



TWO-DAY NORTHEAST INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABLE SUMMIT - 2025

On

**"Promoting Sustainable Development
through Innovation, Conservation and
Inclusive Growth in Northeast India"**

**Sponsored by
North Eastern Council
Ministry of Development of North
Eastern Region**

**Organized by
Department of Social work
Assam University, Silchar**

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Department of Social Work, Assam University is proud to announce the "Northeast International Sustainable Summit 2025" under the theme "Promoting Sustainable Development through Innovation, Conservation and Inclusive Growth in Northeast India". Hosted by Assam University, Silchar, Assam, India, the summit invites researchers, scholars, students, and faculty members from diverse disciplines arts, humanities, social science, science and technology. This interdisciplinary platform aims to foster the exchange of innovative ideas, encourage collaboration, and explore how research and innovation can drive a more sustainable and inclusive future for the Northeast region.

This conference aims to explore pathways for promoting sustainable development through innovation, conservation and inclusive growth in Northeast India by ensuring long-term prosperity that benefits both the environment and its people. The conference will centre on the links between preserving culture and inclusive development through traditional knowledge and how indigenous innovations form part of their modern conservation work. Empowering women and youth through entrepreneurship development along with leadership and skill development will be the focus area for equitable prosperity along with dialogue on social inequality and community marginalisation as they are relevant for social cohesion and inclusive development.

The conference will also discuss how traditional handicrafts and cultural heritage can serve as a sustainable livelihood model for local communities. It will include ways into Infrastructure and Connectivity while promoting green transportation and sustainable urban planning with improvements in connectivity to unleash the full potential of Northeast India. Developing a cohesive framework for sustainable development will require working together with the government along with private sector and global partners. This conference will feature discussions with different stakeholders along with sharing of actions to help promote sustainable and inclusive development in Northeast India.

ABOUT THE INSTITUTE



Assam University, a leading institution of higher education in Northeast India, is located in Silchar, Assam. Surrounded by hillocks, tea gardens, and the peaceful, lush environment of the Barak Valley region, Assam University provides an ideal setting for academic pursuits. Established in

1994 under the Assam (Central) University Act of 1989, the institution has met the region's higher education needs. The main campus, situated at Dargakona, approximately 20 kilometers from Silchar, Cachar, covers over 600 acres and is known for its picturesque landscape. Assam University also has a second campus in Diphu, located in the Karbi Anglong district of Assam, covering an area of 90 acres, which was established in 2007. Both campuses work collectively to expand the university's research and educational influence throughout the region.

"Pratyayabodhakritirupapattaye" — Assam University has achieved its core value, meaning "Conviction, Confidence, and Creativity," by fostering an environment of knowledge, research, and socio-cultural exchange in the state and the country. In addition to being a center for study, Assam University serves as a hub for different cultures in this region. Cultural assimilation was seen when the institution organized several festivals, events, and activities. The knowledge hub of the university, the central library, known as Rabindra Library, serves as a rich repository of academic resources and digital services that meet the needs of students and researchers.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



The Department of Social Work, established in July 1997 is a pioneering institution in the field of professional social work education in Northeast India. As one of the earliest departments of its kind in the region it has played a vital role in promoting social justice, community engagement and professional social work practice through academic excellence and field-based learning. Over the years, the department has grown into a hub for socially responsive teaching, research and community outreach, addressing the unique socio-cultural and developmental needs of the Northeast.

The department offers a comprehensive Five-Year Integrated Course in Social Work, which leads to the award of a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) and Master of Social Work (MSW) degree after the completion of five years. The design of the program ensures a balance between classroom learning and field practicum, equipping students with both theoretical foundations and practical skills. In addition to the integrated course, the department also runs a Ph.D programme in Social Work. Research in the department is deeply rooted in the lived realities of marginalized communities with scholars engaging in action-oriented, participatory research. This focus reflects the department's commitment to addressing

pressing social issues through evidence-based research and grassroots-level intervention.

Community engagement remains a cornerstone of the department's vision. Outreach initiatives have been regularly conducted in nearby rural and urban communities. The Department of Social Work has significantly contributed to the development discourse of Northeast India by producing skilled professionals who are actively working in various sectors such as public policy, healthcare, education, mental health, non-profit management, and social entrepreneurship. Many of its alumni hold leadership positions in government, international organizations, academic institutions and grassroots NGOs thereby extending the department's impact beyond the university into the broader societal fabric.

