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Call for Papers

The Organizing Committee invites original research papers from academicians, researchers, and students on the seminar theme or any related sub-themes.

Guidelines:

• Abstract Submission last date: April 2nd, 2026 (250-300 words)

Provide- Name, Designation and Affiliation in the abstract.

• Full Paper Submission: on or before April 7th, 2026

(2500-4000 words)

• Format: English (Times New Roman), APA/MLA Referencing style,

1.5 Space Assamese (Geetanjali)

• Papers must be original and unpublished.

• Email id- seminarpgm2026@gmail.com

Registration Fee Structure

• Academicians/Faculty (with paper): 1,000

• Research Scholars: 800

• Students: 500

• Participants (without Paper): 400



ICSSR SPONSORED NATIONAL SEMINAR

on

FROM ANCIENT WISDOM TO
MODERN RELEVANCE: LESSONS FROM INDIAN
EPICS AND SCRIPTURES FOR
A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Organised by

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
PASCHIM GUWAHATI MAHAVIDYALAYA

in Collaboration with

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Date: 10th and 11th April, 2026

(Hybrid Mode)



The Purā as, with their cyclical narratives of creation, preservation, and dissolution, reinforce the importance of balance, sustainability, and mindful consumption. When interpreted in contemporary contexts, these narratives can inspire sustainable lifestyles, inclusive development, ecological stewardship, ethical governance, and resilient communities.

The seminar aims to bring together scholars, academics and researchers, to reinterpret these ancient teachings within modern sustainability frameworks. It seeks to foster dialogue between traditional wisdom and present-day policy needs, demonstrating that scriptural philosophies—far from being relics of the past—offer enduring ethical foundations, value-based guidance, and culturally rooted strategies for sustainable development. By bridging ancient wisdom with modern relevance, the seminar aspires to promote an integrated and culturally grounded approach to sustainability. It emphasizes that sustainable futures are shaped not only through technological innovations and policy interventions, but also through values, ethics, and a harmonious worldview in which nature, society, and spirituality coexist.

SUB- THEMES:

1. IKS and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
2. Integrating scriptural teachings into NEP 2020 for sustainable learning.
3. Traditional Resource Management Practices
4. Philosophies of thinkers and their relevance in contemporary times
5. Women, Nature, and Sustainability in Ancient Texts
6. Ethical Leadership and Governance in Epics
7. Ethical principles of duty, balance, and responsibility toward nature and society.
8. Forest ecosystems, human–nature relationships, and ecological symbolism.
9. Dharma, conflict, justice, and environmental ethics in the other epic narratives.
10. The Bhagavad Gita as a Guide to Sustainable Living
11. Climate Ethics and Mythological Narratives
12. Value-Based Environmental Education through IKS
13. Human–Nature Interconnectedness in Indian Philosophy
14. Sustainable cultural traditions rooted in seasonal cycles and respect for nature.
15. Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Environmental Policies
16. Traditional vs Modern teaching and learning practises
17. Other relevant themes

About the College

Located at Dharapur Chariali on the western outskirts of Guwahati, Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya stands as a premier institution of higher learning adjoining National Highway 37. Situated just 4 km from Gauhati University and enroute to the Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport, the college occupies a unique ecological position on the edge of Deepar Bil—the only Ramsar Site in Northeast India and a world-renowned bird sanctuary. Established on September 5, 1978, the college was founded with the mission of providing accessible, high-quality education at a reasonable cost to the economically diverse suburban communities of the region. Today, it offers comprehensive academic programs across both Arts and Commerce streams, ranging from Higher Secondary to Degree levels and Post Graduate Courses in some of the Departments, continuing its legacy of academic empowerment and social upliftment.

Concept Note :

The accelerating global environmental crisis—marked by climate change, resource depletion, ecological imbalance, and ethical dilemmas—demands a transformative shift in the way humanity conceptualizes development and sustainability. While contemporary science and global frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide essential pathways, there is an increasing recognition of the value of indigenous knowledge systems and ancient philosophical traditions in guiding holistic and sustainable futures. In this context, the ancient Indian epics, scriptures, and philosophical texts—such as the Vedas, Upanishads, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Bhagavad Gita, and various Purā as—offer profound and timeless insights into ecological harmony, moral responsibility, and sustainable living. The proposed seminar, “From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Relevance: Lessons from Indian Epics and Scriptures for a Sustainable Future,” seeks to explore how the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) can meaningfully contribute to contemporary sustainability discourse. Ancient Indian thought is deeply rooted in the principles of interconnectedness, balance, and respect for all forms of life. Concepts such as *ta* (cosmic order), *dharma* (righteous duty), *ahimsa* (non-violence), *aparigraha* (non-possession), and *lokasa graha* (welfare of all) embody ecological and ethical ideals that resonate strongly with present-day environmental concerns. Epics like the Ramayana and the Mahabharata depict models of responsible leadership, ecological sensitivity, and community wellbeing. The Bhagavad Gita offers a vision of action rooted in self-discipline, detachment, and responsibility toward the collective good, while emphasizing stewardship of nature.



The Department of Political Science and IQAC, Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya are proud to host an ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on April 10–11, 2026. We invite scholars, students, and academicians to join us in discussing- “From Ancient Wisdom to Modern Relevance: Lessons from Indian Epics and Scriptures for a Sustainable Future”

Be part of the conversation at Paschim Guwahati Mahavidyalaya this April!



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