



Two-Day International Conference On

Reimagining Equity: Women, Technology and Tradition in the 21st Century in Response to Global Sustainability (Hybrid Mode)

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Jagannath Barooah University, Jorhat, Assam

Organized by

**Jagannath Barooah University Women Cell,
Jagannath Barooah University**

In Collaboration with

**Department of English,
Jagannath Barooah University**

About the University

Jagannath Barooah University (JBU), formerly known as Jagannath Barooah College (J.B. College), is a premier state university located in Jorhat, Assam, India. Established on August 19, 1930, it is one of the oldest and most prestigious higher education institutions in Northeast India. The institution was officially upgraded from an autonomous college to a full-fledged state university by the Government of Assam through the Jagannath Barooah University Act 2023 and recognized by UGC under section 2(f). JBU is a premier institution of higher education located in Jorhat, a city with a rich cultural heritage and a glorious historical background in the upper part of the Brahmaputra Valley of Assam. The development of modern education in colonial Assam has a close connection with the establishment of this institution at Jorhat in 1930. After 95 years of its glorious existence, it has become the hub for educational excellence, fostering its vision and mission in tune with the objectives of Higher Education of the nation. It has contributed substantially towards nation building process, promoting global competency, emphasizing continuous up gradation of teaching learning methods and techniques. It puts its best endeavor to materialize the dreams of its stakeholders through its innovative practices, programmes and policies.

About Jagannath Barooah University Women cell

The Jagannath Barooah College Women Cell (JBCWC) is an active campus organization established on January 1, 2004, at Jagannath Barooah University (formerly J.B. College) in Jorhat, Assam. Founded in 2004 following a NAAC Peer Team recommendation, the establishment aims to empower female students and women staff while promoting gender equity and social transformation through community outreach. It publishes the Srotaswini research journal, which was UGC-CARE listed and features articles on global women's issues. The journal acts as an interdisciplinary academic forum promoting global research on women's issues, public policy, and sustainable development. Additionally, the organization conducts medical camps, empowerment drives, skill-building workshops, and academic seminars in nearby villages. It creates an inclusive campus community by conducting motivational talks, self-defence training, yoga sessions, and health and legal awareness camps. The cell works closely with the special Redressal of Sexual Harassment Cell (established in 2014) to resolve student issues safely. It also initiated a campus crèche in 2011 to aid working parents. The Women Cell actively collaborates with local groups like the Rotary Club and Inner Wheel Club to organise extension activities. These include rural health camps, distributing free medicines, and hosting multi-disciplinary skill workshops for research augmentation.

About the Conference

This conference explores how women across Asia are negotiating technology and tradition while confronting the imperatives of global sustainability from AI and climate policy to folklore and everyday survival. The conference explores challenges of achieving gender equity and global sustainability under sustainable Development Goals. The 21st century faces the dual challenge of achieving gender equity and global sustainability under Goals 5 and 13. While technology offers tools to bridge gaps in education, health and economic participation, traditional structures continue to shape women lived realities, especially in the Global South. The conference will attempt to explore the intersection of women, technology, and tradition as a site of both conflict and innovation. The conference will try to examine how indigenous knowledge systems and emerging technologies can be synergized rather than positioned as opposites.

In the age of globalization Technology, Equity and Sustainability, AI, algorithms and Gender Justice play an important role. There are issues like biasness in hiring, health, femtech, data privacy, digital surveillance, ethical AI for SDGs which need discussion and exploration. Women's access to tech, e-waste, digital literacy for climate action, rural connectivity, smart villages are areas that explores digital divides and green transitions.

In the field of work, economy and care, there are unexplored areas like the green care economy, sustainable livelihoods and entrepreneurship, green startups, SHGs and women in renewable energy needs to be discussed and debated. There are many unexplored areas in the field of Women's Health, Bodies and Environment, law, governance, culture, literature and digital expression. The conference argues for a "techno-cultural" framework where sustainability is rooted in cultural continuity. The conference will investigate the adoption of technology is highest when it respects and enhances traditional skills rather than replacing them. Gender equality can be achieved only when sustainability efforts are culturally contextualized. Thus, it can be accepted that reimagining equity demands policy that sees tradition not as a barrier but as infrastructure for inclusive, tech-enabled sustainable development. We need an approach which ensures that the digital transition does not erase identities but empowers women as agents of sustainable change. Therefore, the conference intends to explore many unknown areas and presents its findings to the contemporary society.



Sub- Themes of the Conference

- Digital Divides, AI and Algorithms
- Green Transition and Environmental Sustainability
- Indigenous knowledge and Oral Culture
- Ritual, Representation and Reinvention
- The Green Care Economy: Valuing Unpaid and Climate Labour
- Sustainable Livelihoods and Entrepreneurship
- Women’s Health: Mental and Physiological
- Bodies, Borders and Ecological Crisis
- Rights, Resources and the Anthropocene
- Gendering SDGs: Policy, Audit and Accountability
- Writing Climate: Hopepunk Ecofeminism and Asian Voices
- From Hashtag to Heritage: Digital Story telling for change
- Any other themes related to the main theme

Formatting Guidelines for Abstract Submission

- The heading of the abstract should be in capital, bold, font size 14, times new roman, central aligned.
- The abstract should be within 300 words and typed in font size 12, line spacing 1.5, justified aligned.
- Maximum 6 keywords.

Important Dates

- Last date of abstract submission: 15th October, 2026
- Acceptance of abstract: 20th October, 2026
- Registration deadline: 20th October, 2026
- On spot registration is also available

Registration Fee Details

- Academicians/Professional/Faculty: Rs. 2500/-
- Research Scholar: Rs. 1500/-
- Students: Rs. 1000/-

Bank Details for Registration Fee Deposition

- Account No.: 321043010002406
- Account Holders Name: JAGANNATH BAROOAH UNIVERSITY COMMERCE FORUM
- IFSC Code: HDFC0CACABL
- Bank Name: The Assam Cooperative Apex Bank Limited

Register for the Conference

Registration Link:

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