With a vision to emerge as a centre of excellence in social work education and research, the Department of Social Work is committed to expanding its academic and outreach horizons. As it continues to grow, the department remains dedicated to nurturing compassionate, competent, and socially conscious professionals who are equipped to lead change and contribute meaningfully to an inclusive and equitable society.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Enriched Knowledge Sharing: Integrative discussions across various disciplines on their perspectives of the challenges and alternatives for sustainable development.
- Promotion of Marginalized communities: Strategies for economic diversification and financial inclusion of the marginalized communities will be mapped out.
- Actionable Policy Recommendations: Context-specific policy recommendations will be produced for optimum impact at grassroot-level.
- Inclusive Regional Development Strategies: The initiative anticipates to stimulate inclusive developmental approaches to reduce the regional and socio-economic disparities.

THEMES AND SUB-THEMES

1. Sustainable Innovation and Economic Growth

- Entrepreneurship and Startups for Sustainable Development
- Digital Transformation and Smart Infrastructure
- Traditional Knowledge and Indigenous Innovations
- Economic diversification and Innovation

2. Environmental Conservation, Management and Biodiversity Protection

- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategies
- Sustainable Agriculture and Organic Farming
- Eco-Tourism and Sustainable Travel Practices
- Waste Management and Circular Economy Approaches

3. Sociological approaches to conservation and Development

- Cultural preservation and inclusivity in development
- Cultural sensitivity in environmental projects
- Displacement and re-settlement issues in building Social Capital

4. Women and Youth Empowerment for Sustainable Development

- Entrepreneurship and Financial Inclusion for Women and Youth
- Leadership and Decision-Making Roles for Women in Governance
- Skill Development and Employment Opportunities for Youth

5. Sustainable Livelihoods through Handloom, Handicrafts, and Indigenous Arts

- Strengthening Traditional Handicrafts and Cultural Heritage for sustainable livelihoods
- Reviving Dying Art Forms and Cultural Conservation
- Government Policies and Support Systems for Artisan Communities
- Bridging cultures through Language & Tradition

6. Infrastructure and Connectivity for Development

- Improving Road, Rail, and Digital Connectivity in the Northeast
- Smart Cities and Sustainable Urban Development
- Role of Government and Private Sector in Infrastructure Growth

7. Social Inequality and Empowering Marginalized Communities

- Social cohesion and Conflict Resolution through Community-led Development Initiatives
- Cultural Identity and Social Exclusion
- Social Protection Systems for Vulnerable Populations

8. Policy, Governance, and International Collaboration

- Role of Government Policies in Promoting Sustainability
- Cross-Border Trade and Economic Cooperation in Northeast India
- Indigenous Rights and Sustainable Development Policies
- Public-Private Partnerships for Regional Development

IMPORTANT DATES

****Abstract submission Start date:** 25th July 2025

****Abstract Last Date of Submission:** 15th October 2025

****Declaration of Acceptance of Abstract:** 20th October 2025

****Last date of full-length article submission:** 10th November 2025

****Selected papers will be published by a National/international publisher of repute in an edited Book.**

REGISTRATION FEES

****The registration fee is exclusive of accommodation charges. However, Guest House or Hostel accommodation will be arranged on payable basis. The fee covers access to the conference kit, lectures sessions, brochures, breakfast, lunch and dinner.**

- PG Student: ₹500/-INR
- Research Scholar: ₹700/- INR
- Faculty/Scientist: ₹1500/- INR
- Foreign PG Student/Research Scholar: \$20 USD
- Foreign Faculty: \$30 USD

Note:

- *Blended mode only for foreign participants.*
- *Co-author, if any, also has to register.*
- *After completing the payment, please send the payment receipt and abstract via email and in Google form.*

GUIDELINES FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

- Original research contributions are invited from academicians, research scholars, government officials, industry experts and students to present their findings on the themes mentioned above or on related topics.
- Within 250 words, Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- Must be single A4 page MS Word (*.docx) file.
- File size < 1 MB.
- Mention the paper title, author names and corresponding affiliations.

CLICK HERE FOR THE REGISTRATION

- Note that participation in the conference will be considered after successful registration and fee payment.
- An intimation of abstract selection from Northeast International Sustainable Summit 2025 organizers ensures your presentation at the conference.
- The full-length article for conference proceedings must be submitted as per the above Format, with proper refereeing, APA 7th edition and certificate of Plagiarism which should be below 10%.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE AND NATURAL BEAUTY OF ASSAM

KAMAKHYA TEMPLE



The **Kamakhya Temple** at **Nilachal hills** in **Guwahati, Assam** is one of the oldest and most revered centres of Tantric practices, dedicated to the goddess Kamakhya. The temple is the center of the Kulachara Tantra Marga and the site of the Ambubachi Mela, an annual festival that celebrates the menstruation of the goddess. Structurally, the temple is dated to the 8th-9th century with many subsequent re-buildings and the final hybrid architecture defines a local style called Nilachal. It is also one among the oldest 4 of the 51 pithas in the Shakta tradition. An obscure place of worship for much of history it became an important pilgrimage destination, especially for those from Bengal, in the 19th century during colonial rule.

