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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.

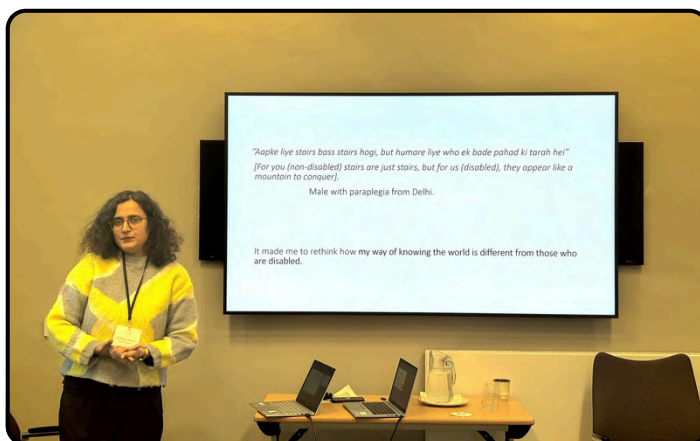
Thank You.



Prof. Nirban Manna
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Dr. Deepika Sharma Presented a paper at European Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ECQI) 2025

Dr. Deepika Sharma recently presented a paper, **"Co-creating Spaces of Change through Empathy and Reflexivity: Navigating the World of Disabled as a Non-disabled Researcher,"** at the European Congress of Qualitative Inquiry (ECQI) 2025, held from January 6–10, 2025, at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference, themed "Qualitative Inquiry: Hope, Humility, and Playfulness in a Precarious World," brought together scholars and practitioners to explore innovative qualitative research approaches in uncertain times.



A talk delivered by Dr. Rahul D R, on Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Dr. Rahul D R served as a resource person for Guru Dakshta (Faculty Induction Programme) organised by the UGC Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad and delivered talks on **Teaching, Learning and Assessment.**



Faculty & Scholars of HSS, conducted workshop on “Text to Map: QGIS for Digital Humanities Explorations”

Dr. Shanmugapriya T, along with Simran Bhimjyani, Barkha Lakhra and Jyoti Justin conducted workshop titled “Text to Map: QGIS for Digital Humanities Explorations” at IIT Jodhpur as a part of DHARTI Conference at IIT Jodhpur (10th - 13th Dec 2024)



Session by Dr. Mahashweta Bhattacharya on Well-Being Agenda: Work, Life, and Mind

"The Well-Being Agenda: Work, Life, and Mind" is a first-of-its-kind talk series aimed at addressing the challenges academics face in maintaining a healthy, balanced life and exploring strategies to overcome them.

In the inaugural session, Dr. Mahashweta Bhattacharya discussed the unique challenges of achieving work-life balance in academia, given the demands of research, teaching, publishing, and administrative responsibilities.



Publication



Parth Sarathi Swain

Partha Sarathi Swain, (PhD Scholar - Sociology) with (Internal Supervisor Prof. Md. Mojibur Rahman, IIT(ISM)Dhanbad & External Supervisor B.B. Mohanty, Pondicherry University, publishes a book chapter in Tylor and Francis Titled "Revisiting Nutri-grain, Agriculture and Peasantry Under Changing Agrarian Practices in Odisha, India" in dexed in SCOPUS.

Dr. Sucharita Maji, Kumari Sarika (PhD Scholar - Psychology), published their research paper titled "Victimisation Experienced by LGBTQIA+ Students in Academic Institutions: A Qualitative Exploration in India" in "Psychology in the Schools".



Kumari Sarika



Dr. Sucharita Maji

D. S. V. R. Anurag (PhD Scholar - Sociology) his paper titled “అన్ టచ్ బుల్ నిర్భయాన్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా: అండ్ వన్ బిలియన్ రైసింగ్” నవలలో సామాజికవర్గీకరణాంశాలు: విమర్శనాత్మక పరిశీలన has been accepted for publication in జెచిత్రమ్ - a UGC Care Listed Telugu language journal, for the February issue.

Conferences

Sofiya Shahiwala (PhD Scholar - English) presented a research study on "Exploring Individual Differences and Preferences in Game-enhanced Vocabulary Learning" at the 44th Thailand TESOL International Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 24th-25th January 2025.



