

## ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Neo-Vaishnavite movement preached by Sankardeva and his apostles can be understood not only as a religious reform but as a far-reaching project of social transformation. The satras and naamghars emerge as key spaces where religious devotion, everyday social life, cultural performance and community decision making intersected, thus contributing to social integration and consolidation.

The conference is being organized on blended mode to understand the various dimension of Neo-Vaishnavism and Bhakti philosophy in Assam to connect historical developments with contemporary social realities.

The primary objective of the seminar is to provide a common platform to researchers, academicians, and students for presentation, discussion and critical analysis of the various aspects of Neo-Vaishnavism and Bhakti tradition as a historical, sociological and knowledge resource.

- Participants/Paper Presenters have to register after the acceptance of abstract with payment of required fees.
- Event/Technical sessions will be conducted through both offline and online mode.

## NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

# NEO- VAISHNAVISM AND BHAKTI PHILOSOPHY: ITS INFLUENCE ON SOCIETY, CULTURE AND RELIGION

(27-28 MARCH, 2026)

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PANDIT DEENDAYAL UPADHYAYA ADARSHA  
MAHAVIDYALAYA, BEHALI, ASSAM, INDIA



VENUE

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Adarsha  
Mahavidyalaya-Behali  
Biswanath, Assam, India

## SUB THEMES

- History of Neo-Vaishnavism
- Bhakti Philosophy
- Neo-Vaishnavism and NEP 2020
- Satras and Namghars as Institutions
- Art-Integrated and Experiential Pedagogy
- Satra Architecture
- Heritage Conservation of Satras
- Bhakti Saints
- Neo-Vaishnavism, Media and Tourism
- Bhakti, Caste and Social Equality
- Comparative Bhakti and Social Change
- Neo-Vaishnavism and Indigenous communities
- Ethnicity, Integration and Social Cohesion
- Gender and Bhakti
- Youth, Education and Bhakti Values
- Borgeet, Ankiya Naat, Sattriya Traditions
- Bhakti Philosophy and Inclusive Education
- Satra Crafts and Material Culture
- Mukha Shilpa
- Inclusion, Marginalisation and Belonging
- Neo-Vaishnavism and Assamese Identity
- Community Life around Namghars
- Sankardeva within Indian Knowledge Systems
- Any other themes relevant to the topic

## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The conference invites abstracts of research papers for presentation in the technical sessions from the intellectuals, researchers and students. Abstracts of papers (within 200 words) should include the title of the paper (14 pt bold; centre), author (s) name (12 pt italics; centre), affiliation, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail and clearly indicating the name of the author to whom correspondence should be made. Name of the author presenting the paper must be underlined. The abstract should be submitted through an email with an attachment to [pduambns2026@gmail.com](mailto:pduambns2026@gmail.com) before the last date. Communication regarding selection and acceptance of paper will be sent to the corresponding authors through email



## REGISTRATION

All delegates/participants are requested to submit filled registration form and money transfer documents to [pduambns2026@gmail.com](mailto:pduambns2026@gmail.com)

### REGISTRATION FEE

**Early Bird Registration by 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**  
**Registration after 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

#### Academicians/others

Early Bird Registration

300 INR (online presentation)

700 INR (offline/in-person presentation)

Registration after 10<sup>th</sup> March

500 INR (online presentation)

900 INR (offline/in-person presentation)

#### Research Scholars

Early Bird Registration

200 INR (online presentation)

500 INR (offline/in-person presentation)

Registration after 10<sup>th</sup> March

300 INR (online presentation)

600 INR (offline/  
in-person presentation)

#### Students (Universities and Colleges)

Early Bird Registration

100 INR (online presentation)

200 INR (In person)

Registration after 10<sup>th</sup> March

200 INR (online presentation)

300 INR (In person)

(Registration fee includes (offline): kits, breakfast, lunch & tea)

**Participation without paper: Fee will be the same as the early bird registration fees.**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Abstract submission starts: 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

**Deadline for abstract submission: 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Abstract Correction/Acceptance: on or before 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2026**

**Presentation of paper: 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

**Publication of the abstract volume: 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

**Full paper submission: 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**Publication of full papers in proceeding volume (with ISBN) within 3-6 months of revised manuscript receipt.**



## ACCOMMODATION

Free accommodation may be provided based on the availability within the campus. Paid accommodation will also be arranged at nearby hotels/guest houses.

## HOW TO REACH

**By Road:** NH 15

**Nearest Airport:** Donyi Polo Airport (Holongi)

**Nearest Railway Station:** Biswanath Chariali

## LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

- Gangmou Than (Historical site, established by Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva)
- Kaziranga (6<sup>th</sup> Edition)
- Behali Wildlife Sanctuary
- Nagshankar Temple
- Monabari TG (Asia's Largest Tea Estate)
- Biswanath Ghat (Archaeological site)
- Itanagar



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