Website: <https://www.maakamakhya.org/>

UMANANDA TEMPLE



UmanandaDevaloi is a Shiva temple located at the Umananda Island (Peacock Island) in the middle of the river Brahmaputra, Assam. Brahmaputra just opposite the office of the Deputy Commissioner of

Kamrup or the Kachari Ghat in Guwahati. It is known as smallest inhabited riverine island in the world. Country boats that are available on the bank of Brahmaputra take the visitors to the island. The mountain on which the temple has been built is known as Bhasmacala. It was built in 1694CE in the order of Ahom King Gadadhar Singha but was broken down by an earthquake in 1867.

Website: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Umananda_Temple

KAZIRANGA NATIONAL PARK



Kaziranga National Park's 430 square kilometer area sprinkled with elephant-grass meadows, swampy lagoons, and dense forests is home to more than 2200 Indian one-horned rhinoceros, approximately 2/3rd of their total world population. Formed in 1908 on the recommendation of Mary Curzon, the park is located in the edge of the Eastern Himalayan biodiversity hotspots Golaghat and Nagaon district. In the year 1985, the park was declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Website: <https://www.kaziranga-national-park.com/>

BORAIL WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



Borail wildlife sanctuary is situated in the neighbourhood of the well known Assamese city Silchar, that is an effective gateway to at least three Northeastern Indian states. Silchar officially & proudly speaks Bengali but is also home to Assamese, Bengalis, Biharis, Marwari, Naga tribals and lots more—Silchar is a town of many surprises. Known as the 'Island of Peace' Silchar is steeped in history and has a varied cultural ethos.

Website: <https://visitborail.org/location>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/p/Borail-ECO-CAMP-100088240834869/>

CHARAIDEO MOIDAMS



The Charaideo Moidams, also known as the "Pyramids of Assam," were recently added to the list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Assam. These moidams are the royal burial grounds of the Ahom dynasty, which ruled Assam for over 600 years. Located in the Charaideo district, these burial mounds are a testament to the rich cultural heritage of the Ahom kingdom. The moidams are unique in their architectural style, resembling the pyramids of ancient Egypt. Each moidam consists of a massive underground vault with one or more chambers, covered by a hemispherical mound of earth. The surface of the mound is often adorned with intricate carvings and sculptures, reflecting the artistic prowess of the Ahom artisans. The Charaideo Moidams hold immense cultural and historical significance for the people of Assam. They are not only the final resting place of the Ahom kings and queens but also a symbol of the dynasty's architectural and artistic achievements. The inclusion of the moidams in the UNESCO list has brought global recognition to this lesser-known heritage site, highlighting the need for its preservation.

Website: <https://www.sentinelassam.com/north-east-india-news/assam-news/discover-assams-pride-unesco-world-heritage-sites>

MAJULI ISLAND



The largest river island in Assam, India. It is bordered by the Brahmaputra River to the South and East, the Subansiri River to the West, and an anabranch of the Brahmaputra River. The island is inhabited by members of the Mising, Deori, and Sonowal Kachari tribes and serves as a hub of Assamese neo-Vaishnavite culture. It is accessible by ferry or boat from Jorhat, which is located about 250 kilometers northeast of Guwahati. It was the first island in India to become a district in 2016.[3] Since 2004, Majuli has been on the UNESCO Tentative List for nomination as a World Heritage Site.

SON BEEL THE SECOND LARGEST WETLAND IN ASIA



The most amazing thing about Son Beel is that it becomes a farm land for rice cultivation during winter till March and then the land fills with water and becomes a lake. The less depth of the lake makes it overflow during rainy season and the water meets Kushiara River through Kakra River and flows to Bangladesh. The lake gives a picturesque landscape with hills on both east and west sides. The inlet and outlets of Son Beel is River Shingla that originates in Manipur. Son Beel is famous for its fishery and it is one of the main producers of fish for the entire district in southern Assam. Son Beel is best visited during rainy season that is March onwards till the beginning of winters. Till then the lake is full of water and offers a view that is hard to find elsewhere.

Website: <https://karimganj.assam.gov.in/tourist-place-detail/218>

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HOW TO REACH?

By Air: The nearest airport is Silchar Airport (also known as Kumbhirgram Airport), which connects major cities like Guwahati, Kolkata, and Imphal. It is approximately 35 kilometers from the university campus.

By Train: Silchar is well-connected by railways to major cities like Guwahati, Agartala, and Tinsukia. The nearest railway station is Silchar Railway Station, located approximately 20 kilometers away from the Assam University campus.

By Road: Silchar is easily accessible from Assam and neighbouring states via National Highway 37, with buses and private vehicles being common modes of transport. The Assam University campus is located in Dargakona, about 20 kilometers from the Silchar city centre. Local transport options include autorickshaws, cabs, and buses, while university buses also operate for convenience.

