

A Two-Day National Conference organised by Department of Political Science, Kalimpong College in Collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)

on India and its Neighbourhood Relations: Achievements, Opportunities, Challenges and Changing Realities

About the College:

Kalimpong College is a pioneer co-educational institution in Kalimpong which is affiliated with the University of North Bengal, Darjeeling. The college started its journey as an institution of higher learning on November 12, 1962, fulfilling the long-cherished dream of having an institute of higher education. Therefore, this institution is the pioneer in addressing the long felt need for higher education among the broader cross-section of the relatively marginalized, underprivileged, and backward society of the northernmost hilly region of West Bengal. The college is located on the Durpin Ridge, contiguous to Rishi Bankim Chandra Park, almost 1km south of the main town, in a serene ambiance conducive to academic pursuits.

About the Department of Political Science:

The Department of Political Science was established in the year 1962. Under the CBCS system, the department has both Under graduate (Hons/Prog) and postgraduate courses. Currently, Six faculty members are catering to the needs of the students.

Concept Note:

Neighbourhood relations are always a core and an important part of its foreign policy of every nations and India cannot be an exception. India's relations with its neighbouring countries are crucial because of its geography, security, trade, culture, and people to people ties and in many instances historical legacies deeply connect India with its neighbouring countries. India's neighbourhood, especially South Asia and its adjoining regions holds critical importance for its security, economic growth and development and global aspirations. India's neighbourhood relations are mainly guided by some principles such as Panchsheel, Non-Alignment, Non-aggression, Co-operation, Non-Reciprocity, Sovereignty and Non-Interference, Connectivity, Regional Stability and Security, Neighbourhood First, and SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) and 5s (Samman, Samvad, Shanti, Samriddhi, Sanskriti). India's neighbourhood policy is significantly shifting due to geopolitical shifts, economic integration, and strategic competition, particularly in the Indo-Pacific era.

Submission of Abstract

The abstracts are invited on the theme and sub-theme outline for the seminar. Interested participants are requested to submit an abstract of approximately 250 words in English, Nepali, Hindi and Bengali.

We invite academicians, research scholars, students, and other interested individuals to participate and present their original research papers in the conference.

Venue: Kalimpong College
Date: March 27-28, 2026
Time: 10 AM Onwards

Keynote Speaker

Prof. (Dr.) Manas Chakrabarty, UGC emeritus Prof., Dept. of Pol. Sci., NBU, West Bengal

Resource Persons (Some)

- Prof. (Dr.) Arun Kanti Jana, Dept. of Pol. Sci., NBU, West Bengal
- Prof. (Dr.) Ranjita Chakraborty, Dept. of Pol. Sci., NBU, West Bengal
- Dr. Ramesh Dural, Dept. of Pol. Sci., NBU, West Bengal
- Prof. (Dr.) Jyotiraj Pathak, Dept. of Pol. Sci., KVBHU, Nalbari, Assam
- Prof. (Dr.) Jitendra Sahoo, Dept. of Pol. Sci., UGB, Malda, West Bengal
- Dr. Anmol Mukhia, Dept. of Intr. Relation, SAU, New Delhi
- Dr. Ananta Swarup Bijendra De Gurung, CFIPS, JNU, New Delhi
- Dr. Bidhan Golay, Dept. of Pol. Sci., SU, Sikkim
- Dr. Phairembam Newton Singh, Dept. of Intr. Relation, SU, Sikkim
- Dr. Samir Sharma, Dept. of Pol. Sci., SJC, Darjeeling, West Bengal
- Dr. Komal Kaushik Baral, Dept. of Pol. Sci., SDC, Darjeeling, West Bengal

Sub-theme:

India and its Neighbour: Major Issues and Concerns, Achievements, Opportunities and Challenges in the context of changing realities of its relations with

- Afghanistan
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- China
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

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Important Dates

Deadline for abstract Submission	20.03.26
Notification of abstract acceptance	20.03.26
Deadline for fullpaper Submission	26.03.26
Deadline for Registration	27.03.26
Seminar	27 & 28.03.26

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