Atolanto Ghoshal (PhD Scholar - English) presented his research paper at the International Conference on "Stories Matter: Rethinking Narratives, Aesthetics & Human Values", organised by the Department of English, Banaras Hindu University, in collaboration with Malviya Centre for Ethics and Human Values from 6th to 7th December 2024.



D. S. V. R. Anurag (PhD Scholar - Sociology) presented a paper titled "Exploring the Spaceship of Sociology of Circular Economy Transitions in India: Towards a Research Agenda and Way Forward" at the All India Sociological Conference, in the Research Committee 29: Social Transformation and Development of the Indian Sociological Society - held at the BML Munjal University on 22-24 December.



Conferences

Shikha Rai (PhD Scholar - Sociology) presented a paper titled 'Vedic Wisdom in the West: Exploring ISKCON's Impact on Western Devotees in Mayapur' at the 49th All India Sociological Conference (AISC) 2024 held in BML Munjal University on 22-24 December.

Shreya Mandal (PhD Scholar - Psychology) has presented a paper titled 'Can I Call it MINE: A Journey of Personal, Professional, and Political Evolution into the Story-Woods of Jharkhand' at Chai, Kappi and Jugaad, International Conference of Narrative Practices, Mental Health and Community Well-Being held on January 16th to 19th 2025 in Pondicherry. She was also part of the panel discussion for the session on Counter Documentation.

Sharanya Chakraborty & Shreya Mandal (PhD Scholar - Psychology) has attended a Pre-Conference Workshop on Body as a Site of Liberation: Integrative Somatic and Narrative Practices for Social Justice, at an International Conference of Narrative Practices, Mental Health and Community Well-Being organized by Narrative Practices India between 16th-19th January in Pondicherry

Rupsha Chakraborty (PhD Scholar - Sociology) presented a paper titled 'Reconstructing Narratives of Baul Heritage: A Study on Baul Songs, Culture and Media Representation' at the Graduate Research Meet held on 9th and 10th December 2024 organised by Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Guwahati.

Kaustubh Mukherjee (PhD Scholar - Psychology) has attended EEG Workshop organised as a part of Annual Convention of Cognitive Science (ACCS) held in IIT, Bombay

Conferences

Simran Bhimjyani (PhD Scholar - English) presented her paper titled “Narrating Nature in the Digital Age” at DHARTI Conference at IIT Jodhpur held on 10-13 December 2024.



Jyoti Jaiswal presented her research paper, “Pedagogical Implications of Critical AI in Digital Humanities Curriculum: A Systematic Study Based on Sentiment Analysis Approach,” at the International Symposium for Digital Humanities in the Anthropocene hosted by Amity University, Noida.

Shrinath Dhumale presented his research paper, "Navigating the Uncharted: Job Market Challenges for Digital Humanities Students in India," at the DHARTI 2024 Conference held at IIT Jodhpur. His paper delved into the pressing concerns faced by Digital Humanities graduates in India, highlighting gaps in industry awareness, limited academic-to-industry pathways, and the need for stronger institutional support.



DH and AI Conference 2025

Atraye Adhikary presented her research paper, “Techno-Social Hierarchies: Navigating Gender, Caste, and Class in the Digital Age”. She analyzed how digital platforms reinforce and reshape societal hierarchies, particularly through the lens of gender, caste, and class.



Barkha R. Lakra presented her research paper, "Mapping the Movement of Purulia Chhau Performances: A Spatial and Temporal Exploration". Her research employed digital mapping techniques to analyze the spatial and temporal evolution of Purulia Chhau, a traditional martial dance form from West Bengal.



Garima presented her research paper, “Fat Stigma and Gendered Objectification: An Analysis Towards Fat Acceptance Through YouTube Comments”. Her study analyzed YouTube comment sections to examine how fat stigma and gendered objectification manifest in digital spaces.

DH and AI Conference 2025



Kaushiki Chowdhury presented her research paper, “Death of the Author...Again: Chatbots as Authors”. Her paper revisited Roland Barthes’ seminal argument on the “death of the author” in the context of AI-generated texts, questioning the evolving role of human agency in authorship.

Jyoti Jaiswal presented her research paper, “Beyond Passive Consumption: Role of Critical AI Literacy in Indian Digital Humanities Pedagogy”. Her paper underscored the necessity of critical AI literacy in Digital Humanities education, emphasizing how Indian academia must move beyond mere technological adoption to fostering critical engagement with AI tools.



