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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nirban Manna', with a horizontal line underneath.

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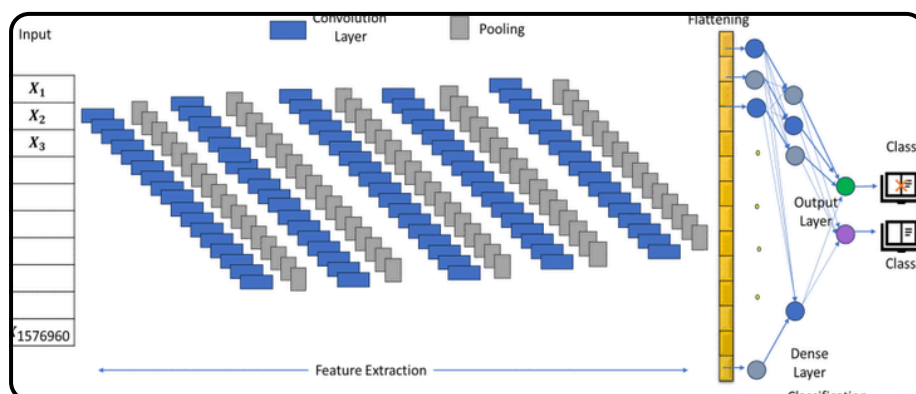
## Dr. Sangay Tamang presented a paper at National Seminar organised by Department of Sociology, Nagaland University

**Dr. Sangay Tamang**, presented a paper titled "Infrastructure as Panacea or penance? Rethinking the idea of "Development" in the Eastern Himalayas" at the National Seminar on "Social Lives of Infrastructure in Northeast India: Navigating Diversity, Connectivity and Resilience" organised by the Department of Sociology, Nagaland University, 27-28 February 2025."



## Dr. Rahul D R's Research Paper got Published in IEEE Conference Proceedings

**Dr. Rahul's** work on EEG-Based Deep Learning Model for Automated Classification of Frequent and Infrequent Readers (with his collaborators from NIT Trichy, RIT Kottayam and SSN Chennai) was published in the IEEE conference proceedings of the 2024 International Conference on Brain Computer Interface & Healthcare Technologies (iCon-BCIHT)





## Dr. Sucharita Maji was honored with the Best Publication Award for Young Researchers-2024

**Dr. Sucharita Maji** was honored with the Best Publication Award for Young Researchers-2024 by the Indian Association for Social Sciences and Health (IASSH). She received this recognition for her publication titled “Mental Health Cost of Internet: A Mixed-Method Study of Cyberbullying Among Indian Sexual Minorities,” which was published in *Telematics and Informatics Reports* (2023) (DOI: [10.1016/j.teler.2023.100064](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.teler.2023.100064)). As part of this award, Dr. Sucharita received a cash prize of ₹25,000.

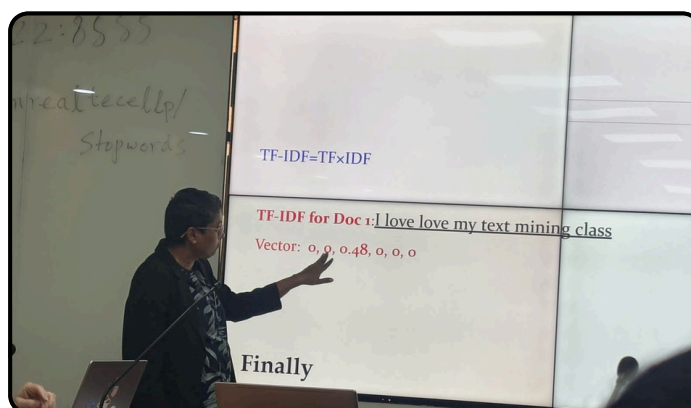


## Dr. Sucharita Maji was recognized by the National Academy of Psychology as one of the emerging psychologists

**Dr. Sucharita Maji** was recognized by the National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) as one of the emerging psychologists at their 34th Annual Convention. As part of NAOP's Emerging Psychologist Program, this recognition honored young psychologists for their research contributions and provided a distinguished platform to present their work. Dr. Maji presented her research on *Mattering and Students' Mental Health* at this platform.



