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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

In collaboration with Ramnagar and Reasi Campuses

UNIVERSITY OF JAMMU

organizes

One day National Seminar

(Sponsored by RUSA)

in the memory of Late Prof. Jayaram Panda

On

“Mapping Social Issues in Contemporary India: Trends and Transitions”

On

4th February (Wednesday) 2026.

ABOUT THE SEMINAR

India, as a diverse and complex society, is currently undergoing rapid socio-economic, political, and cultural transformations. These transitions are reconfiguring the social fabric and giving rise to both persistent and emerging social issues. From caste and gender inequalities to the digital divide, climate vulnerability, urbanisation, migration, identity politics, and mental health, contemporary India is witnessing a dynamic interplay of traditional structures and modern challenges.

Department of Sociology, University of Jammu in collaboration with Ramnagar and Reasi campuses is delighted to host one day National Seminar on the theme Mapping Social Issues in Contemporary India: Trends and Transition on 4th February, 2026 in the memory of Prof. Jayaram Panda, the founding Head of the Department who made an immense contribution in building and developing the Department, who passed away in December, 2024 at his native place in Odisha.

Besides being Head, Prof. Panda was also Dean, President Jammu University Teacher's Association, Treasurer Indian Sociological Society and President NWISA(North West Indian Sociological Association).

This seminar, 'Mapping Social Issues in Contemporary India: Trends and Transitions', aims to critically engage with the changing landscape of Indian society. It seeks to provide a platform for scholars, students, activists, and practitioners to discuss, debate, and reflect upon these issues through a sociological lens. The theme will bring in the ideas of issues through various Social sciences perspectives like Psychology, History, Political Science, Economics, Environmental Studies, Law and other disciplines. It would be open to the participants of different disciplines across various faculties.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY



The University of Jammu, accredited as 'A++' grade University by National Assessment & Accreditation Council of India came into existence in 1969 vide Kashmir and Jammu University Act 1969 following bifurcation of the erstwhile University of Jammu and Kashmir. University of Jammu has marked a significant stride in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2025, reflecting its continued dedication to Academic Excellence, Innovation, and Institutional Growth.

In a notable development, University of Jammu has improved its standing in the Public State Universities Category, rising from 23rd rank in 2024 to 21st rank in 2025. This progress highlights the University's sustained efforts toward enhancing Teaching, Research, Infrastructure, and overall Institutional Performance.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



The Department of Sociology was established in the year 1999 in the University of Jammu and falls under the Faculty of Social Sciences. The Department offers Post Graduate Programme through the semester system, Ph.D programme (since the year 2002) and M.Phil Programme (till 2020). The department introduced the Choice Based Credit System in the 2014-15 session and has adopted the new syllabus under NEP 2020 since 2025-26 batch. Many students of the Department have cleared NET/SLET/JRF and have been placed in various teaching departments as well as other government and research-oriented non-government jobs. Some have been awarded higher degrees in prestigious institutions in India and abroad. The Department is committed to cultivate adaptation of ethics,

morality and healthy practices in professional life and establishes and promotes close interaction with society and other cultures in order to create awareness about the social and physical environment.

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Abstracts not exceeding 500 words are invited on the sub-themes. The abstract must be typed in English Times New Roman with font size 12 and line spacing 1.5. The abstract should include Title, Name(s) of the author/co-author and organization, their address including e-mail and the Sub- theme. The name of the presenting author should be in bold. The abstract should be submitted electronically in 'MS Word file on the e-mail id: socioseminarju2026@gmail.com on or before 20-12-2025.

Note: Selected papers will be published in an edited volume by a reputed publisher.

SUB-THEMES

- Caste, class, and gender inequalities in changing contexts.
- Conflict, Migration and Identity.
- Digital divide and access to knowledge in the information age.
- Environmental justice and climate vulnerability.
- Mental health, stigma, and social care.
- Open Panel (Issues other than those listed in the sub themes).

Communication of Abstract Acceptance:

The organizing committee will notify applicants of their abstract's acceptance status by 25th December, 2025. The Committee's decision regarding selection of papers for presentation shall be final.

Full Paper Submission:

Authors whose abstracts are accepted must submit their complete papers by 20th January, 2026.

Registration and Payment Details

The delegates are requested to register themselves in advance. The Registration form is to be sent through email in PDF format along with the abstract in MS Word format latest by 20/12/2025. The registration fee includes access to all sessions, seminar kit, working lunch and tea.

The details regarding the payment mode of registration fee will be communicated via email to the authors whose abstracts are accepted.

Category	Registration Fee
Academicians/Professionals	Rs. 1000-/ per author
Research Scholars	Rs. 500-/ per author

Important Dates

Last Date of Abstract Submission- 20th December, 2025

Communication of Acceptance- 25th December, 2025

Registration fee Deadline- 31st December, 2025

Full paper submission- 20th January, 2026

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