



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

India is on the cusp of a significant transformation in higher education, with a clear goal of becoming a knowledge-driven society that both powers economic growth and promotes inclusive, sustainable development. The implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and flagship initiatives such as PM-USHA have given rise to sweeping reforms that emphasize accessibility, equity, quality, innovation, and global competitiveness. As the country prepares for the 5th National Conference of Chief Secretaries and marks five years of NEP 2020, there is a renewed focus on building 'Human Capital for Viksit Bharat' through higher education reform that aligns with both national priorities and international best practices.

This conference aims to provide a dynamic platform for stakeholders—including policymakers, academic leaders, researchers, industry experts, and grassroots participants—to engage in meaningful dialogues on transitioning India's higher education sector into an engine of the knowledge economy. The deliberations are structured around key themes such as promoting research and innovation through robust funding, incubation, and industry linkages; overcoming academic silos by fostering interdisciplinary learning and integrating Indian Knowledge Systems; and harnessing technology to make learning more accessible and future-ready via digital platforms, online courses, and smart infrastructure.

A core part of the knowledge economy agenda is to enhance equity and inclusion by reaching marginalized and underserved communities, supporting gender parity, and ensuring socio-economic diversity across campuses. This also involves strengthening institutional quality and accreditation standards, closing gaps in faculty and infrastructure, and systematically raising the capacity of public institutions to global levels. The conference will also emphasize employability by encouraging industry-academia partnerships, hands-on learning, and entrepreneurship, thereby ensuring that graduates are adaptive and industry-ready.

Internationalization, global engagement, and the mainstreaming of multilingual and culturally-rooted curricula are further pillars to be explored, positioning India's higher education landscape as both locally anchored and globally relevant. By convening a broad spectrum of voices and sharing best practices, the event seeks to generate actionable ideas and policy recommendations, catalyze cross-sectoral collaborations, and create a roadmap for the next phase of educational transformation. Ultimately, this effort underscores the belief that a robust, inclusive, and innovative higher education system is essential to achieving the vision of a developed, knowledge-powered Bharat, capable of making a lasting impact on the global stage.

TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL 30TH NEIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Re-imagining Higher Education for a Knowledge driven Society: Research, Innovation, Equity, and Global Leadership

28th & 29th April 2026



Organized by

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Assam Don Bosco University

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OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- Advance research and innovation by strengthening funding mechanisms, industry partnerships, and incubation facilities within higher education institutions.
- Promote interdisciplinary education and integration of Indian Knowledge Systems to foster holistic, flexible learning frameworks.
- Leverage digital technologies to enhance accessibility, quality, and future-readiness of education.
- Enhance equity and inclusion by improving access for marginalized groups and promoting diversity across campuses.
- Elevate institutional quality and global competitiveness by aligning curricula, improving infrastructure, and fostering employability through strong industry-academia linkages.

SUB-TOPICS

1. Impact of Higher Education on India's Knowledge Economy
2. Evidence-Based Strategies to Enhance Equity, Inclusion, and Participation in Indian Higher Education.
3. Integrating AI and Digital Tools in Indian Higher Education: Pedagogical and Institutional Research Priorities
4. Assessing the Effectiveness of Competency-Based and Interdisciplinary Approaches under NEP 2020 Reforms
5. Tracking Employability: Research on Internships, Skill Pathways, and Industry Partnership Models.
6. Evaluating Multidisciplinary and IKS Integration in the Curriculum: Implementation and Outcomes.

7. Accreditation Impact Assessment: Enhancing Quality and Accountability in State Higher Education Institutions.
8. Student Support, Wellbeing, and Outcomes.
9. Case Studies on HEI-Community Partnerships: Innovations for Local Development and Sustainability.
10. Green Campus Initiatives on Environmental Awareness, Sustainable Practices, and Climate Action in Higher Education.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CALL FOR ARTICLES

Original research work from academicians, research scholars, government officials, industry experts and students are invited to present their research work on the above mentioned themes or related topics.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

Participants are invited to submit original and unpublished research work. An abstract not exceeding 250- 300 words should be sent. The abstract should include 4-5 keywords.

Full papers should not exceed 5000- 6000 words.

The submission should be made in MS Word format, Times New Roman font, size 12, justified alignment, and 1.5-line spacing.

Referencing Style: All citations and references must follow the APA 7 style.

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://forms.gle/QLRxEqzjwzdvdw6A8>

SUBMISSION OF FULL PAPER:

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Last date of submission of abstract: 8th March 2026
- Intimation of acceptance of abstract: 15th March 2026
- Last date of submission of full paper with abstract and plagiarism test report: 20th April 2026
- Seminar date: 28th & 29th April 2026

REGISTRATION FEE

For Indian participants and participants from SAARC countries: (OFFLINE)

Participant Type	Regular
NEIES MEMBERS	Rs. 1500/-
Students/Scholar	Rs. 1500/-
Academicians	Rs. 2500/-
International participants	USD 200

For Indian participants and participants from SAARC countries: (ONLINE)

Participant Type	Fees
Students/Scholar	Rs. 1000/-
Academicians	Rs. 2000/-
International participants	USD 150

***Registration fee includes Conference Kit and Foods for conference days only.**

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Participants will have to arrange for their own accommodation in and around the available resorts.

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ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

Assam Don Bosco University (ADBU), established in 2008 by the Assam Don Bosco University Act, is a state-recognized, non-profit co-educational university in Guwahati, Assam. Founded by the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB), it holds University Grant Commission (UGC) 2(f) and 12B status and is accredited with an 'A' grade by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). The university is committed to providing quality higher education through various programmes.



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