



**RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY (NAAC 'A' Graded Central University)**  
**Rono Hills, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh**

**Two Days' National Conference cum Workshop**

on

**Empowering the Elderly in Tribal & Developing Societies: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Way Forward**

**Day 1: April 16, 2025 (Wednesday)**

**Venue:** Smart Theatre, Department of Computer Science & Engineering (CSE), RGU

**Inaugural Session**

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<b>Refreshment &amp; High Tea (10:45 – 11:00 AM)</b>	
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	<b>Technical Session I:</b> Health and Well-Being of the Elderly Chair: <b>Dr. Abhishek Kumar Yadav</b> Co-Chairs: <b>Dr. Palakshi Sarmah &amp; Dr. Monika Sharma</b>
<b>Tea Break (12: 15 PM – 12:30 PM)</b>	
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<b>Lunch Break (01:30 PM – 02:15 PM)</b>	
02:15 PM – 03:15 PM	<b>Panel Discussion: Prioritizing the Elders</b> <b>Panelists:</b> Prof. (Rtd.) S. N. Singh Prof. N. C. Singh Prof. M. M. Mohapatra Prof. Daniel Mize Dr. V. K. Mishra Dr. Palakshi Sarmah <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar
03:30 PM – 04:30 PM	<b>Technical Session III:</b> Role of Technology and Media in Elderly Empowerment Chair: <b>Prof. S. K. Patnaik</b> Co-Chair: <b>Dr. Jagdeep Rahul</b>



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9:30 AM – 10:45 AM	<b>Plenary Session:</b> Elderly Well-Being in Tribal and Developing Societies <b>Resource Persons:</b> Prof. Kesang Degi Prof. Sanjoy Roy (online) Prof. R. C. Parida Prof. Sumpam Tangjang Dr. A.K. Mishra Dr. Seema Rani Dr. Jayashree Dey (online) <b>Facilitator:</b> Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar
<b>Tea Break (10:45 AM – 11:00 AM)</b>	
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	<b>Technical Session IV:</b> Policy, Culture, and Societal Approaches to Aging Chair: <b>Prof. Boa Reena Tok</b> Co-Chair: <b>Dr. P. N. Piraji</b>
12:00 PM – 02:00 PM	<b>Workshop with Police Personnel</b> Resource Persons: <b>Prof. S. K. Jena</b> <b>Dr. Topi Basar</b> <b>Dr. Vinod Kumar Yadav</b>
<b>Lunch Break (02:15 PM – 03:00 PM)</b>	
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**Technical Session: I**

**Theme: Health and Well-Being of the Elderly**

**Chair: Dr. Abhishek Kumar Yadav**

**Co-Chairs: Dr. Palakshi Sarmah & Dr. Monika Sharma**

1.	Health Challenges faced by Dependent and Independent Aged Women of Imphal Municipal Area, Manipur	<b>Mr Abujam Sanatomba Singh</b> , Ph.D. Scholar, Department of Sociology, Manipur International University (MIU), Imphal West, Manipur  <b>Prof. (Dr) Cheithou Charles Yuhlung</b> , Department of Sociology, Manipur International University (MIU), Imphal West, Manipur
2.	Navigating Polypharmacy in Older Adults: Challenges, Consequences, and Management Strategies	<b>Govind Singh, Karan Wadhwa, Payhal Chauhan</b> , Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak
3.	Accessibility, Isolation, and Care: Addressing the Challenges and Promoting the Well-Being of Elderly People with Disabilities in Remote Communities	<b>Reneej Kochukudiyil Balanpillai</b> , School of Social Work, IGNOU, India  <b>Dr. Mahesh Ganeshan</b> , School of Social Work, Assistant Professor, IGNOU, India  <b>Vaishnavi Subramanyam</b> , School of Social Work, IGNOU, India
4.	Health Issues Plaguing the Elderly at Old Age Homes: A Comparative Study in India & Bangladesh	<b>Dr. Sushama Mukherjee</b> , PDF Fellow, ICSSR, Department Of Social Work, University of Lucknow  <b>Saswati Das</b> , Research Scholar, Department of Social Work, Seacom Skills University, West Bengal, India
5.	Health Security of Tribal Elderly in India: Need of the Hour	<b>Dr. Upendra J. Dhagadhage</b> , Assistant Professor & Head , Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, N.T.V.S's G.T.Patil Arts, Commerce & Science College Nandurbar
6.	Ethical Considerations in Elderly Palliative Care Decision-Making: A Social Work Perspective	<b>Arvind Kumar Sharma</b> , PhD Scholar, School of Social Work, Indira Gandhi National Open University  <b>Dr. Mamta Parihar</b> , Associate Professor, Govt College of Nursing, Dr S.N. Medical College, Jodhpur;  <b>Dharampal Yadav</b> , Senior Nursing Officer, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur
7.	Is the Death of an Older Person Less Painful Than That of a Younger One? A Review-Based Inquiry into Grief Intensity	<b>Dr. Mamta Parihar</b> (Ph.D.) RNRM, M.A., PGDHHM, ELNEC instructor, Associate Professor, Dr. S.N. Medical, Govt. College of Nursing, Jodhpur





