

Invitation

SEMINAR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Respected Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that Rangachahi College, Majuli Assam, is organizing an ICSSR-sponsored two-day National Seminar on the theme: "Next-Generation GST Reforms and Socio-Economic Transformation in North-East India" on 19th and 20th March, 2026. We cordially invite you and your esteemed colleagues to participate in this seminar and contribute your scholarly insights by presenting research papers on any of the relevant sub-themes. The seminar aims to bring together experts, academicians, researchers, policymakers, and students from across the country to explore the GST reforms and their Socio-Economic Impact. Your participation will be an honor for us and will greatly enrich the academic discourse of this important initiative.

We look forward to your esteemed presence and insightful contributions.

With warm regards

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How to reach Rangachahi College, Majuli

- **By Air:** Nearest airport: Jorhat (Rowrah Airport). From Jorhat, travel to Nimati Ghat, take a ferry to Aphalamukh Ghat (Majuli), then local transport to Rangachahi College.
- **By Road & Water (Via Jorhat):** Reach Jorhat by road → proceed to Nimati Ghat → ferry to Aphalamukh, Majuli → taxi/auto to the college (approx. 10–12 km).
- **Via Dhakuakhana (North Bank Route):** From North Lakhimpur/Dhemaji, travel to Dhakuakhana → ferry crossing to Majuli → road transport to Rangachahi College.
- **Via Bihpuria – Dhunaguri Route:** Travel to Dhunaguri Ghat (via Bihpuria/Senimora) → ferry to Majuli → road transport to Rangachahi

Note: Majuli is a river Island; Ferry Services are essential and subject to weather conditions.

CONCEPT NOTE

The evolution of India's indirect tax system through Goods and Services Tax (GST) has reshaped national economic activity, strengthened market integration, and enhanced transparency. The roll-out of Next-Generation GST Reforms in September 2025—emphasising digital compliance mechanisms, consumer-centric tax processes, simplified rates, and strengthened tax administration—marks a new phase in the country's fiscal reforms aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

For North-East India, the socio-economic and cultural impact of GST reforms demands focused and region-specific academic assessment. The region's predominantly rural economy, dependence on agriculture,

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

Rangachahi College, established on November 6, 1983, is a beacon of higher education in Majuli, one of the world's largest river islands. Founded by the Majuli Jila Yogi Sanmilani, the college has been imparting quality education in a serene and conducive environment. Affiliated to Dibrugarh University, Rangachahi College offers a range of programmes, including H.S. Course, Undergraduate Programmes in Arts (Assamese, English, Economics, Education, History, Political Science, and Sociology), Skill Based Programmes and Graduate and Post-Graduate

handloom and handicraft sectors, small-scale enterprises, and its rich indigenous cultural heritage present a unique interaction between taxation, livelihood systems, and traditional practices. GST-induced changes in consumption patterns, entrepreneurial activity, market accessibility, and employment generation have significant implications for inclusive and sustainable development in the region.

Majuli, being the world's largest inhabited river island, represents an ideal microcosm to understand these transformations. Its cultural institutions, traditional crafts (especially mask-making and handloom), agrarian communities, and socio-religious practices rooted in Neo-Vaishnavite culture make it a compelling case for analysing the socio-cultural effects of GST reforms. The seminar seeks to promote scholarly dialogue and policy engagement to understand how GST transformations reshape the lives of people in this culturally rich region.

Objectives of the Seminar

- To critically examine next generation GST reforms and their potential impact on national and regional economies.
- To assess the specific implications of GST reforms for the socioeconomic development of North East India.
- To analyze the challenges like digital literacy, infrastructural constraints, compliance issues and administrative capacity in the region.
- To explore innovative policy measures and best practices to enhance GST effectiveness in the North Eastern context.
- To suggest actionable recommendations for policymakers, tax administrators and local institutions for inclusive and sustainable growth.

Theme

NEXT-GENERATION GST REFORMS AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION IN NORTH EAST INDIA

Sub-Theme

1. GST Reforms and Livelihood Transformation in North-East India : rural livelihoods, agriculture, fishing communities, forest-based livelihoods, urban employment and small service enterprises.
2. Employment Generation in Informal Sector under Next-Generation GST : Challenges and opportunities for MSMEs, Start-ups, youth entrepreneurship, women-led enterprises.
3. GST and Indigenous Cultural Economies: cultural tourism, traditional crafts, handloom and handicraft industries, Documentation of cultural-economic change.
4. GST and Traditional Markets or Local market systems: community-based trade networks, haats and bazaars, Supply chain shifts and consumption patterns of North-East India.
5. Tax Digitalization, Compliance Behavior, and Ease of Doing Business: Digital readiness of rural and remote economies GSTN integration, invoicing systems, and digital divide issues.
6. Social Impact and Equity Dimensions of GST Reforms: Effects on tribal communities, marginalized groups, and vulnerable households, Inclusion challenges and social protection mechanisms.
7. Special Focus Session- Majuli as a Case Study: GST and Majuli's mask-making, handloom sector, agriculture, and tourism, Cultural resilience, livelihood sustainability, and economic transitions.
8. Any other topics related to the main theme.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Original Paper** | The seminar papers should be original, unpublished and adhere to the seminar theme.
- Author Details** | The cover page shall contain the title of the paper, the author's name, affiliation, and contact information.
- Word Limit** | For abstract -300 words with not more than five keywords, full paper-4000 words.
- Text** | Size12-pt Times New Roman, 1½ line spacing, justified; Heading 14-pt, Times New Roman and boldfaced; Sub-headings 12-pt, Times New Roman, boldfaced.
- Tables, Figures, and Graphs** | Captions 10-pt Times New Roman, boldfaced and centered, numbered in numerals separate, Source, if any, be given at the end in 9-pt Times New Roman.
- Reference Style** | APA 7th edition should be followed strictly.
- Submission** | Abstract and full paper are to be submitted through email to rccicssr1234@gmail.com
- Registration** | In case of joint paper, each co-author needs to register separately to receive certificate of participation. Paper Presentation is mandatory for Certification.
- Publication Opportunities** | Selected empirical research papers presented during the seminar will be published as an edited volume with ISBN Number.

REGISTRATION FEE

Academicians/Faculties with paper	: 900 INR
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IMPORTANT DATES

Seminar Date	: 19 th and 20 th March, 2026
Last date of Abstract Submission	: 6 th March, 2026
Confirmation of Abstract Acceptance	: 8 th March, 2026
Last date for submission of full paper	: 12 th March, 2026

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