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From the HOD's Desk



Dear Colleagues, Alumni, Research Scholars, Students, Staff and all well-wishers,

With great pleasure, we present the Departmental Newsletters, which serve as a platform to engage, enlighten, and strengthen our commitment to fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, scholarly inquiry, and interdisciplinary dialogue. Through focused research and innovative pedagogy, we aim to deepen our understanding of human society, culture, and the arts.

Our faculty and researchers continue to push the boundaries of interdisciplinary research, engaging with challenges through the lenses of history, philosophy, literature, sociology, psychology, and more. This year, we have launched several new research initiatives and projects that highlight the relevance of the humanities and social sciences in today's rapidly changing world. These initiatives not only reflect our commitment to academic excellence but also demonstrate our desire to connect our work with real-world impact. We are particularly proud of the strides we've made in fostering a more inclusive and diverse academic environment, a crucial aspect of maintaining the vitality of our disciplines.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the upcoming conferences, guest lectures, and cultural events. These gatherings will provide further opportunities for learning, collaboration, and intellectual growth. I encourage all members of our community to participate and contribute to these efforts. Finally, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to our dedicated faculty, staff, research scholars, and students.

Thank You.



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Online Session on Archival Research as a part of the Research Methodology Course by Dr. Biswajit Sarmah

On 8/11/2024 : The session will be led by Dr. Biswajit Sarmah, a faculty member at IIT Palakkad, Kerala. Dr. Sarmah's expertise lies in environmental history, exemplified by his groundbreaking doctoral work on rhinoceros conservation in Kaziranga National Park, Assam, completed at IIT Guwahati in 2022. His work has been featured in renowned journals like Environment and History and Conservation and Society. This session aims to provide students and research scholars with foundational insights into the art and utility of archival research. Archival research often presents unique challenges and opportunities, particularly for early-career researchers. This session will unravel key aspects of working with archives, including: Understanding archives and their various forms., Exploring their relevance beyond historical studies to other disciplines., Practical strategies for organizing and utilizing archival resources effectively.

This session promises to be an enriching experience, especially for those embarking on their research journey. Whether your interests lie in history or intersect with other disciplines, the session will equip you with tools to leverage archival research effectively.



Publication

Partha Sarathi Swain, Research Article Selected as Editor Choice (Open Access Available in Journal website from December 1-31st, 2024) [link](#)



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Assessing the impact of the indigenous farmers' food literacy on millet production: evidence from Eastern India

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Parth Sarathi Swain

Dr. Sucharita Maji, Kumari Sarika and Devu Rajeev recieved an acceptance of their book chapter titled " Narratives of Older Transgender Sex-Workers: A Study of India" in the Book titled as “Research Handbook on Older Workers, Occupational Health, and Safety”. This book is edited by Prof. Dr. Annet H. de Lange and Prof. Trude Furunes, published by Edward Elgar Publishing.



Kumari Sarika



Devu Rajeev



Dr. Sucharita Maji

This book chapter explores the experiences of Indian transgender sex workers and the challenges they face as a consequence of aging.

Conferences

Srajan Maheshwari (PhD Scholar - Philosophy) his paper titled "Understanding Power as Hegemony in Institutional Practice of Climate Change: A Review" got accepted in 98th & 99th Joint Session of Indian Philosophical Congress- 2024 to be held from 18-21 December 2024 at Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Tamil Nadu, India.

Payel Ray (PhD scholar - English) and Dr. Rajni Singh's abstract has been accepted for presentation at the Heavy Childhoods Conference 2025, University of Huddersfield, UK. Titled as "Childhood Affect and Emotions Accumulating in Adulthood to Complicate Ethics of Caregiving as a Daughter: Avni Doshi's "Burnt Sugar". The live conference will take place at the University of Huddersfield UK from the 10th to the 11th of February 2025 in the form of themed round-table discussions and workshops based on the conference papers. We will also facilitate simultaneous live online participation in these round tables.



Payel Ray



Rupsha Chakraborty

Rupsha Chakraborty (PhD Scholar - Sociology) attended "Embodying Cultural Spaces: Experiences from Sonajhuri Haat in Santiniketan, Lifeworld'24-an Academic Conclave" by Jadavpur University Sociology Consortium, at Jadavpur University Kolkata

Online Workshop on Digital Age Research : Empowering Humanities, Social and Management Research Through AI Tools

An Online workshop titled "Digital Age Research: Empowering Humanities, Social and Management Research Through AI Tools". Organized under the prestigious Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Programme, the event is going to be held online from December 2 to December 7, 2024. The program's primary objective was to bridge the gap between traditional research methodologies and modern technological advancements. Participants gained hands-on experience with cutting-edge techniques, enhancing their ability to gather and analyze data efficiently and contribute meaningfully to interdisciplinary research.

Expert Resource Persons

The workshop featured eminent speakers who provided valuable insights:

- **Dr. Ahmed Ashhar** – PhD from IIM Ahmedabad and Director of Survey-Awesome.com.
- **Dr. Gajendra Vishwakarma** – Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computing, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.
- **Dr. Shanmugapriya T** – Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM), Dhanbad.