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**Technical Session II**

**Theme: Social Inclusion, Family, and Intergenerational Relationships**

**Chair: Prof. Hui Tag**

**Co-Chair: Dr. Seema Rani**

1.	Exploring the Impact of Family Dynamics on the Quality of Life of the Elderly Members in Middle Class Households	<b>Gitanjali Sharma</b> , Research Scholar, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar
2.	The role of Myoko Festival in Fostering Intergenerational Bonding among the Apatani Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh	<b>Hibu Myodi</b> , BSW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, Saint Claret (Autonomous) College, Ziro <b>Kara Tagi</b> , BSW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, Saint Claret (Autonomous) College, Ziro  <b>Tarang Beyong Sono</b> , BSW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, Saint Claret (Autonomous) College, Ziro
3.	Changing Family Structures and Quality of Life of Tribal Older Persons	<b>Mr. Stephen Jeng Ronghi</b> , Research Scholar, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar-788011, INDIA;  <b>Dr. Tarun Bikash Sukai</b> , Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar-788011, INDIA,
4.	Older Adult's Perception of Successful Aging: An Explanatory Study	<b>Abina K</b> , Post Graduate Student, Department of Psychology, University of Calicut  <b>Dr. Ramshida AP</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Calicut
5.	Lived Experience of Elderly: A Narrative Study of Old Age Home in Silchar, Assam	<b>Mazida Khatun</b> , Research Scholar, Dept. of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar; <b>Dr. Ritwika Rajendra</b> , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar
6.	Growing Utilitarianism and Elderly Abuse: Drawing Analogy from Nature, Culture and Capitalism	<b>Dr. Ravi Ranjan Kumar</b> , Asst. Prof., Dept. of Social Work, Rajiv Gandhi University <b>Dr. Monika Sharma</b> , Asst. Prof., Dept. of ITEP, North Lakhimpur College (A) <b>Dr. Shriprakash Pal</b> , Guest Faculty, Cluster Innovation Centre, University of Delhi
7.	The Silent Threat: Elder Abuse as a National Security Challenge	<b>Dr. Arvind Kumar Kushwaha</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of National Security Studies, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh



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**Theme: Role of Technology and Media in Elderly Empowerment**

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1.	Bridging the Gap: A Conceptual Analysis of Intergenerational Communication between Adolescents and the Elderly	<b>Sampita Das</b> , PhD Scholar, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar  <b>Dr. G. Albin Joseph</b> , Assistant Professor of Social Work Department, Assam University, Silchar
2.	A Study to Understand the Awareness and Adoption of Social Media Platform by Elderly People in Tinsukia District of Assam	<b>Arup Borah</b>  <b>Dr. Mousumi Saikia</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Saint Claret College, Ziro
3.	The Elderly Perspective: Understanding the Role of Assistive Devices in Empowerment across India	<b>S. Vaishnavee</b> , School of Social Work, IGNOU, India  <b>Dr. Mahesh Ganeshan</b> , School of Social Work, Assistant Professor, IGNOU, India  <b>Reneej Kochukudiyil Balanpillai</b> , School of Social Work, IGNOU, India School of Social Work, IGNOU, India
4.	Digital Literacy for Older Adults: A Framework towards Inclusive Aging	<b>Suchita Kanoo</b> Research Scholar, Department of Social Work. Assam University, Silchar.  <b>Dr. Joyashri Dey</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, Assam University, Silchar
5.	Health Communication and Media's Role in Elderly Healthcare Awareness	<b>Khushwant Dangi</b> , Assistant Professor, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Kalinga University, Raipur
6.	Mapping of Financial Insecurity among Elderly People in Contemporary India	<b>Dr. Vinod Kumar Yadav</b> Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Rajiv Gandhi University
7.	The roles of Elders in the Indigenous Knowledge System and Cultural Continuity among Sherdukpen Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh	<b>Jigmey Thongdok</b> , BSW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, Saint Claret College, Ziro  <b>Takam Takar</b> , BSW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester, Saint Claret College, Ziro



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**Technical Session IV**

**Theme: Policy, Culture, and Societal Approaches to Aging**

**Chair: Prof. Boa Reena Tok**

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1.	Aging with Dignity: Rethinking Elderly Care in Tribal and Developing Communities	<b>Ms. Anu Rekha Boro</b> , MSW, Dept of Social Work, Assam Royal Global University  <b>Ms. Nabanita Hazarika</b> , Assistant Professor, Dept of Social Work, Assam Royal Global University
2.	From Welfare to Well-being of the Elderly: A Critical Policy Audit on Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana	<b>Deepika Lina Minz</b> , PhD Research Scholar in Social Work, IGNOU, New Delhi  <b>Dr. Chandrashekhar Mahato</b> , Junior Resident, AIIMS, New Delhi
3.	From Workforce to Well-Being: A Phenomenological Study of Retirement	<b>Ms. Kristi Saikia</b> , Assistant Professor & Research Scholar, The Assam Royal Global University, Betkuchi, Guwahati, Assam
4.	Greying Margins: Ageing, Policy, and Social Inclusion in Jharkhand	<b>Sourabh Prakash</b> , Research Scholar, Department of Public Administration, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development, RC, Chandigarh
5.	Empowering the Elderly in Tribal and Developing Societies: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Way Forward	<b>Tanya</b> , Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)
6.	A Comparative Study of Elderly Care Policies and Their Implementation: A Social Work Perspective	<b>Teena Rani</b> , Research Scholar, School of Social Work, IGNOU University
7.	कारागार में वृद्ध महिला कैदियों की बुनियादी सुविधाएं, प्रशासन तथा कर्मचारियों की भूमिका, एक वैयक्तिक अध्ययन : नैनी कारागार प्रयागराज (उत्तर प्रदेश)	<b>दामिनी पाण्डेय</b> , शोधार्थी, समाज कार्य विभाग, प्रो. राजेन्द्र सिंह (रज्जू भईया) विश्वविद्यालय नैनी, प्रयागराज, उत्तर प्रदेश  <b>ओम जी रुद्र</b> , टीचिंग असिस्टेंट, राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा विभाग, राजीव गांधी विश्वविद्यालय, दोईमुख, अरुणांचल प्रदेश





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