



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

National Conference on Issues in North East India and the Role of ODL and OER in Higher Education

March 19-20, 2019

Organised by

**Gauhati University Institute of Distance and Open Learning
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Gauhati University Institute of Distance and Open Learning is pleased to announce that a national conference is going to be held on 19th and 20th March 2019 on the topic "Issues in Northeast India and the role of ODL and OER in Higher Education". The conference intends to bring together and provide a common platform to accumulate and exchange the innovative ideas, latest knowledge and unique experience for the benefit of the participants. The organizing committee invites all who have been actively involved in the field of teaching and research to attend the conference and present paper on topics related to the themes of the conference. Participation without paper presentation is also welcome.

The conference will feature keynote and plenary addresses by distinguished invited speakers, individual paper sessions which will allow the participants to present their work and learn about the latest development and findings on the issues related to the theme.

About the Institution:

The Gauhati University Institute of Distance and Open Learning, formerly known as Post Graduate Correspondence School was established in May 1998. The main objective of this institute is to provide an opportunity to pursue higher education to the large number of learners who are unable to enroll into conventional mode of higher education due to various constraints like limited number of seats in Post Graduate classes, livelihood compulsions etc. The institute has completed two decades of its existence and aims to continue the mission of imparting quality education in an intellectually challenging learning environment. Apart from the Self-Learning Materials and Counseling Services, GUIDOL also imparts education through Radio Luit, the Community Radio Center.

About the Conference:

Northeast India comprising of eight states, a homeland of different ethnic groups and religious and linguistic communities, beautifully depicts the mosaic of different cultures. However, the region is engulfed with a host of problems and challenges ranging from underdevelopment to insurgency. Keeping the importance of these

issues and its contemporary relevance in mind, the conference is planned to ponder over the diverse issues relating to the theme.

Open and distance learning system implies open access to education which helps in setting the learners free from the constraints of time, place and age. It offers flexible learning opportunities to the group of learners and thereby bringing development to all the sections of the societies and establishes social justice. Open Education Resources (OER) are an important tool of Open and Distance Learning. OER has helped in breaking down the barriers of affordability and accessibility. Further, OER provides an opportunity to the faculties to customize the course material instead of being bound to traditional model. This Conference aims to reflect on the pressing issues that emanates from this theme.

THEMES:

I. Social Issues

- a) Child labour and child abuse
- b) Internal displacement
- c) Unemployment and poverty
- d) Issues of health and food security
- e) Human trafficking
- f) Literature and Society

II. Political Issues

- a) Regionalism and Integration of North East
- b) Civil Society: Role and limitations
- c) Autonomy movements and Ethnicity
- d) Demand for new states: their viability, sustainability
- e) Act East Policy and North East

III. Developmental and Economic Issues

- a) Economic development
- b) Rural economy
- c) Regional economic cooperation
- d) Management of natural resources
- e) International economic linkages – prospects and challenges
- f) Urbanization
- g) Market Integration
- h) Financial Inclusion
- i) Trade and Commerce

IV. Cross-cutting Gender Issues

- a) Gender based violence
- b) Gender and empowerment
- c) Gender and environment
- d) Gender and work-life balance

V. Issues in the domain of Education

- a) Education in India: Issues related to Expansion, Equity and Finance
- b) Dropping out and discontinuance

- c) Entrepreneurship, employability and the role of education
- d) Enrollment ratios
- e) Skill development and vocationalisation of education
- f) Quality education and quality research

VI. Prospects and Challenges in the domain of ODL, Online education and use of OER in the context of higher education

- a) Issues and challenges of Higher Education through Distance Mode
- b) Cost-effectiveness and quality concerns
- c) Technology enabled learning
- d) Networking and collaborations
- e) Copyright and open licenses and IPR
- f) Opportunities and challenges in OER development
- g) Practices challenges and opportunities of MOOC
- h) ODL and skill development
- i) Learning management system
- j) Other innovative technology

The list of themes and sub-themes is not exhaustive. The participants can present papers on any issue related to the themes.

Participation in the Conference and Application form:

Participation in the conference can be either as

- (i) author of a paper or
- (ii) as a participant (who is not the author of a paper).

In either case, the online application form will be required to be filled up on or before Mar 4, 2019 (a gmail account will be necessary for the purpose). Please visit <https://www.idolgu.in> and follow the conference link.

Guidelines for Abstract Submission:

All intending paper presenters are required to apply and submit abstract online at <https://www.idolgu.in> (offline / hard copy submission of abstracts will not be entertained).

Word limit: 150 words .

Font Size: 12. Font Type: Times New Roman

Last date of Abstract submission: 4th March 2019.

Registration fee (per author / participant) :

Author of papers	For registered (full time) Ph.D. / M.Phil scholars and P.G. students	Rs. 300/- each
	For others	Rs. 600/- each
Participants other than author of papers		Rs. 400/- each

The registration fee covers the conference kit, working lunch and tea during the sessions. The registration fee can be paid in any of the following modes:

- (i) **Online mode** : through SBI Collect by following the conference link at <https://www.idolgu.in> . Participants are requested to take out two printouts of the receipt on payment of fee at SBI Collect. One self attested printout of the receipt will have to be produced at the time of registration.

- (ii) **By Crossed DD drawn** on any scheduled commercial bank, drawn in favour of ‘Director IDOL Gauhati University’.

Venue of the conference: Gauhati University Campus.

Financial Support and accommodation:

The participants and paper presenters are encouraged to seek financial assistance from other sources to participate in the conference. They may also make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Conference Proceedings:

The proceedings of the conference will be published with ISBN number. All papers presented in the conference will be eligible for inclusion in its proceedings. Guidelines will be forwarded to paper presenters.

Important Dates:

1. Last date of submission of online Application Form: 4th March 2019
2. Last date of submission of Abstract (online): 4th March 2019
3. Communication of Paper acceptance: by 7th March 2019
4. Last date of submission of Power Point Presentation (by email to guidolseminar2019@gmail.com with copy to idol1@gauhati.ac.in) : 16th March 2019
5. Payment of Registration Fee : Latest by 19th March 2019 (12 noon)
6. Date of Conference: 19th – 20th March 2019
7. Submission of full paper for inclusion in conference proceedings: by 31st March 2019.

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