Act 2020. Prof. Jyoti Prasad Saikia has been appointed as the first Vice Chancellor of the university. The university has been allotted land in Rangajan under Morongi Revenue Circle of Golaghat District. Presently, the office of the Vice Chancellor is being run from Golaghat Engineering College premises. The mission and vision of the university are to develop global citizens through a holistic learning process, and endeavouring to turn it into a hub of multidisciplinary research and academic excellence for all its stakeholders. The mandate of the university is to fulfil the aspirations of a vast demography, comprising of students to run doctoral research, post-graduate courses and certificate/diploma courses. In offering these courses, the university aims at promulgating the policies enshrined in the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The university aims to equip learners with various skills and to make them competent and comfortable in their respective fields.

**About The Assam Kaziranga University:**

Founded in 2012, The Assam Kaziranga University, well known as KU, is one of the largest private universities in the North-East India. The Assam Kaziranga University has been established under the Assam Private University Act No. XII of 2007, offering state-of-the-art education and research relevant to market needs. The University has been promoted by the Trust under the banner of The

North Eastern Knowledge Foundation (NEKF) and founded in the year 2012 by the Khetan Industrial Group. The social sensitivity and responsible entrepreneurship of both the groups have helped them to imbibe a culture of proedification in their endeavour and give back the knowledge and experience to the society that they have gathered over years of service to the nation.

**Concept Note:**

South Asia refers to a group of nation states bounded by a geographical commonality or contiguity and is connected through historical, cultural, linguistic, ethnic, and civilizational linkages. It also refers to an institutionalised form of mechanism of regional co-operation. Constituted of the nations including India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, and Afghanistan, the region is presently home to over 1.9 billion people and is one of the most-heavily populated regions in the globe. Interestingly, the region boasts of a large number of young population and, as estimates have suggested, more than 35% population in South Asia comes under the age of 18. The region can cash in this demographic dividend for all-round development and acceleration of sustainable economic activities. However, it needs to be kept in mind that the region has remained one of the poorest in the world, with more than 30% of the population, as the World Bank suggests, still living under the international poverty line. To cash in the democratic dividend at its fullest and bridge the gaps, higher education in these nations can play a big role and create multifarious opportunities.

In the region, countries are largely agricultural economies, and approximately 70% of the total population live in rural areas. However, the nations are forging a path towards the direction of the growth of their industry and services sectors. The region is also vulnerable to natural disasters and has witnessed in the recent times various sorts of political instabilities, internal conflicts, and security concerns. All the nations of the region fall under developing and least-developed countries and have confronted several challenges in areas such as education, infrastructure, and health. Compared to global averages, the region is lagging behind education output and has not been able to meet the demands of time owing to the particular challenges associated with the production of skilled workforce. Against this backdrop, the role of the higher education has proved critical in facilitating a skilled, competitive, and knowledgeable workforce for growth, investment, and development of all sorts.

In fact, demand for higher education in the nations of the region is on the rise, and it has increasingly brought forth the necessity for relevant policy interventions from concerned authorities as well as quality assurance mechanism. South Asian universities have

constantly ranked poor on global rankings and are marred in numerous shortcomings. Poor employability of the graduates and the worrying disconnect between market requirement and curriculum along with bureaucratic hurdles, low female representation, and political interventions have plagued the higher education sector in these nations. Therefore, higher education has emerged as an area of priority in South Asia in the current century and has invited a great urgency of institutional reform and re-evaluation. The two-day conference seeks to address the changing dynamics of higher education in the South Asian nations against the stated backdrop and endeavours to unearth the various dimensions by providing a necessary platform to the academicians, researchers, students and media persons as well for fruitful deliberation.

