



International Conference

on

**Sustainability, Global Diversity, Inclusion,
and Culture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives**

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Concept note and the objective of the Conference

From the Conference Convenor & Coordinator, Prof Santoshi Halder

The idea for planning the proposed international conference crystallized over time while exposed to multiple research endeavors across countries, meeting some of the amazing cutting-edge researchers, educators, practitioners, stakeholders, parents, and self-advocates across the globe. Significant thoughts accumulated down the years motivated and inflated the initial idea for executing the plan for organizing an international conference for creating a common platform for scholarly discourse and for forming a network of people with varied specializations and vast experiences in various fields to make strategic sustainable pathways in the society for making this world an inclusive place to live for all.

While reviewing the various updated reforms across countries including the empirical fieldwork-based research at the grassroots of various low-middle and high-income countries it was felt that despite the target for SDG 2030 goals and the various legislations, there remains an interlude in the execution and implementations globally. There also lie many misconceptions and confusion regarding various aspects and parameters of inclusion as they are intertwined with various cultural and country-specific factors.

The conference aims to cover the broader spectrum of inclusion; such as various diversities including disabilities, historically marginalized, socio-cultural minorities, socioeconomically disadvantaged, indigenous communities, and sexual and gender minorities to name a few. It is imperative to know and understand the needs, concerns, and challenges in-depth across the discipline for mapping strategic constructive pathways and future directions.



Primary goal and aim

The primary objective is to orient the wider audience and disseminate further the real meaning, essence, understanding, need, and the many possible benefits of accepting and embracing diversity and inclusion. The aim is to bridge the gap across countries, and cultures across disciplines in the sphere of inclusion and promote the transcending of the pathway for a practical execution of inclusion globally while connecting all beyond boundaries through a common thread of sustainability and humanity.

Target audience

This international conference intends to create a platform for bringing in researchers, stakeholders, educators, practitioners, administrators, parents and self-advocates from various cultures, societies, and communities to identify some of the most crucial issues and challenges in the sphere of global inclusion for in-depth discussion, interactions, brainstorming and exchange of thoughts and ideas in order to address some of the most pressing challenges collectively.

The conference intends to cover the representation of varied perspectives across cultures and countries (e.g., India, United States, Bangladesh, United Kingdom, Australia, South Africa, Hungary, and Canada, etc.) either as speakers, chairpersons, resource persons, or paper presenters with varied specialization and interest intersecting the conference theme.

Sub-themes

Sub-theme I: Conceptual, Foundational, Philosophical and Legislative bases of inclusion and sustainability

Covers the conceptual, philosophical, and legislative basis which forms the foundation of Sustainability, diversity, and inclusion

Sub-theme II: Excluded Communities, Diversities Across Culture

The challenges, struggles, and strengths of the communities that are still excluded or marginalized such as people with diversities, disabilities, indigenous communities, 3rd gender, LGBT, and the future pathways/ directions

Sub-theme III: Inclusive Practices and Strategies for an Inclusive Community

Inclusive practices and Strategies for creating an Inclusive home, School, and community

Sub-theme IV: Inclusive Assistive and Alternative Technologies

Assistive technology support, devices, alternative modes of communication, Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC), etc

Sub-theme V: Sensitization and Awareness drive

Notable community-based works, achievements, and success stories amidst struggle featuring their own lives and or first-person accounts/ voices

Register for the conference, share your experiences and make new connections with colleagues from all over India and the globe.

Patrons, Chief Guest and Key Speakers



Prof. Santa Dutta

Vice Chancellor,
University of Calcutta



Dr. Prof. Ajay P Singh

Director General, National
Library, Ministry of Culture,
Government of India (GoI)



Patron

Prof. Debasis Das

Registrar,
University of Calcutta



Chief Guest

Ms. Elizabeth Lee

Director, American Center Kolkata,
Public Affairs Officer (PAO), U.S.
Consulate General, Kolkata



Dr. Satendra Singh

Medical College, New Delhi,
Disability Rights Activists,
Member, Disability, National
Human Rights Commission



Prof. Norimune Kawai

Director, Center for Special
Needs Education Research
and Practice, Dep. Exe.
Director, Hiroshima University



Prof. Ratna Ghosh

Distinguished James McGill
Professor Emerita, McGill
University



Prof. Richard Rose

Emeritus Professor of Inclusive
Education, University of
Northampton, U.K.



Prof. Minati Panda

Director, NMRC,
Chairperson, Zakir Husain
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Prof. Shruti Bedi

Legal Studies, Panjab
University, Fellow, Institute
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**Prof. Christoph
Knoblauch**

University of Education
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Dr. Michelle Harrison

Founder, Shishur Sevay,
Model of Inclusive Home,
NGO Kolkata



Prof. Bonk Curtis

Instructional Systems
Technology (IST), Indiana
University, USA



Dr. Kamalika Bose

Owner and Founder, Heritage
Synergies, Urban Heritage
Architecture, Mumbai



**Prof. Marmar
Mukhopadhyay**

Former Director, NIEPA,
New Delhi, Chairman, ETMA,
Gurgaon



**Prof. Christopher
Johnstone**

Director, Leadership, Policy,
and Development, University
of Minneapolis, USA

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Prof. Santoshi Halder, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Special Highlights of the conference

Workshop on skill development by inclusion Specialist



Dr. Subha Chandrasekhar

Inclusion Specialist,
TEDx Speaker,
Founder-Director,
'ANUGRAHAM',
Bangalore

Presenting conference theme through Performing Arts; **Nritya Natika**



Priyadarshini Ghosh Shome, Artistic Director

Natyanova Performing Arts Centre, Fulbright Scholar
Visiting Scholar, Theatre Arts & Performance Studies, Brown
University, USA

Awards

Best paper awards

Award for 'Thinking out of the box'/ notable
achievement

Sensitization and Awareness Session; featuring 'MY OWN VOICE'



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Scaled Mt. Everest, Mountaineer, Indian Mountaineering
Foundation, New Delhi, India

"My life Beyond Limits"

- The women who
scaled Mt. Everest
midst all odds.