The program is conducted online, ensuring accessibility to a broader audience. It offered free registration and awarded certificates to participants upon successful completion. By the end of the workshop, attendees were equipped to integrate AI tools into their research processes, staying ahead in the ever-evolving academic and digital landscapes.



Documentary Presentation on “The Power of Privacy” as part of Privacy, Morality & Law Course

The Documentary presentation was conducted by class of Privacy Morality and Law and the award-winning documentary “The Power of Privacy” was presented, which was directed by renowned journalist Aleks Krotoski, a film that has sparked conversations worldwide and won accolades for its compelling narrative on the vulnerabilities we face in a hyper-connected world. It was insightful in order to explore privacy challenges: discover how privacy shapes our daily lives, gain new insights: understand the intersection of privacy, ethics, and law, engage in discussions: share your perspectives and learn from others, Protect our privacy: acquire practical tips for safeguarding your digital footprint.



Upcoming...

- We are happy to announce the Call for Papers for the upcoming conference:

Digital Humanities and AI – Intersections, Innovations, and Implications.

Dates: **January 31 - February 1, 2025**

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad and in collaboration with JPN National Center, Indian Institute of Technology Indore

We invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners to submit their proposals and contribute to this dynamic conversation.

For more details and submission guidelines,

please visit: [International Conference on DH & AI](https://www.iiitdmh.ac.in/conference)

Call for Papers
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
 DIGITAL HUMANITIES AND AI – INTERSECTIONS,
 INNOVATIONS, AND IMPLICATIONS
 2025

Dr. Geoffrey Rockwell
 Professor of Philosophy
 and Digital Humanities at
 the University of Alberta,
 Canada

Dr. Nirmal Menon
 Professor in the School of
 Humanities and Social Sciences
 (HSS), Discipline of English,
 IIT Indore, India

Dr. Pieter Francois
 Professor of Cultural Evolution
 at the University of Oxford, UK

VENUE:
 IIT (ISM) DHANBAD

**31 JAN -
 1 FEB
 2025**

REGISTER NOW

FOR MORE DETAILS: DH & AI CONFERENCE

The recent development in Digital Humanities marks a transformative era in academia, where the humanities are increasingly integrating with digital technologies, computational methods, and AI, enhancing research, teaching, and creative outputs. This conference explores how DH sees such development and the evolving relationship between humanities and digital technologies. It focuses on topics that reshape humanities scholarship, from data analysis and pedagogy to creative production. This fosters interdisciplinary dialogues and examines innovations and implications in fields traditionally centered around humanistic inquiry. AI technologies like machine learning, natural language processing, and generative models have expanded the digital humanists' toolkit. Their ability to process and analyze vast datasets opens up new research possibilities in archives, literature, history, philosophy, language, cultural studies and other areas. However, these opportunities come with challenges such as ethical concerns, reinforcing biases, and other implications.

This conference invites submissions from academics, researchers, students, industry professionals, early career scholars, and practitioners related to the theme, including but not limited to the following topics.

- Digital Humanities and Large Language Models
- LLMs-representation of small/ marginalised/indigenous languages
- Digital Humanities Pedagogy and AI
- Digital Art and Generative AI
- Machine Learning and NLP
- Prompting engineering and Humanities

- GLAM sectors (Digital Gallery, Digital Archives, Digital Libraries and Digital Museum)
- Digital Cultural Heritage, Digital History, Digital Life Writing
- Humanities-Driven Approaches to AI Development and Deployment
- Digital humanities, Public Policy and Decision-making
- Responsible AI and Humanities
- Gender, Caste, Class and Technology
- Digital Multilinguality
- Ethics and Questions of AI in the Humanities
- Digital Ethics (Deepfake, Jailbreaking,
- Electronic Literature
- Digital Society, Digital Identities
- Digital Economies, Digital Labour
- Gaming and DH
- Digital Healthcare
- Digital Mapping
- Computational Linguistics
- Digital Connectivity and Community
- Critical Code and Software Studies
- Digital Environmental Humanities
- Decolonizing Digital Humanities: Non-Western Approaches.
- Accessibility in Digital Humanities: Bridging Digital Divides
- Cognitive Science and AI
- AI, Posthumanism, and the Humanities (AI and Posthumanism: Rethinking the Human in Humanities)
- AI's Impact on Intellectual Property and Creative Ownership

Important Dates

ABSTRACT (MAX. 500 WORDS) SUBMISSION:
DUE 5 JANUARY 2025

ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION:
 WITHIN TWO DAYS OF SUBMISSION

CONFERENCE DATE:
31 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY 2025

The abstract should be sent to iiitismdh@gmail.com

Kindly note that this is an **in-person conference** which will take place at Indian Institute of Technology (ISM) Dhanbad, Jharkhand.

- There are a few JPN Travel Bursaries available for students and scholars.
- The **Best Paper Award** will be given to the selected participant.
- Selected papers will be published with a reputed publisher.

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