**Sub-themes :**

1. Changing Dynamics and Dimensions in Higher Education in South Asia
2. Higher Education and the Role of Digital Technology
3. Internationalisation, Privatization and Higher Education
4. Women Empowerment and Higher Education
5. Higher Education, Inclusive Growth, and Development Concerns
6. Higher Education, Curriculum, and Pedagogy
7. Higher Education and Climate Change Concerns
8. Academic and Research Complementarity in Higher Education in South Asia: Contexts, Concerns and Prospects
9. Higher Education in South Asia, Challenges, and Policy Concerns
10. Higher Education in South Asia and Life Skills
11. Language, Literature and Higher Education
12. Indigenous Knowledge, Culture and Higher Education
13. Innovation, Startup and Higher Education in South Asia
14. Any other relevant sub-theme connected to the topic.

**Important Dates :**

Extended Last date for submission of Abstract: December 10, 2023  
Intimation of acceptance of Abstract: December 12, 2023  
Last date for submission of Full Paper: December 18, 2023

**Guidelines for Contributors :**

**Abstract submission-**

Abstract should not exceed 250 words (font size 12, Times New Roman and Ramdhenu for Assamese) with a maximum of 6 keywords. Abstract should lucidly contain all the necessary information including title of the paper, name of the author and co-author (if any), designation, institution, contact number, and email id. Abstract must be written either in English or in Assamese.

**Full Paper Submission-**

- Full paper should be written in-*
- a. double spaced
  - b. font size 12 (Times New Roman) for English and Ramdhenu or Geetanjali light in Pagemaker for Assamese
  - c. MLA (8th edition) and APA style
  - d. within 5000 words

**Poster Presentation:**

Poster presentation is available to interested participants. However, a poster presenter has to submit an abstract containing objectives and arguments.

**email id for submission of Abstract and Full Paper:**  
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**Registration:**

International Participant with paper/poster presentation: \$40 (USD)  
International Participant without paper/poster presentation: \$32 (USD)  
National Participant with paper/poster presentation: RS. 2000 (INR)  
National Participant without paper/poster presentation: RS. 1500 (INR)  
Research Scholar with paper/poster presentation: RS. 1200 (INR)  
Research Scholar without paper/poster presentation: RS. 1000 (INR)  
Student with paper/poster presentation: RS. 700 (INR)  
Student without paper/poster presentation: RS. 500 (INR)

**Important information regarding Registration :**

The last date of depositing Registration Fee is December 18, 2023.

**Important information regarding online Paper Presentation:**

Online session (s) will be conducted for participants from abroad as well as for other needy participants.

**Bank Account Details:**

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A/C No. : 5463674910  
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MICR Code : 785016733

**Accommodation:**

Outstation participant may contact for accommodation on or before December 10, 2023. However, the concerned participant (s) will have to bear the entire expense of accommodation.

**Publication:**

Selected papers after peer review will be published (by a publisher of international repute) in a book with ISBN.

**Methodology of the Study**

② The study involves only primary data sources and is restricted to the administrative system of the country. Sources have taken in 2011 and 2012 and the data is confined to a structure and standardized questionnaire.

③ Main Model for the linear regression

$$\ln \left( \frac{Y_{it}}{Y_{it-1}} \right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \times X_1 + \beta_2 \times X_2 + \dots + \beta_k \times X_k + \epsilon_{it}$$

④ Since it represents independent variable  $Y_{it}$  in the regression model for independent variable  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  represents the two variables that the dependent variable  $Y_{it}$  has respectively. The probabilities of  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  represent the effect on the dependent variable.

⑤ Correlation's alpha measure the reliability of the data. The value of Correlation is 0.999-1.0



Issues and challenges

- Poor infrastructure is another challenge in higher education of Nepal
- Unregulated expansion of affiliated campuses. TE has 1082 affiliated campuses (private and community) which are not regularly monitored and regulated. UGC does not have capacity to regulate and monitor by the standard norms and rules.
- Political interference and political intervention. The government appoints university presidents, vice-chancellors and deans. Frequent government changes also influence VC, Rector and Registrar. Frequent government changes also influence university policies. Inter-political relations of the ruling and the opposition of all student organizations affiliated to different political parties also influence academic and administrative activities. Universities and campuses also lack sufficient autonomy to make their own decisions regarding their development.
- Policy crisis and laissez faire is main challenge.

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