**Caroline Muster, Disability and LGBT advocate, Adjunct
Professor, School of Social Work, University of South
Florida, USA**

**"I am who I am, who
are you to question
my identity?"**

"Sensitizing human-wildlife interaction (HWI) and its gendered impact"

Tiger widows (TW) of Sundarban-the world's largest
mangrove forest

Neurodiverse Autistic adult 1st person account



**Lili Kovacs, Autistic adult, Bachelor Student, Etovas
Lorand University (ELTE), Hungary**

**"I am not disabled, I
am just different with
unique potentials and
abilities"**

Showcasing the Strengths of Indigenous Communities



**"Together we can map a
sustainable future"**

**Seno Tshuhah, School Teacher, Farmer, Indigenous Social
Activist, Community development worker, Chakhesang
Naga community, Chizami, Nagaland**

Panel Discussions/ Session Chairs by Eminent Scholars

Prof. Riho Sakurai, The Institute for Diversity and Inclusion, Center for the Study of International Cooperation in Education, Hiroshima University, Japan

Prof. Srinivas Rao, Dean, Mahindra University, Former President, Comparative Education Society of India (CESI), Hyderabad

Prof. Md. Ahsan Habib, Dept. of Educational Psychology and Guidance (EPG), Institute of Education and Research (IER), University of Dhaka, Dhaka Bangladesh

Prof. Asheesh Srivastava, Dean, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar

Prof. Mary Clasquin-Johnson, University of South Africa, (UNISA), South Africa

Prof. Minal Pareek, Dean, Director, Digital Media, Techno India Group, Dean School of Media, Communication, Fine Arts & Performing Arts, Sister Nivedita University (SNU), Kolkata

Prof Sarika Manhans, Coordinator, Disability Center, Department of Human Development, Jammu University, Jammu

Prof Fauzia Khan, Department of Education, Jamia Milia Islamia (JMI), New Delhi

Prof Latika Sharma, Department of Education, Punjab University

Dr Kaustav Padmapati, School of Modern Media, UPES, Dehradun

Dr Samhita Barooah, Department of Social work, Tezpur University

Dr. Mariko Omori, The Institute for Diversity and Inclusion, Hiroshima University, Japan

Prof Sumita Chakraborti-Ghosh, Department of Teaching and Learning College of Education, Tennessee State University, Nashville, USA

Dr. Nandini Ghosh, Institute of Developmental Studies (IDSK), Kolkata

Our faculties

Prof. Biplab Chakrabarti, Dean, Faculty Council for Post- Graduate Studies in Education, Journalism & Library & Information Science (Acting)

Prof. Sudeshna Lahiri, Head, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Prof. Debasri Banerjee, Professor, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Prof. Jayanti Das, Professor, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Prof. Md. Kutubuddin Halder, Professor, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Prof. Sridipa Sinha, Professor, Department of Education, University of Calcutta

Important Dates

Last date for submission of Abstracts

20th Dec 2023

Last date for submission of full papers

31st Dec 2024

Notification of acceptance within 7 to 14 days of submission of abstract and/or full paper.

Call for paper Guidelines for submission

Original papers focusing on the conference theme and subthemes are invited from teachers, educationists, researchers, and educational administrators as per the following specifications:

■ **Manuscript Structure:** The paper must include a cover page, an Abstract (200 words), Key Words and a full paper specifying the objectives, methodology, findings, future direction, references

■ **Formatting requirement:** Follow APA Referencing style (7th ed), 12 font size, 1.5 line spacing, MS Word format, English only

■ **Author information:** Name, affiliation, E-mail, and contact information on the Cover Page

■ **Type of submission:**

- Research paper (offline)
- Research paper (online)
- Poster
- Thinking out of the box/ notable achievement midst all odds (Open call)

Kindly note: One can register and attend without any submission as well.

■ **Manuscript Submission:** Submit your manuscript at:

internationalconferencesh2024@gmail.com

Open call

'Thinking out of the box/ notable achievement midst all odds';

Awards will be given to the best three.

This call is open only for people from marginalized/disadvantaged communities (i.e., People with special needs, indigenous communities, 3rd gender, LGBT, etc)

Instruction for submission: Register by filling out the Google form, and making the payment. Feel free to submit your story about the notable achievement amidst all odds in 500 words. Send your high-resolution picture in JPG with your short bio (200 words; specifying name, where you stay, age, interest, and any unique trait that you want us to know).

Submit at: *intconfawardach@gmail.com*

Registration Fees

University, College/ School Teachers/
Professionals/ Administrators: **Rs 2500**

Parents/ Practitioners: **Rs 2000**

Self-advocates/ Research Scholars: **Rs 1500**

Students: **Rs 1000**

Registration fees include access to all sessions of the conference, conference kit, lunch, tea/coffee, and/ snacks on both days.

Payment link

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Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/PgfCZv8jQsRHtfuu6>

*Foreign Nationals (outside India) kindly contact the
Conference Convenor & Coordinator through email/ whatsapp.*

Conference Venue: Bhasa Bhavan, National Library of India,
Belveria Road, Alipore, Kolkata, West Bengal-700 025, India

Travel/ accommodation

Kindly note participants should make their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the conference. However, in case of any assistance feel free to contact the below numbers given. Kindly let us know in advance if any assistive or alternative support is needed.

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