About the Conference

The Department of Education, Sikkim University is organizing a National Conference on **Teachers and Teaching: Building Professionalism, Critical Thinking and Reflective Pedagogy** on **April 8-9, 2024**.

Teachers play an important role in the society in imparting knowledge and building the citizens of the country. There is a continuous need to build on core pedagogical competencies to learn, relearn and unlearn to improve teaching-learning practices. A teacher needs to build capacities of professionalism, critical thinking and self-reflection as first steps towards building professional development. Professionalism is important to build skills and ethics to enhance commitment and performance in the teachers. Integrating critical thinking as part of planning and as a practice in classroom discourse helps to build informed and non-judgmental perspectives in the teachers. Further being reflective helps to critically explore assumptions, beliefs, objectives, planning and engagement of everyday practices in and outside the classrooms. This process is crucial if we want to build critical thinking in learners of all levels, from school to higher education, as recommended by earlier policies and reiterated by the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Our march for universalization of quality education at all levels which is pertinent

for the country's global development, is possible with first building quality teachers who themselves have the prerequisite capacities of being informed and thinking individuals.

Sub-Themes

- 1. Access and quality in teacher education
- 2. Innovative practices in teacher education
- 3. Educational standards in teacher education
- 4. Continuous professional development
- 5. Technology in teacher education
- 6. Mentoring in teacher education
- 7. Inclusion in teacher education
- 8. Diversity in teacher education
- 9. Ethics in teacher education
- 10. Global perspectives in teacher education
- 11. Policy perspectives in teacher education
- 12. Research in teacher education
- 13. Emerging discourses in teacher education
- 14. Emerging challenges in teacher education
- 15. Any related topics



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Important Dates

Last date of abstract submission: March 20, 2024

Notification of acceptance of abstract: March 25, 2024

Last date of registration: March 30, 2024

Guidelines for Authors

- Only original and unpublished papers in English/Hindi would be considered.
- The research paper must be written within 2500-3000 words, 12 font size, 1.5 spacing, in Times New Roman or in Hindi font.
- Abstract should be written within 300-400 words, with 4 to 5 keywords.
- References must be in APA 7th edition, including in-text citation.
- All communication and mailing of abstract and research paper in MS Word file must be sent to conferencesuedu@gmail.com
- The first page of abstract and research paper must incorporate title of the paper, name of the author/s, institution affiliation and email address.
- Certificates will be provided to each paper presenter.
- All outstation participants whose papers are accepted for presentation would be provided accommodation on twin sharing basis.
- No TA/DA would be provided.
- Participants can either opt to present in person or through online mode.

Call for Papers

Only original and unpublished papers are invited in English/Hindi on any of the given sub-themes from

teachers, teacher educators, research scholars and independent researchers from all over the country. The abstract and research paper should be mailed as per the mentioned guidelines to conferencesuedu@gmail.com

The acceptance of abstract, registration link and all necessary information would be communicated through email within 2-3 days after receipt of abstract or by March 25, 2024, whichever is earlier. After the acceptance of abstract, all participants would be required to register for the conference and pay the registration fee on or before March 30, 2024. Only those participants who register would be confirmed for the conference.

Please note: Registration fee for Research Scholars - Rs. 400/- & for Faculty - Rs. 800/-

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From Siliguri to Gangtok, Sikkim is four hours road travel by public bus or you can take a shared or reserved taxi.

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