

## Kakojan College at a Glance

Kakojan College is one of the premier higher education institutions located in Jorhat district of Upper Assam. It was established in 1967 and has completed 56 glorious years of its academic journey and service to the society. The College is affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Dibrugarh, Assam, India. Recently, the College has been accredited by NAAC with 'A' grade in the third cycle of assessment. The Institution imparts higher education in Arts and Science stream. It also offers a range of self-financed add-on and skill based courses for the advantage of the undergraduate learners. With its vision to impart quality education to all, the College also offers Undergraduate and Postgraduate Programmes under Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University (KKHSOU), Assam. The College is situated in a serene location, far from the hustle and bustle of the city, thus ensuring a healthy academic environment.

## The Assam Kaziranga University at a Glance

The Assam Kaziranga University is one of the largest private universities in North East India. The University has been established under the Assam Private University Act No. XII of 2007. With its vision of imparting holistic and world class education, the Institution offers state-of art education and research facilities to the students coming from far and near. 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 University is committed to its social responsibility and has been taking various initiatives to actualise the knowledge and experience gathered over the years to the upliftment of the society.

## Accommodation

Accommodation can be arranged for outstation participants on prior request. However, they will have to bear the expenses themselves as no TA/DA will be provided to the participants by the organisers.

## Important Dates

Last date for abstract submission:

**20th February, 2024**

Notification of abstract acceptance:

**22nd February, 2024**

Last date for submission of full-length paper:

**7th March, 2024**

## Registration Process

The registration process will be conducted in both online and offline mode.

- On acceptance of abstract, participants will be provided with the registration link (Google form) where they will be asked to upload their payment receipts along with the other details.
- Participants and paper presenters can avail spot registration facility on the first day of the Seminar.

## Registration Fee Details

- Academician/ Faculty Member Rs. 1000/- (With Paper)
- Academician/ Faculty Member Rs. 500/- (Without Paper)
- Research Scholar Rs. 700/- (With Paper) & Rs. 300/- (Without Paper)
- P.G. Students Rs. 400/- (With Paper) & Rs. 200/- (Without Paper)

## Payment Details

A/C Holder : **KAKOJAN COLLEGE**

A/C No. : **0803010100082**

IFSC : **PUNB0080320**

Bank & Branch : **Punjab National Bank, Kakojan**

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## Access to Kakojan College

Kakojan College is 16 kilometres in the east of Jorhat town on NH-715 and 40 kilometres from the west of Sibsagar town, Assam. The nearest train station is Jorhat Town and the nearest airport is Rowrah Airport, Jorhat.



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**ICSSR SPONSORED**

**Two Day National Seminar**

on

*“Environment, Sustainable  
Development & Gender in  
North East India : Issues and  
Challenges”*

**14th and 15th March, 2024**



**Organised by**

**IQAC, Kakojan College**

**in collaboration with**

**The Assam Kaziranga University**

**Venue:**

**Conference Hall**

**Kakojan College**

**Jorhat, Assam**

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# Invitation

Dear Sir / Madam,

It gives us immense pleasure to inform you that the Internal Quality Assurance Cell of Kakojan College is going to organise an ICSSR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on "Environment, Sustainable Development & Gender in North East India : Issues and Challenges" on 14th and 15th March, 2024. The aim of the seminar is to emphasise issues and challenges connected with the development of North East India, with particular focus on environment, sustainable development and gender in the region. The organising committee cordially invites you to participate in this two day academic discourse and contribute research papers in this seminar. We hope that your active participation and constructive research findings and discussions would make the seminar a success.

With warm regards,

Dr. Rashmi Rekha Saikia  
Principal & Chairperson

Dr. Sikhamoni Gogoi  
Assistant Professor  
Dept. of English  
Convener

Mr. Dhruvajyoti Saikia  
Co-ordinator  
IQAC  
Joint-Convener

National Seminar Organising Committee  
Kakojan College, Jorhat

## Concept Note of the Seminar

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development envisaged "Transforming our World" by ascertaining well-being and prosperity not just of people but of the planet too. This is an agenda that foresees a world without inequalities; it looks forward to bridge economic and geopolitical divides and restore trust and solidarity. However, the recent Global Sustainable Development Report, 2023 highlights that the "world is far off track" from its goal and in order to carry forward this goal "urgent course correction and acceleration" is required. The report identifies many drawbacks and also the reasons leading to it, and furthers some methods and ways to cope up with these challenges. It also emphasized the interconnections of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and considers it as an opportunity to act in an integrated way so as to "release positive synergies and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals". Moreover, accomplishing the SDGs is not only the work of governments, but a collective team work of all stakeholders, an opportunity for everyone to engage with these transformations in some way, through planned strategies and outlook.