## Dr. Shanmugapriya was one of the facilitators of DH Winter School at IIT Delhi, 17-22 February 2025



**Dr. Shanmugapriya T** conducted a workshop on Text Mining and Low Tech at the IIT Delhi Digital Humanities Winter School, held from February 17th to 22nd, 2025. This six-day workshop introduced participants to key concepts in Natural Language Processing (NLP) through hands-on, paper-and-pencil activities. She simplified complex techniques such as topic modeling, guiding participants through interactive exercises where they manually sorted, categorized, and clustered text data. By explaining simulating processes like Latent Dirichlet Allocation (LDA), the workshop provided a simplified understanding of text mining, making these concepts more accessible to students from Humanities Departments, who were shortlisted from all across India.

## Dr. Shanmugapriya T's abstract was selected for Digital Humanities Conference 2025, Lisbon, Portugal.

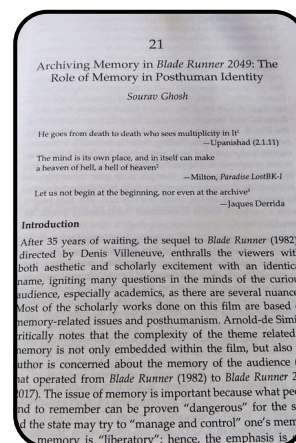
**Shanmugapriya T** and **Fotis Jannidis'** abstract titled "Attitudes towards Information Technology in Indian English and German Novels since 2000" was selected for presentation at the Digital Humanities Conference 2025, organized by the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations, to be held at NOVA FCSH University in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 14 to 18, 2025.

## Publication



**D. S. V. R. Anurag** has published a paper titled "అన్ టచ్ బుల్ నిర్భయాన్ ఆఫ్ ఇండియా: అండ్ వన్ బిలియన్ రైసింగ్" నవలలో సామాజికవర్గీకరణాంశాలు: విమర్శనాత్మక పరిశీలన" in *Auchityam - International Research Journal for Telugu Language and Literary Studies*.

**Sourav Ghosh's** book chapter, "Archiving Memory in *Blade Runner 2049*: The Role of Memory in Posthuman Identity," got published in *Posthumanism and Literary Insights* by Aakar Books.



## Conferences/Workshops/Courses

**Archita Mondal** presented a paper "Dys-appearing and Eu-appearing Graphic Trans+ Bodies" at the conference titled "Graphic Novels and Comics as World Literature Phenomena" at the English and Foreign Language University (EFLU), Hyderabad.



**Rimi Deori** presented a paper at 34th Annual Convention of National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) - organised by Department of Psychology, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Delhi NCR Campus - Title: "Exploring Traditional Faith Healing in Assam: A Qualitative Study of Clients' Perspectives" - Date: 17-20th February 2025

**Theodora Cecilia Gomes** presented a paper titled 'Embracing DEI: A roadmap to LGBTQ corporate inclusion' at the International Conference on Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Trends in Business and Economy organised by the Department of Commerce, Vidyasagar University on 5th March 2025.





## Conferences/Workshops/Courses

**Keshav Sawarn** has participated in a three-day workshop on "Data Quality Matters! - An Introduction to Survey-Research Methods in Demography and Public Health", from 10th February to 12th February 2025, organized by the Population Studies Unit, Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata.



**D. S. V. R. Anurag** has participated in a three-day course on "Climate Justice and Climate Policy" (hybrid mode) from 5th to 7th February, 2025, organised by the Just Transition Research Centre, IIT Kanpur, in collaboration with the University of Technology, Sydney.

**Susmita Biswas** presented a paper titled, "Does Self-Silencing change after Break-up? : A Qualitative Exploration" at the 34th Annual Convention of National Academy of Psychology (NAOP) - organized by Department of Psychology, Christ (Deemed to be University) Delhi NCR Campus.



## Students Achievements

**Keshav Sawarn** has been awarded the International Public Policy Association (IPPA) Travel Grant to participate in the International Summer School on Public Policy – Yaoundé edition 2025.

**Simran Bhimjyani** was selected by the Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) to receive a scholarship of \$700 for attending the two-week summer school program at the University of Montreal campus, focusing on Digital Humanities, from May 26 to June 6, 2025.



**Mehul Desai** was selected by the Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI) to receive a scholarship of \$700 for attending the two-week summer school program at the University of Montreal campus, focusing on Digital Humanities, from May 26 to June 6, 2025.

**Simran Bhimjyani, Mehul Desai and Shanmugapriya T's** abstract was selected for presentation at the Digital Humanities Conference 2025, organized by the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations, to be held at NOVA FCSH University in Lisbon, Portugal, from July 14 to 18, 2025.



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