

Report on the inaugural session of the National Seminar on "Globalisation, Self, and Lifeworld"

Department of Sociology, Sikkim University, in collaboration with ICSSR-NERC and RC 28 (Sociology of Everyday Life) of the Indian Sociological Society, organised a National Seminar on "Globalisation, Self, and Lifeworld" on 10th & 11th March 2025 at Barad Sadan. The inaugural session of the Seminar was held on 10th March, 2025, which was graced by the Vice-Chancellor (Officiating), Prof. Dr. Jyoti Prakash Tamang as the Chief guest. In his inaugural address, Prof Tamang contextualised COVID-19 as one facet of globalisation and highlighted how it affected every section of society, irrespective of caste, class, creed, or colour without any discrimination. He further emphasised on the importance of maintaining a healthy and balanced life in the era of globalisation, highlighting how interconnected economies and societies influence health, well-being, and overall quality of life. Prof. Sanjay Roy of University of North Bengal and Convenor of RC28, Indian Sociological Society delivered the keynote address.

The two-day national seminar on Globalization, Self, and Lifeworld aimed to explore how globalization, as a massive transformative force, is impacting our national economy, polity, society and culture. The seminar intends to have a platform for critical engagement on the intersectionality between global forces, individual subjects and its ramifications in the socio-cultural domain, further delving on how global capitalism and cultural flows shape individual identities, social structures, power dynamics, and personal agency and its profound impacts on local and global communities. In his address, Prof. Roy, highlighted the intellectual and aesthetic crises, and elaborated how the individual selves, empowered with agency, dialogically engage with the structural forces. The speakers hinted at how unchecked globalization could create an environmental and social crisis.

The Inaugural session was concluded with the chairperson's remark delivered by Prof V Krishna Ananth, the Dean of the School of Social Sciences.