DH and AI Conference 2025



Shrinath Dhumale presented his research paper, "AI-Powered Insights: Analyzing Visitor Sentiments to Elevate Maharashtra's Forts for UNESCO Recognition". His study utilized AI-driven sentiment analysis to assess visitor experiences at Maharashtra's historic forts, offering data-backed recommendations to enhance their global appeal for UNESCO World Heritage status.

Ravi Ranjan Kumar and Tejas Shinde presented their collaborative research paper on a Digital Archive Project. Their paper focused on the development and implementation of a digital archive designed to preserve and make accessible valuable historical, cultural, and scholarly content through digital platforms.



Workshop

Nantu Shaw (PhD Scholar - Psychology) has successfully completed a 4-days workshop on "Traditional Knowledge - Intellectual Property & People's Rights", organized by Indian Knowledge System Division, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India on 10th-13th December 2024



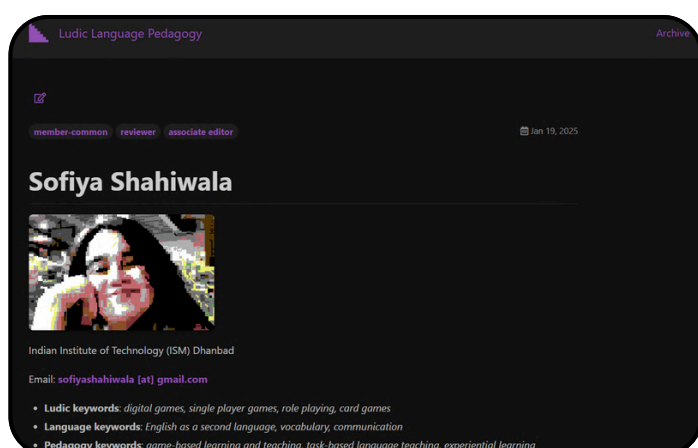
Srjal Bajpai and Mehul Desai (PhD scholars) conducted a hands-on workshop titled "Understanding the Processes of Topic Modeling through Low-Tech Prep" at the Digital Humanities and AI – Intersections, Innovations, and Implications conference hosted by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.

Sofiya Shahiwala (PhD Scholar) conducted a hands-on workshop titled "Mining and Meaning: A Hands-on AntConc Workshop" at the Digital Humanities and AI – Intersections, Innovations, and Implications conference hosted by IIT (ISM) Dhanbad.



Students Achievements

Sofiya Shahiwala (PhD Scholar - English) was designated as a reviewer for the International Conference on Games and Narratives 2025 (ICGaN'25) organised by the University of Waterloo, Canada.



Sofiya Shahiwala (PhD Scholar - English) has also been appointed as an Associate Editor of Ludic Language Pedagogy, an open-access, refereed journal exploring games and play in language teaching contexts.



Devu Rajeev (PhD Scholar - Psychology) is selected by the International Council of Psychologists Organizing committee to receive a travel grant of 500 Euros for attending and presenting their paper at ICP2025 Conference in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, from April 3-5, 2025.

Students Achievements

6 Students got selected for **HASTAC (Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory) Scholarship Program**

- **Simran Bhimjyani (PhD Scholar)**
- **Saradindu Mandal (MA Student)**
- **Jyoti Jaiswal (MA Student)**
- **Ravi Ranjan Kumar (MA Student)**
- **Kaushiki Chowdhury (MA Student)**
- **Divyansh Sinha (MA Student)**

Congratulations

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Scholars Fellowship Program

**Proudly celebrating our students selected for the
HASTAC Scholars program !**

		
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DH and AI Conference 2025

The **International Conference on Digital Humanities (DH) and Artificial Intelligence (AI)** was held on January 31st and February 1st, 2025. The event featured distinguished keynote speakers:

- **Geoffrey Rockwell (University of Alberta),**
- **Peter Francois (University of Oxford), and**
- **Nirmala Menon (IIT Indore)**

It was organized in joint collaboration with the JPN National Centre, IIT Indore. Students from across India presented their research.

Dr. Shanmugapriya T was the convener, and **Dr. Nirban Manna** and **Dr. Sameer Ahmed** were co-conveners.



Glimpse of the Conference



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