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ON

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PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

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VENUE: FR. DEPELCHIN AUDITORIUM	
09:00 a.m.	Registration Starts
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	Inaugural Session Inaugural Address: Rev. Dr. Dominic Savio, SJ <i>Principal, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Kolkata</i> Opening Remarks: Dr. Saswati Chaudhuri <i>Conference Convener</i>
	Key note Address by the Chief Guest: S. Irudaya Rajan: Chair, The International Institute of Migration and Development Title: The Second Demographic Dividend and the Silver Economy
	Speech by NISD representative: Ms Tanya Sengupta Title: Ageing - An Overview and Preparedness
11:45 a.m. – 12 p.m.	TEA BREAK
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Panel Discussion 1: Demographic Change, Care and Intergenerational Dynamics in an Ageing Society Prof Sumita Saha - Presidency University, Kolkata (Moderator) 1. Dr Saswata Ghosh (<i>Institute of Development Studies, Kolkata</i>) Title: Fertility Transition: Role of Culture and Context 2. Dr Jagriti Gangopadhyay (<i>Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts</i>) Title: Care, Emerging Technologies and Intergenerational Ties: Perspectives of the Oldest-old in India 3. Dr Abhijit K. Dam (<i>National Association of Palliative Care for AYUSH</i>) Title: The Art and Science of Caregiving

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2:30 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Technical Session I: Ageing with Dignity — Care, Identity and Social Representation</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Sayendri Panchadhyayi, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, RV University, Bengaluru</p> <p>Sheetal Mallik : Understanding the Caregiving Journey: Experiences of Family Caregivers of Persons with Frontotemporal Dementia</p> <p>Prama Bhattacharya and Manisha Biswas : The Myth of Healthy Ageing: A Life-Course Critique from Queer Trans Perspectives in India</p> <p>Arihant Chatterjee and Ankita Anan : Aging with Dignity: The Tripartite Role of NGOs, Communities, and Faith Institutions in Elder Welfare</p> <p>Diptava Sarkar : Serving Children, Fighting Stigma: Everyday Rituals of an Aged Tiger Widow of Sundarbans</p> <p>Molly Ghosh: The Elderly and the Changing Narrative of Hindi Cinema: A Study of Select Films during 2010-2025.</p> <p>Devjani Rath: Ageing on Screen: Media Portrayals and Public Perceptions of the Elderly in India</p>
	<p>Technical Session II: Ageing, Digital Inclusion and Emerging Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr. Indranil Bose, Associate Professor, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata</p> <p>Chandrima Sen: Digital Exclusion and Social Inequality: A Study of Digital Literacy among Elderly Women in Kolkata, West Bengal</p> <p>Avirika Ghose: Impact of Technology on the Process of Ageing: A Comparison between India and the West</p> <p>Bipasa Bose and Devirupa Sarkar : From Demographic Dividend to Demographic Maturity : Regional Economic Transformations in an Ageing India</p> <p>Subroto Ghosh : Preparation and use of farm-made formulated feed for cultivable foodfishes and aquarium fishes – an opportunity for involvement of elderly men and women farmers in rural West Bengal</p>

17th March, 2025 Day 2	
10:30 – 11:30 a.m.	<p>Panel 2: Reimagining Ageing-- Cultural, Gender and Critical Perspectives Dr Argha Banerjee, Associate Professor, Department of English, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (Moderator)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr Niladri Chatterjee, Professor, Department of English, University of Kalyani Title: How do you solve the problem called the silver fox?: Notes on Growing Old Disgracefully 2. Dr Sayendri Panchadhyayi: Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, RV University, Bengaluru Title: Against the Grain: An Ode to Critical Feminist Gerontology in Anchoring the Feminist Relational Ethics
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	TEA BREAK
11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p>Panel 3: Ageing, Care and Community : Interdisciplinary Perspectives Dr Jhumpa Mukherjee, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata (Moderator)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof Sumita Saha, Professor, Department of Sociology, Presidency University Title: Understanding Aging and Widowhood : A study from rural West Bengal 2. Dr Dhires Kumar Chowdhury, Founder-President, Banchbo 3. Dr Anurupa Kundu, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, St. Xavier's University
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	LUNCH

	<p>Technical Sessions III: Artificial Intelligence, Ageing and Socio-Economic Transformations</p> <p>Chairperson : Dr. Samrat Roy, Associate Professor, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata</p> <p>Avishek Bose and Raka Banerjee : "When AI Rocks the Cradle” : How the Great AI Race is Influencing Fertility Choice Across the Income Ladder</p> <p>Saswati Chaudhuri and Laboni Roy Chakraborty : Artificial Intelligence in Production, Work-Leisure Trade-Off and Ageing</p> <p>Joyita Banerji and Urmi Mukherjee : Household Asset Ownership and Health-Related Quality of Life: An Empirical Study on Elderly Women of Metropolitan Cities in India</p> <p>Somdyuti Hazra & Shaunak Roy : Investigating Digital Readiness among Elderly Women Artisan Entrepreneurs in West Bengal: Strategic Coping Mechanisms to Enhance Entrepreneurial Potential</p> <p>Upal Das and Amit K. Biswas: Crime, Gender & Society: A Study on India</p>
	<p>Technical Session IV: Health, Masculinity, Rights and the Experience of Aging</p> <p>Chairperson: Dr Zaid al Baset, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier’s College, Kolkata</p> <p>Oindrila Rakshit and Sumita Saha : Conceptualising Healthy Ageing among the Shabars of Purulia, West Bengal</p> <p>Baloram Balo : Ageing Out of Time: Rethinking Queer Temporalities and the Disruption of Chrononormativity in Select South Asian Narratives</p> <p>Sohini Saha : The Ageing Body in Byayam: Rethinking Health & Masculinity</p> <p>Meghjit Sengupta : Ageing Masculinities: Registering Memory and Loss as a Socio-phenomenology of Doing Masculinity in Kolkata</p> <p>Sadaf Moosa : Judicial Advocacy for Ageing Populations: Strengthening Legal Pathways to Healthy Ageing in India</p>

Technical Session V : Financial Inclusion and the Elderly: Varied Dimensions

Chairperson: Dr. Sukanya Sarkhel, Assistant Professor, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata

Risav Adhikari: Financial Inclusion of Senior Citizens: A Bibliometric Review of the Literature

Jennifer Choudhury: Financial Literacy Intervention And Elderly Adoption of Digital Payments: Pathways To Lower Transaction Costs And Greater Economic Autonomy

Subham Saha: Bridging the Grey Digital Divide: A Policy Analysis of Financial Inclusion and Digital Payment Adoption Among Elderly Populations in India

Shreemanti Dutta : "Latent Tax and Silver Burden": A Gamble of Economic and Ethical Discourse on the Agency of the Aged

Subhrajit Sinha and Sutithi Saha : Healthcare Valuation in India: Exploring WTP-WTA Disparities in Access and Affordability under Globalization.