The North East India constitutes about 8% of the country's total area. It is a place rich in bio-diversity as well as socio-cultural diversity. This region is a part of the Indo-Burma hotspot which is amongst the 34 globally identified hotspots in the world and also four global priority eco-regions are located in this region. Not only this, the region has a wide variety of forest from tropical, temperate to alpine meadows and cold deserts. Also, the population of the region is heterogeneous in nature, with many ethnic groups, speaking diverse languages, having different beliefs, customs, traditions and a very vibrant history. The tribal population of the region constitutes almost 30% of the aggregated populace of North East India. The life and living of the tribal communities are intricately connected and dependent on the biological systems and the natural environment. Yet, the rise in human population and the increasing demands on the various ecosystems in the name of growth and development – urbanization, mining, oil boring, introduction of foreign species of agricultural plants, etc. – has not only threatened the environment and ecology of the region, but also the life of tribal people. The region has also started facing environmental challenges. To capitalize on the rich biodiversity, there is an urgent need to channelize the potentials and harness the benefits in healthy ways. This necessitates the study of 'environment' and its correlation with 'development', thorough scrutiny of the government policy making in this regard and also engaging in the debate connected to the 'politics of environment'.

This seminar, "Environment, Sustainable Development and Gender in North East India: Issues and Challenges", would try to identify the gaps and urgent actions required to tackle the crisis in environmental sustainability, development and gender equality, with particular emphasis on North East India. It capitalizes on connections between environmental policies and economic and social development goals, such as achieving gender equality and women empowerment. Yet another important dimension of this seminar is evaluating the gender equations in North East India. Though the region can boast of certain matrilineal societies and is almost free of certain social evils like dowry, female foeticide, female infanticide, etc.; much needs to be discussed about equality in terms of decision making, financial decision making, policy making, employability, self-identity, and so on. Questions need to be raised about gender specific impacts on environmental degradation or how a gender lens could reduce the overall environmental footprints. Further, women's active participation in the environment and development discourse is binding because women's experience of nature and its ecosystems is very different from men; and because of which their participation can bring in significant changes to decision making bodies.

This seminar aims to bring together experts, policymakers, scholars and practitioners to deliberate on issues and challenges to environment, development and gender in North East India.

## Sub Themes of the Seminar

We invite research papers on the following broad themes

- \* Environment and development in North East India
- \* Gendered roles and its consequences in North East India
- \* Government policies on environment and gender; and its impact.
- \* Environmental movement and gender activism in North East India
- \* Environment, Sustainable Development and Gender in North East India: historical perspectives
- \* Women, indigenous ecology and sustainable development in North East India
- \* Gender, Health and Development (GHD) approach in North East India
- \* Ecocriticism and feminism in North East India
- \* Gender and environment in literature of North East India
- \* Role of science in advancing sustainable development and environmental well-being
- \* Any other topic related to the main theme

## Call for Paper

The Organising Committee invites original research papers from scholars, academicians, teachers and other intellectuals on the sub-themes to be covered in various sessions of the National Seminar. Interested participants may submit a soft copy of the abstract and full papers to the organising committee through the following email address: [seminariqack@gmail.com](mailto:seminariqack@gmail.com)

## Guidelines for Paper Submission

- \* The abstract of the paper should be within 200-250 words with maximum 6 key words.
- \* Papers can be written and presented in both English and Assamese language.
- \* For English, both the abstract and the full paper should be typed in MS Word, Paper Size A4, Times New Roman Font, Font Size 12 with 1.5 line spacing. The title of the paper should be in font size 14 and bold.
- \* For Assamese, both the abstract and the full paper should be typed using Ramdhenu Software, Geetanjali font, size 14. The title of the paper should be in font size 16 and bold.
- \* The title page should clearly mention the name, designation, affiliation of the Institution, contact number and email id of the author(s).
- \* The full length paper should be of minimum 3000 words and maximum of 4000 words.
- \* Participants are requested to send the abstracts and full papers through email address mentioned in the brochure. A hard copy should be submitted to the convener on the day of the seminar.
- \* Joint paper presenters have to register separately.
- \* Selected papers through peer review process will be published in Seminar Proceedings with ISBN in the form of an edited book.